

## **FAQs WJEC MFL GCE**

MFL GCE Centre Conducted AS Unit 1 Speaking

**Q: With the removal of Task 1 does this mean that Task 2 is now worth 48 marks?**

A: No, the one remaining task will be out of 24 marks.

**Q: What is the weighting of Unit 1 for the summer 2022 exam?**

A: For summer 2022 Unit 1 the UMS is 60 (30% of AS)

**Q: Does the amount of preparation time change for summer 2022, as only task 2 is being assessed?**

A: No, the preparation time remains at 15 minutes. A summary of adaptations for summer 2022 is available on the [French/German/Spanish](#) page of the WJEC website.

**Q: With regard to content – under Youth Issues - should teachers cover anything related to Covid or the consequences of lockdown?**

A: No, this would not be appropriate as this is a personal and sensitive issue. In addition, this is not a requirement of the specification

## **Recording the assessment**

**Q: How will candidates be recorded for Unit 1?**

A: The teacher examiner makes a digital recording of the candidate for upload to WJEC's online platform.

**Q: Is the recording of the assessment audio or visual?**

A: A digital audio recording will be made of the assessment by the teacher examiner. No audio-visual recordings will be made.

**A: How should candidate recordings be made?**

Q: Centres should record candidates using a suitable digital device for example a digital voice recorder (DVR) from which digital sound files can be uploaded to WJEC's online platform.

**Q: Is there an option for a visiting examiner for A level?**

A: For summer 2022 teachers will be conducting the AS Unit 1 speaking assessment. The A level Unit 3 speaking assessment will still be conducted by a visiting examiner from WJEC. From summer 2023 onwards teacher examiners will assess both Unit 1 and Unit 3. In all cases the assessments will be marked remotely by a WJEC examiner.

**Q. I have a student who identifies as non-binary. However, in the MFL exam they will need to use either the masculine or feminine form. Will they be penalised for grammatical accuracy if they use the gender form for self-description that is different to their current gender identity e.g. if they have a female name but write using the masculine form?**

We recognise that gender identification is potentially an area of anxiety for some candidates and wish to reassure that on the occasions where gender agreement is required, or when discussing another individual in the third person where gender or gender preference is unknown or undisclosed, WJEC will credit all consistent application of the gender agreement of the candidate's choice.

For speaking and writing responses, where candidates are required to use the first person, the pronouns by which they identify will be largely unused in the assessed language.