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1 General Marking Notes

2 General Marking Principles

2.1 Crossing out:

- (a) If a candidate changes his/her mind over an answer and crosses out an attempt, award a mark if the **final** attempt is correct.
- **(b)** If a candidate crosses out an answer <u>to a whole question</u> but makes no second attempt at it, mark the crossed out work.
- **2.2** For Questions 2 and 3, if the candidate has written an answer in the space provided for that purpose, you should ignore anything written anywhere else, unless:
 - (i) there is an indication from the candidate that other material should be considered
 - (ii) the candidate has continued their answer outside the space provided
 - (iii) there is no answer in the space provided
- 2.3 Annotation used in the Mark Scheme and/or during Marking:
 - (a) tc = 'tout court' and means that on its own the material is not sufficient to score the mark.
 - **(b)** BOD = Benefit of the Doubt and is used to indicate material considered by the Examiner and judged to be more correct than incorrect: the benefit of the doubt is given to the candidate and the mark is awarded.

2.4 No response and '0' marks

Award NR (No Response):

- If there is nothing written at all in the answer space or
- If there is only a comment which does not in any way relate to the question being asked (e.g. 'can't do' or 'don't know') or
- If there is only a mark which isn't an attempt at the question (e.g. a dash, a question mark).

Award 0:

- If there is any attempt that earns no credit. This could, for example, include the candidate copying all or some of the question, or any working that does not earn any marks, whether crossed out or not.
- 2.5 Optional questions: you must mark all questions attempted by the candidate. Where a question has not been attempted then a NR must be entered. (For Question 3 only, after marking the question(s) the candidate has answered, NR is populated automatically when you click on 'Complete'.) Where the candidate attempts more than one of the alternatives in Question 3, scoris will automatically only aggregate the candidate's best result.

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3 Detailed Mark Scheme

Section 1

Question 1

Candidates are required to list 8 items in French. Read all the items the candidate has listed and award marks as follows:

- Select the most correct items up to a maximum of 5.
- Award 1 mark for each correct item up to a maximum of 5.
- Stop ticking once 5 items have been rewarded.
- On Question 1, award marks for items wherever the candidate has written them.
- If the candidate offers more than one word per line, award a mark for each acceptable item (e.g. where candidate has linked two words as in gâteau au chocolat / gâteau chocolat = 1 tick; however gâteau et chocolat / gâteau, chocolat (candidate intends these as two items) = 2 ticks).

NB the pictures provided on the question paper are only suggestions.

Generic mark scheme for Question 1

- Mark for communication. Tolerate inaccuracies, provided the message is clear.
- Ignore definite/indefinite article, possessive adjective.
- Questionable spellings:
 - (i) Start by referring to sheet of examples in the mark scheme. Only refer to (ii) to (v) below if no decision on the spelling you have encountered is recorded there.
 - (ii) 'If in doubt, sound it out': if you read what the candidate has written, does it sound like the correct answer?
 - (iii) Look-alike test: does what the candidate has written look like the correct answer e.g. one letter missing but no other word created.
 - (iv) If the first part of the word is correct, small errors in what comes next are less likely to impede communication (unless they suggest another meaning).
 - (v) Where letters are transposed, the word is likely to communicate (unless another word has been created).
- Once marking proper starts, if there are five clearly acceptable items, award marks wherever these are in the list. This approach may allow questionable versions to be ignored.
- Refuse all nouns which are repeated and which do not have a separate meaning:
 - gâteau, gâteau au chocolat: award one mark to each item
 - gâteau au chocolat, gâteau à la crème: award one mark to each item
 - gâteau, gâteau au chocolat, chocolat: award one mark to each item
 - gâteau, grand gâteau: award one mark for the first gâteau.
- Reject misspelt words which suggest a word with a quite different meaning, for example, poison for poisson.
- Where nouns are usually plural, accept singular and vice versa.

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Session-specific instructions for Question 1: Qu'est-ce qu'il y a dans votre école? Faites une liste, en français, de 8 endroits.

- Accept only PLACES
- · Refuse any items of equipment
- Repeated use of salle de + different subject / laboratoire de + different subject, court de + sport, terrain de + sport: accept a maximum of 2 in each category.

The following are examples. Accept any places the candidate could find in a school.

DO NOT ACCEPT 'GYMNASE' - IT IS THE EXAMPLE

Accept	Accept	Refuse
		administration
		bar
		bâtiments
		place
		récréation
		tableau
accueil		
ascenseur		
bibliothèque	bibliothèque / biblothèque / médiathèque / CDI	librairie / bibliotheche / bibliothique
bureau	intendance / buro	office
cantine	cafétéria / cafétaria / café / restaurant / resto / salle à manger / resturant / restuarant / self	canteen / contine / cafeterie / cantin / cafetria / cafetière / restuarante
centre sportif / de sport	centre de loisirs	
chapelle	église	
cinéma		
cour(s)		course
court (de tennis / de basket)	max 2	court de foot
cuisine		
dortoir	chambre	dormitoire
douche(s)		
infirmerie		infirmier/ère

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internat	pensionnat	interne
jardin	parc / park / parque / espaces verts / jardain	jarden
laboratoire(s)	labo / laboratorie / labortoire max 2	labratoire / lab / laboratory
parking		
piscine	picine / pisine	piscien / pisene
piste		
potager		
réception		
salle de bains		bains
salle de classe / d'informatique etc.	salle / classe tc max 2	classe / sale / sal
salon		
scène		
secrétariat		secrétaire
stade		
terrain de foot / sport	max 2	terre de foot / terrine / terran
terrasse		
théâtre	auditorium / salle de spectacle / hall / téâtre	auditoire
toilette(s)	w.c. / toilete / toilet	
vestiaire		

[Total for Question 1: 5]

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Question 2

Candidates are required to answer the question. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:

- Communication: award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 2.1.
- Language: award a mark out of 5, according to the instructions in 2.2.

