

# EDEXCEL FUNCTIONAL SKILLS LEVEL 1

**Exam board:** Edexcel

**Unit structure:** Three components:

- **Speaking, Listening and Communication** – take full part in formal and informal discussions and exchanges that include unfamiliar subjects.
- **Reading** – read and understand a range of straightforward texts.
- **Writing** – write a range of texts to communicate information, ideas and opinions using formats and styles suitable for their purpose and audience.

**Assessment structure:**

Component 1: Speaking, listening and communication	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internally assessed</li> <li>• Availability: throughout the academic year</li> </ul>	<b>33.3% of the total qualification</b>
<b>Overview of content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The assessment will cover all the level 1 speaking, listening and communication skill standard.</li> <li>• Pearson will provide guidance on devising activities to meet the skill standard to centres.</li> <li>• Learners must complete two activities.</li> <li>• Learners must achieve all level 1 criteria across the two activities at least once.</li> </ul>	

Component 2: Reading	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Externally assessed</li> <li>• Assessment is available either onscreen or paper based</li> <li>• Availability: please see our website for details</li> <li>• First assessment: November 2010</li> </ul>	<b>33.3% of the total qualification</b>
<b>Overview of content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The assessment will cover all the level 1 reading skill standard.</li> <li>• Overview of paper based assessment               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This component is assessed through a 45-minute examination paper, set and marked by Pearson.</li> <li>• There will be two texts based on a single context and learners will answer all questions on each text.</li> <li>• The total number of marks available is 20.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Overview of onscreen assessment               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This component is assessed through a 45-minute examination paper, set and marked by Pearson.</li> <li>• There will be two texts based on a single context and learners will answer all questions on each text.</li> <li>• The total number of marks available is 20.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

Component 3: Writing	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Externally assessed</li> <li>Assessment is available either onscreen or paper based</li> <li>Availability: please see our website for details</li> <li>First assessment: November 2010</li> </ul>	<b>33.3% of the total qualification</b>
<b>Overview of content</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The assessment will cover all the level 1 writing skill standard.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of paper based assessment</li> <li>This component is assessed through a 45-minute examination paper, set and marked by Pearson.</li> <li>There will be two writing tasks with contexts and learners will answer both tasks.</li> <li>The total number of marks available is 25.</li> </ul>	
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There must be a lead internal verifier for the speaking, listening and communication element. This person must be trained in carrying out that role.

Learners can re-sit elements that they have not passed. They must take different versions of the task to that originally taken.

