



Singapore Curriculum Table of Specifications Year 8 Integrated

Year 8 Examinations Schedule

Semester 1			Semester 2		
English Paper 1	Wednesday 2-3 January	unspecified	English Paper 1	Monday 20-22 May	unspecified
English Paper 2	Friday 4 January	105 minutes	English Paper 2	Thursday 23 May	105 minutes
English Paper 3	Monday 7 January	120 minutes	English Paper 3	Friday 24 May	120 minutes
English Paper 4	Thursday 10 January	35 minutes	English Paper 4	Wednesday 29 May	35 minutes

Home Help Tips

In **English** students should revise all vocabulary and grammar rules covered in the semester. They should practice reading aloud whenever possible to help improve fluency and pronunciation. If there is an English speaker at home then students should be encouraged to converse and talk about their day at school or the book they are reading in English.

Students need a quiet and comfortable study environment, with little or no distractions. Encourage them to think positively about their school work, thus improving their focus and confidence. It is also important to do some physical exercise during this period, in order to reduce stress levels and improve concentration.

We recommend students set up a homework schedule that allows plenty of time for regular revision of concepts leading up to the exam. Students should talk to the teacher **before** the examinations if having any concerns or questions.

Year 8 ENGLISH

English Exam Format

Paper 1 Speaking	Paper 2 Writing	Paper 3 Language and Comprehension	Paper 4 Listening
<p>Marks: 30 Percentage: 15% Time: N/A Task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading Aloud (10 marks) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ passage should be 200-250 words • Picture Discussion (10 marks) • Conversation (10 marks) 	<p>Marks: 60 Percentage: 30% Time: 105 minutes Task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Situational Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 150-250 Words ○ 30 Marks <p>Semester 1 must include a formal letter of complaint writing activity Semester 2 must include a journal writing activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choose 1 topic ○ 250-350 Words ○ 30 Marks <p>Semester 1 must include a science fiction short story writing activity Semester 2 must include a short suspense story writing activity</p>	<p>Marks: 100 Percentage: 45% Time: 120 minutes Task:</p> <p>Section 1: Text type 1 Reading Comprehension (15 marks) Summary (15 marks) Vocabulary (5 marks)</p> <p>Section 2: Text type 2 Reading Comprehension (10 marks) Vocabulary (5 marks)</p> <p>Section 3: Text type 3 Reading Comprehension (10 marks)</p> <p>Section 4: Vocabulary (15x1 mark)</p> <p>Section 5: Grammar (15 marks)</p> <p>Section 6: Editing Mistakes (10 marks)</p>	<p>Marks: 20 Percentage: 10% Time: 35 minutes Task:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 Graphics or text based MCQ <p>Test on a variety of texts: narratives, conversations, advertisements, instructions.</p>

The exams will account for 90% of the grade per semester. The remaining 10% will come from on-going school based assessments.

Paper 3 - Language and Comprehension

Semester 1 Content		Semester 2 Content	
<p><u>Text: Step Ahead 2</u></p> <p>Unit 1 - Formal Correspondence Unit 2 - Traditional Stories</p>	<p>Unit 3 - Plays Unit 4 - Manuals Unit 5 - Science Fiction Unit 6 – Factual descriptions</p>	<p><u>Text: Step Ahead 2</u></p> <p>Unit 7 – Journals Unit 8 – Newspapers Unit 9 – Poetry Unit 10 – Suspense stories</p>	<p>Unit 12 – Persuasive magazine articles</p> <p><u>Not covered in the Exams</u> Unit 11 – Documentaries</p>