2.1: award a mark out of 10 for Communication

Generic mark scheme for Communication (Question 2)

- (i) Place the appropriate 'numbered' tick as close as possible to each relevant communication point.
- (ii) Award ticks flexibly across the tasks for each piece of relevant information conveyed, up to a maximum of 10. HOWEVER, each of the 4 tasks must be covered to get the 10 communication marks:
 - If 1 of the tasks is missing, the maximum communication mark is 9.
 - If 2 of the tasks are missing, the maximum communication mark is 8.
 - If 3 of the tasks are missing, the maximum communication mark is 7.
- (iii) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.
- (iv) For COMMUNICATION
 - look for a verb (finite or infinitive) before awarding a mark. Lists without a verb will not score.
 - see Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning.
 - for language other than verbs, use 'rules' in Question 1: look alike, sound alike, etc.
 - misplaced adjectives, negatives and adverbs will not usually compromise communication.
- (v) <u>LISTS</u> = a maximum of 3 marks for communication: lists of 1–3 items = 1 mark; lists of 4 items = 2 marks; lists of 5–6 items = 3 marks.
 - elle a les cheveux noirs avec de beaux yeux et une petite bouche = 1 mark (1 verb = a list of 3)
 - elle a les cheveux noirs (1), est de taille moyenne (1), et elle est jolie (1) = 3 marks (3 verbs).
- (vi) Only reward each piece of information once.
- (vii) Do not penalise factual errors.
- (viii) What the candidate writes may not follow the order of the tasks on the question paper this is fine.

[Total marks for Communication: 10]

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Session-specific instructions for Communication marks (Question 2): Mon meilleur ami/Ma meilleure amie

- Accept if candidates write about more than one friend
- Treat each task individually (do not penalise contradictions)

Tick	Accept	Refuse
1	Donnez des détails sur votre meilleur(e) ami(e) (par exemple: nom? âge? nationalité?).	
	REWARD:	
	friend's name	
	II / Elle s'appelle / s'appelle / sappelle / sappele / s'appel Il nom est Marc Il est appelé Marc	II/Elle je m 'appelle II/Elle je s 'appelle mon ami je s 'appelle II/Elle appelle II/Elle s'apple / s'apple / s'aplle II/Elle est s'apelle
	friend's age	
	Il a 15 ans Elle est 16 ans Son anniversaire est le 15 avril Il est né le 30 juin	Il est 16 / elle a 16 tc Il est quince ans
	friend's nationality	
	II/Elle est péruvien(ne) II/Elle est originaire de II/Elle vient de II/Elle habite en/au II est né (en) France	Il est allemagne Il est égyptian / américanne
	Exception: il/elle est argentine	

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Also:

• friend's residence

II/Elle habite à Paris / un petit village / une grande maison

friend's family

II/Elle a une sœur... II/Elle a un chien II habite avec sa famille

friend's ambitions

Elle veut devenir médecin Il voudrait être cuisinier

Accept

Ma meilleure amie s'appelle Sophie, il a 16 ans

Also:

Mon ami(e) sait / peut parler l'arabe

Refuse any other types of personal details: e.g. favourite things

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Tick	Accept	Refuse
2	Décrivez votre ami(e) (par exemple: son physique? son caractère?).	
	Accept any descriptive details (may be presented as a list)	
	physical appearance	
	II/Elle est petit(e) II/Elle a les yeux bleus II/Elle a les cheveux courts • character	Il a petit/elle a grande II/Elle est les cheveux noirs II/Elle a les chevaux / cheveaux II/Elle est les yeux verts
	II / Elle est sympa Elle est sportive II est travailleur / studieux II est méchant / vilain	II/Elle est hereux/hereuse II/Elle a patient(e)
	C'est un(e) bon(ne) ami(e)	Hobbies/interests
	Elle me comprend Il me fait rire Elle sait garder un secret Elle m'aide Il aime aider les gens	Il joue au tennis Elle fait du vélo Il/Elle aime la couleur rouge
	Accept mon copain c'est gentil	II/Elle aime la lecture

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Tick	Accept	Refuse
3	Quand et où est-ce que vous voyez votre ami(e)? ACCEPT: • when candidate sees friends • where candidate sees friends REWARD separately: 'when' and 'where'. PLEASE NOTE: EXCEPTIONALLY FOR «QUAND» AND «OÙ» TO RECEIVE TICKS THEY DO NOT EACH NEED A VERB Accept je voye / voi (as phonetic versions of correct verb)	Any references to first meetings are not to be rewarded but should count as an attempt at the task. There should be no penalty for omission.
	 time phrase/place Je vois ma copine tous les jours au collège = 2 ticks Je vois mon copain le soir / après l'école = 1 tick On se rencontre au stade = 1 tick Je voye mon ami tous les jours; nous sommes dans la même classe / école = 2 ticks On se rencontre sur Facebook / on se parle sur Skype / on tchatte sur = 1 tick Je vois Madalena tous les jours dans l'école et quelquefois pendant le weekend = 3 ticks 	Nous rencontrons / nous voyons tous les jours Je recontre Nous sommes dans la même classe / école tc
	Award a maximum of three ticks per sentence/clause containing a verb.	

