English Unlimited Starter Achievement tests
Speaking assessment scales

Quick guide to marking

A mark of **5** means that the learner's speaking is well above Starter level.

A mark of **3** means that the learner's speaking is average for Starter level.

A mark of **1** means that the learner's speaking is not coherent enough to be properly assessed.

	Task achievement	Range	Organisation	Pronunciation	Accuracy
	Did the learner complete the tasks in each section of the grammar test?	*Did the learner use a wide variety of vocabulary and them together effectively?*	*Did the learner express his/ her ideas clearly and connect them together effectively?*	*Did the learner produce individual sounds clearly and use appropriate stress and intonation?*	*Did the learner produce grammatically correct language?*
5	All tasks completed successfully and without difficulty	A wide variety of both appropriate structures and vocabulary used confidently	Learner able to connect ideas clearly and effectively, using basic linkers and devices appropriate to the level	Clear pronunciation of sounds and use of stress and intonation to convey meaning, though L1 accent may be discernible	Very few errors in use of structures and vocabulary expected at this level, perhaps with evident ability to self-correct
4	Most tasks completed without difficulty	Some elements of 3 and some of 5	Some elements of 3 and some of 5	Some elements of 3 and some of 5	Some elements of 3 and some of 5
3	Tasks completed with occasional difficulty	A variety of appropriate structures used, with some inappropriate usage or difficulty retrieving appropriate language	Learner usually able to communicate and link ideas clearly, though with a lack of overall fluency	Some difficulty with sounds, stress and intonation, causing strain on the listener, though communication is rarely impaired	Errors in use of structures and vocabulary are frequent, but rarely impair communication
2	Frequent difficulties prevented some task completion	Some elements of 1 and some of 3	Some elements of 1 and some of 3	Some elements of 1 and some of 3	Some elements of 1 and some of 3
1	Too little communication to assess	Too little communication to assess	Too little communication to assess	Too little communication to assess	Too little communication to assess