



**COMMUNICATION**  
**Speaking**  
**SCQF Level 3**  
**10 Hour Unit**

# CORE SKILLS UNIT

## What are Core Skills?

Core Skills are skills and abilities that everyone uses in their family and personal life, at work, in public, in the community, and in education and training.

The Core Skills are:

- ◆ Communication
- ◆ Numeracy
- ◆ Information and Communication Technology
- ◆ Problem Solving
- ◆ Working with Others

They are important because they help you to be effective in almost everything you do. That's also why employers value them.

Improving your Core Skills helps you cope with today's quickly changing world. It will make you more confident, help you to learn more easily, and improve your career prospects.

## What is this Core Skills Unit about?

This Unit is about using your speaking skills in a simple communication with one or more people. The communication will be based on familiar, everyday things.

If there are any words you don't understand in this Unit, your tutor will explain them to you.

## What should I know or be able to do before I start?

You do not need any knowledge or experience before you start.

Communication: Speaking at SCQF Level 2 is good preparation for this Unit.

## What do I need to do?

You will:

- ◆ express your ideas or opinions clearly when you speak
- ◆ choose words which fit the topic and which your listeners understand
- ◆ use your voice to help your listeners understand you easily (for example, know how quickly to speak and what tone of voice to use)
- ◆ use your body language to help the way you speak (for example, by smiling and using gestures)

Your tutor will offer you time to practise your speaking skills.

## How do I get this Unit?

You will need to show that you have all the skills in the Unit.

You will speak about a topic to one or more people.

Your tutor might watch and listen to you speaking and make a note and/or a recording of you speaking.

## What might this involve?

Here are some examples of the things you might do:

- ◆ agree or disagree on one or more points during a discussion
- ◆ pass on a message from a fellow student
- ◆ give directions to a place that is not easy to find
- ◆ explain how a piece of equipment works
- ◆ describe your holiday to a friend

## What can I do next?

You could move on to the other Communication Units at SCQF Level 3:

- ◆ Communication: Listening
- ◆ Communication: Reading
- ◆ Communication: Writing

Once you have achieved the Units at SCQF Level 3, you could move on to the Communication Unit at SCQF Level 4. Your tutor can advise you about this.

## Guidance for tutors

For this Unit you should choose a simple oral communication lasting around two minutes. The topic should be one which is simple and familiar to the learner from their personal, workplace, social or educational experiences.

**Note:** The learners must prove that they can do the whole of the task at one time. They should not gather evidence from different situations for different parts of the task.

Further guidance is available in the accompanying Assessment Support Pack.

## Learners with disabilities and/or additional support needs

The additional support needs of individual learners should be taken into account when planning learning experiences, selecting assessment instruments or considering alternative competence standards for Units.

Further advice can be found in the SQA document Guidance on Assessment Arrangements for Candidates with Disabilities and/or Additional Support Needs. ([www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk))

## ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

### Core Skills

This Unit is part of a suite of four Units which when completed give automatic certification of the Core Skill of Communication at SCQF Level 3. The other Units in this suite are:

Communication: Listening at SCQF Level 3

Communication: Writing at SCQF Level 3

Communication: Reading at SCQF Level 3

### Credit Value

0.25 Credit(s) at (SQA Level 09) (1.5 SCQF credit points at SCQF Level 3)



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