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Tick	Accept	Refuse
	during shared activity	
	quand on joue au foot = 1 mark quand on joue au foot au parc = 2 marks	
	quand on va en ville (ensemble) = 1 mark quand on va faire des courses en ville = 2 marks je vais au cinéma avec mon ami le week-end = 2 marks nous allons au cinéma voir un film = 1 mark nous allons visiter le zoo = 1 mark	
	Je le/la vois tous les jours à l'école = 2 marks	
	NB je le/la vois toujours à l'école = 1 mark	
	The rules for Q2 allow any form / phonetic spelling of a relevant verb in Tasks 1, 2, 3	
	Accept details in other tenses which may reflect the candidate's personal circumstances:	
	J'ai vu mon ami en juillet dernier = 1 mark Je vais voir ma copine pendant les vacances prochaines = 1 mark	
	Reward candidates who explain that they do not see each other regularly:	
	On n'habite pas le même pays (1 tick) alors on ne se voit pas souvent (1 tick)	

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Tick	Accept	Refuse
4	Que voudriez-vous faire avec lui/elle pendant les prochaines vacances? Expliquez pourquoi.	
	ACCEPT	
	any shared activities	
	Je vais visiter/voyager avec mon ami / avec elle On veut aller en ville Nous voudrions rester à la maison Accept à Chichele i.e. unknown towns/mangled spellings If there is no reference to 'les prochaines vacances' or similar time phrase, there must be an attempt at a future/conditional verb. Les vacances prochaines / l'été prochain je suis allé en France = 1 mark • reason Reward reason even if the intention does not gain mark. Parce que nous aimons faire du sport On aime les mêmes choses	Je vais aller aux États-Unis (no mention of friend) Pendant les vacances, nous allons en montagne Nous jouons au foot tc On veut aller en espagnol / au Australia / en Autruche
	On veut s'amuser On ne s'est pas vu depuis longtemps Ce sera incroyable	

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2.2: award a mark out of 5 for Language

Generic mark scheme for Language (Question 2):

	Award a mark out of 5 for Language*, according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (see <i>Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors</i> (Appendix I)):		
	Grade descriptors for Language (Question 2)		
5	Straightforward vocabulary and structure. The style of writing is basic, but reasonably coherent. Use of a limited range of verbs, generally successful. More accuracy than inaccuracy.		
4	Basic vocabulary and structure. Some awareness of verb usage, but inconsistent. The writing is sufficiently accurate for meaning to be conveyed.		
3	Very basic vocabulary and structure. Little awareness of verb usage (e.g. infinitives regularly used instead of finite verbs). Despite regular errors, the writing often conveys some meaning.		
2	A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible. Very simple sentence structure.		
1	Disjointed words or short phrases, one or two of them accurate enough to be comprehensible.		
0	One or two disjointed words or short phrases may be recognisable.		

[Total marks for Language: 5]

[Total for Question 2: 15]

^{*}Consider the whole answer when awarding mark for language.

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Section 2

Question 3

Candidates answer 1 question from a choice of 3. Read the whole answer and award marks as follows:

Communication

award a mark out of 10, according to the instructions in 3.1

Language

- award a mark out of 8 for Verbs, according to the instructions in 3.2
- award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features, according to the instructions in 3.3

3.1 - award a mark out of 10 for Communication

Generic mark scheme for Communication (Question 3):

- (i) There are 5 relevant communication points per question, each worth a maximum of 2 marks.
- (ii) For each relevant communication point, use the appropriate numbered tick and place up to 2 of these ticks as close as possible to each relevant communication point (in the body of the answer).

2 ticks	Message clearly communicated. Minor errors (adjective endings, use of prepositions etc.) are tolerated.
1 tick	Communication of some meaning is achieved, but the message may be ambiguous or incomplete.
0 ticks	Nothing of worth communicated.

- (iii) Look for a verb before awarding a mark for communication. See Appendix II for rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning. A finite verb (or phonetic version etc.) gives access to 2 marks, a non-finite verb (infinitive/past participle etc.) gives access to 1 mark.
- (iv) Add up the ticks to give a mark out of 10 for Communication.

[Total mark for Communication: 10]

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Session-specific instructions for Communication marks (Question 3):

Question 3(a): Une lettre de remerciement à un(e) ami(e) français(e). Vous avez passé des vacances chez un(e) ami(e) français(e). Après la visite, vous lui écrivez une lettre.

