



English and Communication: Listening and Talking (National 2)

SCQF: level 2 (6 SCQF credit points)

Unit code: H246 72

Unit outline

The general aim of this Unit is to help learners to develop their ability to respond to spoken communication. Learners will also develop their skills in talking individually or in discussion.

Learners who complete this Unit will be able to:

- 1 Listen and respond to simple spoken ideas, opinions or information
- 2 Communicate simple ideas, opinions or information

This Unit is a mandatory Unit of the National 2 English and Communication Course and is also available as a free-standing Unit. The Unit Specification should be read in conjunction with the *Unit Support Notes*, which provide advice and guidance on delivery, assessment approaches and development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Exemplification of the standards in this Unit is given in *Unit Assessment Support*.

Recommended entry

Entry to this Unit is at the discretion of the centre. However, relevant experiences and outcomes may provide an appropriate basis for doing this Unit.

Equality and inclusion

This Unit Specification has been designed to ensure that there are no unnecessary barriers to learning or assessment. The individual needs of learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment methods or considering alternative evidence. For further information, please refer to the *Unit Support Notes*.

Standards

Outcomes and assessment standards

Outcome 1

The learner will:

1 Listen and respond to simple spoken ideas, opinions or information by:

- 1.1 Identifying the purpose of spoken ideas, opinions or information
- 1.2 Identifying the main ideas, opinions or information

Outcome 2

The learner will:

2 Communicate simple ideas, opinions or information by:

- 2.1 Conveying the purpose of the communication
- 2.2 Explaining the main ideas, opinions or information

Evidence Requirements for the Unit

Assessors should use their professional judgement, subject knowledge and experience, and understanding of their learners, to determine the most appropriate ways to generate evidence and the conditions and contexts in which they are used.

Evidence for Outcome 1: responses to listening on at least two occasions for different purposes.

Evidence for Outcome 2: at least one individual talk OR contributions to at least one interaction or discussion.

It is expected that learners will receive support to achieve the Outcomes of this Unit.

Exemplification of assessment is provided in *Unit Assessment Support*. Advice and guidance on possible approaches to assessment is provided in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Development of skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work

It is expected that learners will develop broad, generic skills through this Unit. The skills that learners will be expected to improve on and develop through the Unit are based on SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work* and drawn from the main skills areas listed below. These must be built into the Unit where there are appropriate opportunities.

1 Literacy

1.3 Listening and talking

5 Thinking skills

5.2 Understanding

5.5 Creating

Amplification of these is given in SQA's *Skills Framework: Skills for Learning, Skills for Life and Skills for Work*. The level of these skills should be at the same SCQF level as the Unit and be consistent with the SCQF level descriptor. Further information on building in skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work is given in the *Unit Support Notes*.

Administrative information

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History of changes to National Unit Specification

| Version | Description of change | Authorised by | Date |
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| 1.1 | Description of aims in Unit outline clarified. | Qualifications Development Manager | June 2013 |
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