

# Modern Foreign Languages Grade Descriptors: Speaking

GCSE Grade	How do I achieve that level?
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I speak effortlessly, use lots of complex vocab, advanced grammar &amp; at least 5 tenses &amp; I am precise &amp; fluent</li> <li>I have excellent pronunciation</li> <li>I use subordinate clauses</li> <li>I express complex ideas and interesting opinions fluently &amp; accurately</li> <li>I take the initiative</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I produce language spontaneously &amp; confidently with good pronunciation.</li> <li>I can use a wide variety of grammar, vocabulary (including connectives), complex and varied structures and at least 4 tenses correctly. I take the initiative &amp; give lots of opinions &amp; justifications to develop my answers fully.</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can speak quite fluently about a range of topics and I give extended opinions.</li> <li>I can use 3+ tenses, connectives and more varied and complex structures accurately.</li> <li>I display a good understanding of grammar. Most of the work I produce is correct and understood.</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can speak quite a lot about things I know and frequently develop answers including opinions and reasons. I use 3 tenses accurately and my grammar is good. I pronounce words quite well and the information I say is easily understood.</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can hold a short conversation using opinions and developed answers. I can use at least 2 tenses generally accurately and talk about myself and other people. My accent is understandable and I pronounce words reasonably accurately.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can hold a short conversation with simple opinions and justifications. I can generally use 2 different tenses talking about myself. My pronunciation is recognisable and my accent is quite good. I can be understood by a sympathetic native speaker.</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can respond to some questions in a range of familiar topics. My answers are quite short but may be developed occasionally. I can use simple connectives and apply simple grammar rules.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can ask and answer simple questions in a range of familiar topics. My answers are quite short but give more than a basic response.</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can give a basic response to simple questions when dealing with familiar topics. I can extend my answers using simple connectives and I can give short answers from memory.</li> </ul>
F3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can answer questions using short phrases from memory in a limited range of topics using familiar language and vocabulary.</li> </ul>
F2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can say single words in the Target Language.</li> </ul>
F1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I can attempt to say one word in the Target Language but my pronunciation may be inaccurate.</li> </ul>

## Modern Foreign Languages Grade Descriptors: Writing

GCSE Grade	How do I achieve that level?
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My work is faultless</li> <li>• I have a wealth of interesting ideas, which are expressed accurately &amp; succinctly</li> <li>• My vocab is sophisticated &amp; I can write in different registers</li> <li>• I manipulate grammar &amp; tenses effortlessly &amp; accurately</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I use a wide range of tenses, complex and varied structures accurately</li> <li>• My vocab is varied &amp; interesting &amp; my work is well structured</li> <li>• I express myself well &amp; justify my opinions accurately</li> <li>• I make very few errors but my verbs are always correct</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My writing is correct</li> <li>• I can use 3+ tenses including irregular verbs with a good level of accuracy.</li> <li>• I give extended opinions with justifications.</li> <li>• I can use connectives and a wider range of structures correctly.</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My writing is generally accurate and I use 3 tenses accurately, including common irregular verbs. I can write extended passages including opinions and reasons. I can describe factual and non-factual information clearly.</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can write using at least 2 tenses generally accurately and include opinions and developed answers. I can adapt verbs according to who is doing the action and write longer passages. My grammar and spelling are clear and understandable.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can write generally accurately using 2 tenses, opinions and reasons. I can write extended sentences and short paragraphs. I can apply simple grammar rules accurately.</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can write quite long sentences and use familiar vocabulary. I can use simple connectives to develop my answers and apply simple grammar rules from memory.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can write short paragraphs on familiar topics, mostly from memory and I can look up new vocabulary to personalise my work.</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can write short sentences using a dictionary or word glossary for support and substitute words and phrases to personalise my work.</li> </ul>
F3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can write short sentences from memory in a limited range of topics using familiar language and vocabulary.</li> </ul>
F2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can spell simple words correctly by copying.</li> </ul>
F1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can copy single words with slight inaccuracies.</li> </ul>

## Modern Foreign Languages Grade Descriptors: Listening

GCSE Grade	How do I achieve that level?
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I immediately understand long passages at normal speed</li> <li>• My answers are 100% accurate &amp; detailed</li> <li>• I cope with any topic even ones with which I'm not familiar</li> <li>• My vocab is excellent and I cope with regional accents &amp; slang</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I readily understand long passages at normal speed</li> <li>• I can work out meaning of new words from context</li> <li>• I give detailed &amp; accurate answers</li> <li>• I have a broad vocab and understand grammar very well</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can pick out the main points of long passages and draw conclusions from the information I hear.</li> <li>• I understand a wide variety of structures and vocabulary, including 3+ tenses. I understand language spoken at near normal speed by a native speaker.</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can listen and understand longer passages spoken quickly which contain at least 3 tenses and a range of structures and vocabulary. I can understand information and pick out the main details from most topics. I can apply skills that enable me to cope with unfamiliar language.</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand the main points and details of spoken passages containing familiar language in unfamiliar contexts. I can identify at least 2 different tenses and understand opinions and reasons.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand a lot of what I hear and work out the gist of short extracts. I understand familiar topics and pick out some details. I can generally identify 2 different tenses when listening.</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can pick out the main points of shorter extracts and understand familiar language in familiar contexts. I may need extracts to be repeated several times before I understand.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand the main points and some details from short spoken passages containing familiar language in simple sentences with repetition</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand some main points from a spoken passage containing familiar language with repetition.</li> </ul>
F3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can recognise a few cognates and a limited amount of familiar language and vocabulary.</li> </ul>
F2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can identify cognates.</li> </ul>
F1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can recognise that Target Language is being used.</li> </ul>

## Modern Foreign Languages Grade Descriptors: Reading

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9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can skim a text to pinpoint answers</li> <li>• I am a quick reader &amp; only have to reread to pick up the finer details &amp; nuances in a long, complex text</li> <li>• My answers are highly accurate &amp; detailed</li> <li>• I have a huge vocabulary and understand both grammar &amp; idioms</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand very well any topic even difficult or unfamiliar ones</li> <li>• I can infer answers &amp; work out meaning of new words in context</li> <li>• My answers are detailed &amp; accurate</li> <li>• I have an in-depth vocab &amp; I understand even complex grammar</li> <li>• I can cope with idioms &amp; expressions</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand and can draw conclusions from most of the information I read, including longer texts containing at least 3 tenses and more complex structures and grammar.</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand a lot of the information I read including longer texts that are factual and non – factual. I can understand details and different points of view from most topic areas. I can identify and understand at least 3 different tenses.</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand the main points and details of written passages containing familiar language in unfamiliar contexts. I can apply my knowledge of grammar to deduce the meaning of words. I can recognise at least 2 different tenses.</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I understand a lot of what I read and can extract meanings and some details. I can generally understand references to 2 different tenses in short paragraphs and extended sentences, and identify opinions with reasons.</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand the main points of passages which contain language in familiar contexts and I am able to cope with simple opinions and grammar.</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand some details in short written passages about familiar topics. I can use context to work out the meaning of unfamiliar words.</li> </ul>
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can understand some main points from a written passage containing familiar language and I am able to use dictionary or a word glossary to find out the meaning of new vocabulary.</li> </ul>
F3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I can recognise a few cognates and a limited amount of familiar language and vocabulary.</li> </ul>
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