Tick	Accept	Mark
1	Donnez des détails sur votre voyage de retour.	[2]
	INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – ALLOW ANY ACTIVITY OR SENSIBLE DESCRIPTIVE DETAIL RELATING TO THE JOURNEY HOME	
	J'ai pris l'avion Je suis rentré chez moi à minuit Le voyage était fatigant / long / ennuyeux / bien / mauvais	
	Le voyage était mal = 1	
2	Dites ce que vous avez beaucoup apprécié en France	[2]
	INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – ALLOW ANYTHING SENSIBLE THE CANDIDATE LIKED IN FRANCE (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)	
	J'ai apprécié la cuisine… J'ai aimé la visite au château… J'ai adoré faire du vélo…	
	Ta maison était belle Ta ville était jolie Tes parents étaient gentils	
3	et pourquoi.	[2]
	FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE REASON EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE	
	Accept any logical explanation for the stated preference	
	Parce que / car La cuisine était très bonne Les gens étaient gentils	
4	Êtes-vous content(e) de retrouver votre maison? Pourquoi?	[2]
	FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE <u>REASON</u> EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE	
	Tolerate errors in introductory clause.	
	Accept positive or negative	
	J'aime ma famille = 2 Ma famille me manquait / m'a manqué = 2 (but ma famille me manque = max 1) Tu me manques = 2	
	Je te manqué = 0 Je manquais ma famille = 0	

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Tick	Accept	Mark
5	Dites comment vous passez les derniers jours de vacances avant de retourner à l'école.	[2]
	FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANYTHING SENSIBLE EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE	
	Je joue au tennis avec mes amis Je prépare mes affaires pour l'école Je me repose	
	Je vais faire des courses Je vais aller voir mes grandsparents	
	J'ai acheté mon uniforme	

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Question 3(b): Un spectacle musical. Hier soir vous êtes allé(e) à un spectacle musical. Écrivez un article pour parler de cette soirée.

Tick	Accept	Mark
1	Dites où et avec qui vous avez vu le spectacle.	[2]
	INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – INSIST ON BOTH WHERE AND WITH WHOM THE CANDIDATE SAW THE SHOW (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)	
	venues	
	J'ai vu un spectacle / un concert / une comédie musicale / Cats à Paris / au théâtre / au cinéma / en plein air / au stade / sur la place principale / au collège	
	Je suis allé au théâtre avec ma sœur = 2 J'ai vu Cats avec ma sœur = 1 J'ai vu une comédie musicale au théâtre = 1	
	Tolerate 'un musical' in Task 1	
	NB Place tick over detail which completes the message: the venue and the person accompanying may not be in the same sentence.	
2	Donnez des détails sur le spectacle que vous avez vu (par exemple: le théâtre? la musique? les chanteurs?)	[2]
	ALLOW ANY DESCRIPTIVE DETAIL RELATING TO THE SHOW – FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS EXPECT A PAST TENSE (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)	
	J'ai vu un spectacle qui s'appelle Cats = 2 J'ai vu Cats, une comédie musicale = 2 J'ai vu Cats = 1	
	Le théâtre était magnifique = 2 La musique était formidable = 2 Les chanteurs / les danseurs étaient excellents = 2 Le spectacle était intéressant / ennuyeux = 2	
	Refuse 'un musical' in Task 2.	
3	Est-ce que vous recommandez ce spectacle? Pourquoi/Pourquoi pas?	[2]
	FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE <u>REASON</u> WHY/WHY NOT EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE	
	Expect attempt at but tolerate errors in 'je recommande'	
	(car / parce que) le spectacle est / était formidable	
	If the reason offered is exactly the same as the detail given for Task 2 = 0 If the same adjective is used to describe the show = max 1	

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Tick	Accept	Mark
4	À l'avenir, quel autre spectacle voudriez-vous voir?	[2]
	Je voudrais voir les Misérables = 1	
	J'aimerais voir les Misérables, une comédie musicale = 2	
	Je voudrais voir Adele = 1 Je veux aller à un concert de rock = 2	
	Je voudrais aller au ballet = 2	
	Je vais aller à Glastonbury = 1 Je vais aller au festival de musique à Glastonbury = 2	
	Accept any sort of 'spectacle': le cirque / les Jeux Olympiques	
	NB reference to same show:	
	Je voudrais voir le nouveau James Bond au cinéma = 2 Je voudrais revoir Cats = max 1 Je voudrais voir Cats = 0	
5	Expliquez pourquoi?	[2]
	FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS ALLOW ANY SENSIBLE REASON EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE	
	Elle est ma chanteuse préférée C'est mon groupe favori J'adore la musique classique	
	Je fais de la danse Je voudrais devenir danseuse	
	Accept a reason which relates to the type of event:	
	J'adore le sport	

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• Question 3(c): Mon job d'été. «Pendant les vacances j'ai travaillé dans un hôtel... » (continuation of story)

Do not award marks in any category until after introduction provided on question paper, e.g. after *Pendant les vacances j'ai travaillé dans un hôtel…*

