



SAMPLE ASSESSMENT OUTLINE

ENGLISH

FOUNDATION YEAR 12

(TO RUN ALONGSIDE ENGLISH GENERAL YEAR 12)

EIGHT-TASK MODEL

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Background to the Combined English General and Foundation document

The preference of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) is that ideally, courses should be taught separately rather than delivered alongside other courses in the same classroom at the same time. However, the Authority does not have any policy rules that preclude schools from teaching combined course classes. Where courses are combined, the expectation is that the discrete content of each course and the assessment requirements for each course must still be met.

This document is designed for schools that are delivering English General and Foundation in the same classroom. The students will complete the same modules of work (e.g. documentary study) but the course outlines, assessment outlines and assessment tasks are tailored to the different courses and units. Teaching will also need to be differentiated for the relevant cohorts and students. The accompanying English General documents can be found under the Support Materials tab on the English General page.

Background about the Eight-Task Model

The Board of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) has introduced an Eight-Task (maximum) Model for all courses as part of the Authority's syllabus review process. The intent of the Eight-Task (maximum) Model is to ensure that the Authority's assessment requirements do not generate workloads and/or stress that, under fair and reasonable circumstances, would unduly diminish the performance of students.

The Eight-Task (maximum) Model is not mandated until a course has a syllabus review, and as English hasn't undergone a review and isn't scheduled for one yet, the eight-task maximum is not compulsory in English courses.

Although, the English and Literature courses have not yet had syllabus reviews, the Eight-Task Models not only provide exemplars for future change but can also be used for present courses to aid student wellbeing. The intention is to improve the balance between learning and assessment. Therefore, the Eight-Task Models for English include a reduction (to eight) in the maximum number of summative assessments required and an increased emphasis on formative activities. The formative activities and the texts listed in these models are suggestions only.

Advice on use of texts in educational settings

Teachers use their professional judgement when selecting texts to use in their teaching and learning programs. They base their decisions on the requirements of the Western Australian curriculum, student data, the needs of their students and proposed learning intentions and success criteria.

When using texts in the classroom, teachers are also required to:

- conform with relevant legal requirements and Department policies
- address duty of care responsibilities
- meet copyright requirements
- adhere to the requirements of classification categories.

Parent or guardian permission should be sought when showing a publication, film, video or computer game that has a PG or M classification to students under 15 years of age. Texts classified MA 15+ may not be shown to any students without parental consent, and allowances must be made

in case of withdrawal. For further information, see the Department of Education policy Select and use texts in the classroom at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/web/policies/-/use-of-texts-in-educational-settings>.

Schools may develop proformas for advising parents or guardians and/or seeking permission for their child to view or use a particular text, or texts, with a specific classification category.

Sample assessment outline

English – Foundation Year 12 (to run alongside General Year 12)

Unit 3 and Unit 4

Assessment type and weighting	Assessment task weighting	Setting and submission dates	Assessment task	Syllabus content
Reading 30%	15%	Due: Week 8	Task 2: Complete comprehension questions analysing an unseen advertisement.	When reading texts, students learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how texts work, for example, their structures, conventions, techniques how texts use language for particular purposes and audiences, for example, to tell the story, to create an image how texts can be interpreted in different ways, for example, how interpretations differ depending on the gender of the reader or writer
	15%	Set: Week 13 Due: Week 15	Task 5: Write paragraph responses analysing a studied novel.	When reading texts, students learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how texts work, for example, their structures, conventions, techniques how texts use language for particular purposes and audiences, for example, to tell the story, to create an image how texts promote values and attitudes, for example, how people are represented in texts how to discuss what has been learned about how texts work, for example, learning some terms, such as introduction, simile, climax, resolution how texts can be interpreted in different ways, for example, how interpretations differ depending on the gender of the reader or writer
Writing 30%	10%	Set: Week 8 Due: Week 10	Task 3: Write a persuasive speech that promotes a social protest movement, writing as self or as a persona.	When producing texts, students learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how to use language, including appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar how to shape language for particular purposes and audiences, for example, choosing the right word, developing an effective phrase how to brainstorm ideas, for example, by using mindmaps how to use the conventions of a particular form, for example, the sports article how to promote values and attitudes: for example, challenging the reader's values versus imposing the writer's values, such as comparing the attitudes and values promoted by a current affairs segment with those promoted by a news report

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	10%	Set: Week 18 Due: Week 20	Task 6: Design a pamphlet that educates a particular target audience about a community issue, incorporating information gathered from watching a documentary as well as other research.	When producing texts, students learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how to use language, including appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar how to shape language for particular purposes and audiences, for example, choosing the right word, developing an effective phrase how to brainstorm ideas, for example, by using mindmaps how to shape or structure a text to make it work, for example, by creating a framework
	10%	Set: Week 23 Due: Week 25	Task 7: Write a problem letter to an advice column about a workplace issue and post it to an online forum or discussion group. Reply to three posts from classmates, suggesting solutions and incorporating some information gathered through research.	When producing texts, students learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how to use language, including appropriate spelling, punctuation and grammar how to shape language for particular purposes and audiences, for example, choosing the right word, developing an effective phrase how to brainstorm ideas, for example, by using mindmaps how to use the conventions of a particular form, for example, the sports article how to promote values and attitudes: for example, challenging the reader's values versus imposing the writer's values, such as comparing the attitudes and values promoted by a current affairs segment with those promoted by a news report
Oral communication 25%	12%	Set: Week 3 Due: Week 5	Task 1: Part 1 – Write a fable, fairytale, myth or legend for a specific audience that communicates a life lesson. Submit an annotated draft that indicates edits made based upon feedback offered by classmates, as well as a final draft.	When speaking and listening, students learn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> how to shape or structure an oral text for particular purposes and audiences, for example, by using a framework how to use spoken language techniques for particular purposes and audiences, for example, tone, pace, emphasis how to listen attentively and purposefully, for example, active listening techniques

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			Part 2 – Present the story to the class and actively listen to feedback from them.	
	13%	Set: Week 28 Due: Week 30	Task 8: Design a multimodal presentation in pairs, on the topic ‘A guide to surviving high school’. The presentation should be created for a particular situation, purpose and audience.	<p>When speaking and listening, students learn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to shape or structure an oral text for particular purposes and audiences, for example, by using a framework • how to use the spoken language conventions of a particular form, for example, a panel discussion or debate • how to use spoken language techniques for particular purposes and audiences, for example, tone, pace, emphasis • how to promote values and attitudes, for example, the implicit versus the explicit • how to engage in a variety of speaking and listening scenarios, for example, role plays, listening and reflecting on audio texts
Externally Set Task	15%	Weeks 12–14 (date set by the school)	Task 4: A written task or item or set of items of 50 minutes duration developed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority and administered by the school.	The Authority informs schools during Term 3, in the previous year, of the Unit 3 syllabus content on which the task will be based.
Total	100%			