



GCSE English Language - Summer 2023

Unit Level Uniform and Raw Mark Boundaries								
Unit	GEN1		GEN2 - CA		GEN3 - CA		GEN4	
Boundary	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS	Raw	UMS
Max	150	120	60	80	60	80	150	120
a	90	96	49	64	49	64	91	96
b	79	88	45	59	46	59	78	88
c*	68	81	41	54	43	54	65	81
c	57	72	38	48	40	48	53	72
d	48	60	27	40	32	40	42	60
e	39	48	16	32	24	32	31	48
f	30	36	5	24	16	24	21	36
g	21	24	1	16	8	16	11	24

Subject Level Uniform Mark Boundaries		
Grading Route	Standard Grading	Alternative Grading
Max	400	320
A*	364	291
A	320	256
B	292	234
C*	268	214
C	240	192
D	200	160
E	160	128
F	120	96
G	80	64

Unit Level UMS boundaries are stable for the lifetime of the specification and do not change. However, the Raw Mark boundaries are set independently in each examination series.

If you are planning to use these Raw Mark boundaries to estimate future performance and grades, they must be used with caution, as they change each series.

Candidates cashing-in for the first time in Summer 2023 will be graded on all their performance across all units with the Standard Grading subject level boundaries applied.

Alternative Grading is only applicable to candidates retaking the qualification having previously cashed-in during the 2021/22 academic year.

Alternative Grading candidates will be awarded the best grade based on their performance across all units or in mandatory units only GEN1, GEN2 and GEN4.

Subject Level Uniform Mark boundaries (grades A to G) carry the same % weighting across both Grading Routes:
i.e. A 80%, B 73%, C* 67%, C 60%, D 50%, E 40%, F 30% and G 20%.

A* is only awarded at subject level and the A* boundary is set independently in each examination series. The A* UMS % weighting will be applied equally to both Grading Routes.