Tick	Accept	Mark
1	Comment était l'hôtel	[2]
	INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – LOOK FOR ANY DESCRIPTION OF THE HOTEL (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)	
	L'hôtel était grand / beau L'hôtel était au bord de la mer Il y avait une piscine à l'hôtel	
2	et les clients?	[2]
	INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – LOOK FOR ANY DESCRIPTION OF THE CLIENTS (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)	
	Les clients étaient gentils Les clients n'étaient pas sympa	
3	Expliquez ce que vous avez fait comme travail.	[2]
	INSIST ON PAST TENSE FOR 2 COMMUNICATION MARKS – LOOK FOR ANY SENSIBLE WORK WHICH THE CANDIDATE MIGHT HAVE DONE AT THE HOTEL (for communication only, any past tense is acceptable)	
	J'ai travaillé dans la cuisine J'ai servi les clients J'ai nettoyé les chambres J'ai fait la vaisselle J'ai aidé les clients J'ai aidé à préparer les repas J'ai aidé dans le restaurant	
	J'étais réceptionniste	
	J'étais à la réception	
	J'étais au jardin / à la piscine / à la cuisine = max 1	

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Tick	Accept	Mark
4	Dites quels étaient les aspects positifs et négatifs de cette expérience.	[2]
	ALLOW POSITIVE ASPECT EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE Do not insist on past tenses for two communication marks, e.g. allow statements such as (Maintenant) j'ai plus confiance en moi, (Maintenant) j'ai de l'argent pour partir en voyage etc.	
	J'ai rencontré des gens intéressants J'ai appris beaucoup de choses J'ai aimé travailler en équipe C'était facile comme travail	
	Refuse any response which repeats the idea offered for Task 1	
5	Dites quels étaient les aspects positifs et négatifs de cette expérience.	[2]
	ALLOW NEGATIVE ASPECT EXPRESSED IN AN APPROPRIATE TENSE Do not insist on past tenses for two communication marks, e.g. allow statements such as (Maintenant) j'ai plus confiance en moi, (Maintenant) j'ai de l'argent pour partir en voyage etc	
	J'avais trop de choses à faire Je trouvais les clients très désagréables Le salaire n'était pas bon Le patron n'était pas gentil	
	La journée était très longue C'était fatigant comme travail J'étais fatigué à la fin de la journée	
	C'était ennuyeux / fatigant BUT	
	J'étais ennuyeux / fatigant = 0 La journée était fatiguée = 0	
	J'étais fatigue = 1 (scheme)	
	Refuse any response which repeats the idea offered for Task 1	

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3.2 - award a mark out of 8 for Accurate use of verbs

Generic mark scheme for Accurate use of verbs (Question 3):

- (i) Place a tick above the **first** occurrence of each correct verb, up to a maximum of 18 ticks (details of how to award ticks are provided below).
- (ii) Place the tick so that it does not obscure the acute accent on a past participle.
- (iii) Convert the total number of ticks to a mark out of 8 using the Conversion table below.

Conversion table for Accurate use of verbs (Question 3)

Number of ticks	Mark
18+	8
16–17	7
14–15	6
12–13	5
10–11	4
8–9	3
6–7	2
4–5	1
0,1,2,3	0

[Total mark for Accurate use of verbs: 8]

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How to award ticks for Accurate use of verbs (Question 3):

- (a) Subject (noun or pronoun) + any finite verb
 - both subject and verb must be correct for the verb to score a tick
 - verb must be in the appropriate tense to score a tick
 - inaccuracies in the use of accents are ignored except for in the case of -er verbs and être where there must be an accent on the past participle in a compound tense, and the absence of such an accent in the present tense
 - do not tick verbs contained in the 'letter etiquette': appropriate beginnings and endings to letters are considered for reward under Other linguistic features.

Tick	No tick	Note
Je suis (✓)		
J'aime (✓)	Je aime (no tick)	«Je n'aime (✓) (pas) le camping»
Je ne aime (√) pas		treat as misuse of negative, not misuse of verb: verb is ticked
Il est allé (✓)	Il est allée (no tick)	insist on correct agreement
	Les proffesseurs sont (no tick) gentils	incorrect subject
	Le voiture s'est approché (no tick)	incorrect subject
Les nouveau professeurs sont (✓) gentils		«Les professeurs» is the subject and is correctly spelt. The incorrect adjective does not prevent the tick being awarded
Les invites sont arrivés (✓)		missing accent on noun does not prevent tick being awarded
	Les invités sont arrives (no tick)	past participle must have accent for tick to be awarded; though grave is tolerated
La site que j'ai adoré (✓)		despite wrong gender of noun the verb is correct
	La site que j'ai adorée	gender of noun wrong; «site» is not a feminine noun, therefore verb should not agree and is not ticked
Le site j'ai adoré (√)		«que» clauses where the «que» is missing: tick the verb; take absence of «que» into account when awarding mark for Other linguistic features
Mon frère a (✓) sept ans. Il y a (✓) 30 enfants dans sa classe		for «il y a/avait», allow the impersonal use to count as an extra

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With direct and indirect object pronouns

Tick	No tick	Note
Je l'aime (√)		
Je le joue (✓)	Je se joue (no tick)	first example – «je joue» is correct despite incorrect object pronoun; second example – «jouer» is not a reflexive verb
Je lave (✓) les voitures	Je me lave (no tick) les voitures	«laver» should not be used reflexively in this statement
Je t'ai dit (✓)		
J'ai te dit (✓)		basic verb formation is correct
Je les ai achetés (✓)	Je les ai acheté (no tick)	past participle must agree in number and gender with preceding direct object for verb tick to be awarded

With «y» and «en»

Tick	No tick	Note
J'y vais (✓) / Elle en achète (✓)		
Je vais y (✓) en voiture		correct «je vais» scores despite incorrect position of «y»
Elle achète (√) en		correct «elle achète» scores despite incorrect position of «en»

Passive

Tick	No tick	Note
Elle a été attrapée (✓)		
Les vélos ont été vendus (√)		

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Reflexive

Tick	No tick	Note
Elle s'est levée (√)	Elle est se levée (no tick)	
Je me lave (√) les mains		
Je me suis réveillé (√) et j'ai réveillé (√) ma mère		correct use of a reflexive and non-reflexive verb can both be credited

Impersonal

Tick	No tick	Note
C'est comique (√)		
II y a (✓)		«Ilya» (✓) all right letters and in right order (by same rule «yatil» also gains a tick) «Il y a» does not score in expressions meaning 'ago'
Est-ce que (✓)		

With negative

Tick	No tick	Note
Ils ne jouent pas (✓)		tick is awarded for the correct
Ils ne pas jouent (✓)		verb; the negative is considered for reward in 'Other
Je ne aime (√) pas		linguistic features'

Sequence of tenses

Tick	No tick	Note	
Si j'avais (✓) le choix je voudrais (✓)			
Si j'ai eu (<i>no tick</i>) le choix je voudrais (✓)		if sequence is incorrect, both verbs cannot be rewarded	
Quand j'ai fini <i>(no tick)</i> de déjeuner (✓) je suis sorti (✓)		in time clauses, the pluperfect must be used for the verb to be	
Quand j'avais fini (✓) de déjeuner (✓) je suis sorti (✓)		rewarded.	

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Single auxiliary with multiple past participles

Tick	No tick	Note
Nous avons chanté (✓) et dansé (✓)		Nous avons chanté = tick; Nous avons dansé = tick

Correct verb within meaningless statement

Tick	No tick	Note
La journée est (√) longue	La journée est (<i>no tick</i>) intelligente	do not reward correct verb in a meaningless statement

(b) Imperative

Tick	No tick	Note
Viens (✓)		
Ne touche pas (✓)		

(c) Interrogative

Tick	No tick	Note
Tu viens? (✓) / Tu viens. (✓)		question mark not required for mark to be awarded
Est-ce que (✓) tu viens(?) (✓)		
Comment ça va(?) (✓)		

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(d) Infinitive

Tick	No tick	Note
Je veux (✓) sortir (✓)		
Je veut (no tick) sortir (✓)		award tick for any correct dependent infinitive, even if main verb is incorrect / in the wrong tense
Je veux (✓) sortier (no tick)		
Il a commencé (√) à pleuvoir (√)		75.7
II a commence (<i>no tick</i>) à pleuvoir (✓)		
Il a commencé (√) de pleuvoir (no tick)		
J'ai essayé (✓) de travailler (✓)		
Il m'aide (<i>no tick</i>) à préparer le repas (√)		past tense required by the task: main verb is, therefore, in the wrong tense, but dependent infinitive is correct and is ticked
Visiter (✓) d'autres pays est (✓) important		
Sans hésiter (√)	Sans hésité (no tick)	
Je veux (✓) sortir (✓) parce que je veux (<i>no tick</i>) aller (✓) aux magasins		je veux can only score once, but different infinitives can each score if correct
Après être arrivé(e) (✓) il/(elle) a mangé (✓) un sandwich		
Après être sorti il a commencé (✓) à pleuvoir (✓)		the subject of the perfect infinitive is not the subject of the main verb
Après avoir mangé (✓) je suis sorti (✓)		

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Ticking forms of the verb in the future: is the future tense appropriate to the task?

Tick	No tick	Note
Nous allons (✓) jouer (✓) au tennis		in all these cases the future
Je vais (✓) regardé (<i>no tick</i>) un film		tense is appropriate to the task on the question paper so both the finite verb and the infinitive
Elle vas (no tick) arriver (✓) ce soir		are ticked in the normal way
Je vais (no tick) aller (no tick) en ville		task is: what did you do last weekend? Future tense is not appropriate therefore do not tick either verb

(e) Inversion

Tick	No tick	Note
«» a-t-il dit (√)	a-t-il dis (no tick)	accept both normal word order
«» il a dit (✓)		and inversion after direct speech
Viens-tu (✓) / Viens tu (✓)		

(f) Participle (past or present)

Tick	No tick	Note
En arrivant (√)		
Ayant fini (✓)		
Une fois arrivé (✓)		

(g) Reward only the first occurrence of a verb, e.g.

- J'aime (✓) la natation. J'aime (no tick) aussi le tennis
- J'aime (✓) la natation. Je n'aime (no tick) pas le tennis
- Dans ma région il y a (✓) des montagnes et des rivières. Il y a (*no tick*) aussi des...

However,

- Je préfère (\checkmark) la natation et mon frère préfère (\checkmark) le tennis 2 different persons of the verb
- Mon frère préfère (√) la natation et ma sœur préfère (no tick) le tennis both third person usage
- Elle est (√) fâchée, ce n'est (no tick) pas amusant both third person usage
- Je me suis réveillé (✓) et j'ai réveillé (✓) ma mère: correct use of a reflexive and nonreflexive verb can **both** be credited
- Mon frère a (✓) sept ans. Il y a (✓) 30 enfants dans sa classe: with «il y a/avait» allow the impersonal use to be credited as an extra (the same applies to «est-ce que» and «il/elle est»)

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3.3 - award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features

Generic mark scheme for Other linguistic features (Question 3):

- (i) Do not consider accuracy of verbs for your assessment of Other linguistic features, but do bear in mind idiomatic and/or particularly judicious choice of verbs.
- (ii) Award a mark out of 12 for Other linguistic features, according to the Grade descriptors in the table below (see *Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors* (Appendix I)).
- (iii) Use the highlighter marking tool to highlight the first new use of any correct usage. Use the highlighter marking tool to underline a creditable attempt at a structure.

This annotation is intended to help you arrive at an appropriate mark. Therefore, the kinds of things you highlight/underline will vary according to the quality of work, e.g. for a mark of 7/8 or above to be awarded the assumption is that 'spelling of common words, genders, adjectival agreements and basic prepositions are almost always correct' so annotation will focus on the degree of success with more complex language.

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	Grade descriptors for Other linguistic features (Question 3)			
11–12	 Uses a wide range of structures effectively; produces longer, fluent sentences with ease. Highly accurate at this level, though not necessarily faultless. Makes effective use of a wide range of vocabulary fully appropriate to the task. 			
9–10	 Attempts a range of structures with a good degree of success. More complex language usually error-free^^. Uses a variety of relevant vocabulary at this level. 			
7–8	 In control of simple structures. Varied success with more complex structures. Accuracy is fairly consistent throughout*. Errors may occur when more ambitious language is attempted. Has sufficient vocabulary to add some interest to the writing. 			
5–6	 Attempts more than basic structures. On balance, the work is more accurate than inaccurate. Straightforward vocabulary relevant to the task. 			
3–4	 Reliant on basic structures. Some examples of correct language. Meaning usually conveyed. Basic vocabulary. 			
1–2	A few phrases or short sentences are accurate enough to be comprehensible. Very simple sentence structure.			
0	One or two disjointed words or short phrases may be recognisable.			

^{^^}subordinate clauses, linking words, object pronouns, comparative adjectives/adverbs, strong negatives usually error free.

- (i) Consider the extent to which the following are used correctly and appropriately when assessing the candidate's control of structures:
 - Subordinate clauses, including *car / parce que*, *qui* and *que* (relative pronouns), *ce qui* and *ce que*. Indirect or reported speech (*il a dit que*, *je pense que*). Time clauses with *quand*, *pendant que* etc. and *si* (= if)
 - Object pronouns (*il m'a dit*) and 'strong' pronouns (*chez nous* etc.)
 - Conjunctions other than et and linking words (e.g. cependant, malheureusement, toutefois)
 - Prepositions Time: depuis, pendant, pour, du... au... etc. / Place: en, dans etc.
 - Negatives, especially strong forms
 - Adverbs
 - Adjectives, including possessives and demonstratives. Also comparatives and superlatives
 - Expressions of quantity
 - Partitive articles, especially de after negative, use of du, de la, des
 - Appropriate use of *politesses* in the letter.

[Total mark for Other linguistic features: 12]

[Total for Question 3: 30]

^{*}spelling of common words, genders, adjectival agreements and basic prepositions are almost always correct.

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Appendix I

Note on using mark schemes with Grade descriptors

It is important that you award marks positively. In order to ensure that you reward achievement rather than penalise failure or omissions, you should start at the bottom of the mark scheme and work upwards through the descriptors when awarding marks.

You should adopt a 'best fit' approach. You must select the set of descriptors provided in the mark scheme that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked. As you work upwards through the mark scheme, you will eventually arrive at a set of descriptors that fits the candidate's performance. When you reach this point, you should always then check the descriptors in the band above to confirm whether or not there is just enough evidence to award a mark in the higher band.

For example, when marking Question 3 you may find that a candidate uses a variety of relevant vocabulary but has varied success with more complex structures. In such cases, you will need to award a mark that takes into account both the strengths and weaknesses of the piece of work.

To select the most appropriate mark within each set of descriptors, use the following guidance:

- If most of the descriptors fit the piece (and after you have considered the band above), award the top mark in the band.
- If there is just enough evidence (and you had perhaps been considering the band below), award the lowest mark in the band.

Note on irrelevant material

In the case of a deliberately evasive answer which consists entirely of irrelevant material exploited in defiance of the rubric, a score of 0 is given. This is extremely rare.

A genuine attempt to answer the question which fails due to a misunderstanding of the rubric will normally lose Communication marks but will score for Language. You should consult your Team Leader.

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Appendix II: Communication

Rules on how to decide whether a verb is accurate enough to convey meaning

Communication

- An attempt at a verb is required for any communication mark to be awarded.
- For QUESTION 2, candidates score 1 or 0 marks for each piece of relevant information they
 communicate. For a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of a mark for
 communication, the verb must meet or go beyond the criteria outlined in B.
- For QUESTION 3, candidates score 2, 1 or 0 marks for communicating each task. For the criteria the verb must fulfil in order for a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of 2 marks for communication, see A below. For the criteria the verb must fulfil for a sentence/phrase to be considered for the award of 1 mark for communication, see B below.
- Where a verb fits the criteria for C, the mark for communication is 0.
- Although some allowances are made for faulty verbs when awarding COMMUNICATION marks (see below), in order for a verb to score a LANGUAGE tick, it must be correct.
- 'Ticks' for communication are to be placed just above the end of the qualifying sentence/phrase.

A QUESTION 3 ONLY: where THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS AND THE TIME FRAME IS APPROPRIATE 2 communication marks are awarded in the following cases.

(i)	For 2 communication marks: accept a Present where a Future context is apparent		
	L'an prochain je voyage en France = 2 for communication.	(Je voyage receives a tick for verb)	
(ii)	For 2 communication marks: accept the use correct and vice versa	of a Future when a Conditional would be	
(iii)	For 2 communication marks: accept a 'phon	etic version' of the correct time frame	
	J'ai passer/passez les vacances = 2 for communication Les gens pense/pensait que = 2 for communication Il a commencé à joué = 2 for communication	(Il a commencé à joue = 1 for communication – joue is not phonetic)	
(iv)	For 2 communication marks: accept the use of any past tense when a past is required, even when a different past tense would be grammatically correct or appropriate		
	Allow Perfect, Imperfect, Pluperfect or Past Historic. Ignore inconsistency of the Perfect and Past Historic if it occurs		
(v)	Use of <i>avoir</i> with a past participle when <i>être</i> is correct: award 2 communication marks		
	J'ai resté en France = 2 marks for communication	However the use of <i>être</i> when <i>avoir</i> is correct = 1 communication mark, e.g. <i>Je suis</i> mangé la pomme (see B (iii))	

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(vi)	Errors of accent: award 2 communication marks (e.g. il va telephoner = 2; il commencais = 2; j'achete = 2), except in the following cases		
	For 2 communication marks, insist on the accent on a past participle of <i>-er</i> verbs	Il a joue = 1 for communication (as an attempted perfect tense)Il joué = 1 for communication (as an attempted present tense)	
	For 2 communication marks insist on an accent when an adjective is also a past participle	Il était fatigue = 1 for communication Il être fatigue = 1 for communication Il et fatigue = 1 for communication	
	For 2 communication marks, tolerate a grave accent for an acute accent	II a jouè = 2 for communication	
(vii)	Errors of punctuation: award 2 communica	tion marks in spite of errors of punctuation	
	Jai fait = 2 for communication in spite of missing apostrophe	In addition jai fait scores a tick for the verb	
(viii)	Errors of elision: award 2 communication n	narks in spite of errors of elision	
	Je aime / Je habite = 2 for communication in spite of missing elision	Je aime / Je habite: no tick for the verb as elision has not been made	
(ix)	Single consonant where there should be do communication marks	ouble and vice versa: award 2	
	J'appele / J'apelle / J'apele / J'appelle ma mère au téléphone = 2 for communication	J'appelle ma mere au telephone = tick for the verb	
(x)	In complex sentences, reward communicat clause and reward according to the normal subordinate clause which fulfils the task)		
	Mon ami a dit qu'il avait mal au genou = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs can receive a tick) Mon ami annonce (wrong tense) qu'il avait mal au genou = 2 for communication (in addition second verb can receive a tick)	However: Mon ami a dit qu'il a mal au genou = 1 for communication (see B (viii)) (in addition first verb can receive a tick) Mon ami a dit qu'il mal au genou = 0 for communication (no verb in subordinate clause) (first verb can receive a tick)	
	Je pensais que j'étais malade = 2 for communication (in addition both verbs receive a tick)	However: Je pensais qu'il pleut = 1 for communication (see B (viii)) Je pensais que j'avais malade = 0 for communication (see B (iv)) (In both cases, first verb can receive a tick)	

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(xi)	Use of a verb in the 'indicative' where a subjunctive would be expected: award 2 communication marks	
	 II faut que j'aille chez ma grand-mère = 2 for communication (plus both verbs receive a tick) II faut que je vais chez ma grand-mère = 2 for communication (plus both verbs receive a tick) 	
(xii)	Treat the verbs <i>retourner</i> , <i>revenir</i> and <i>rentrer</i> as synonyms: award 2 communication marks	
(xiii)	«ne» omitted in a negative statement: award 2 communication marks	
	J'aime pas la biologie = 2 for communication (in addition, the verb receives a tick)	However Je n'aime la biologie = 1 for communication (see B (ix)) (verb receives a tick)

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B QUESTIONS 2 AND 3: where THE VERB IS APPROPRIATE IN THE MEANING IT CONVEYS but is flawed in the following ways, the message is partially conveyed, and 1 communication mark will be awarded.

(i)	The candidate has produced a correct spelling of an inappropriate form/part/tense of an appropriate verb: award 1 communication mark	
	Task: where did you go on holiday? Candidate writes: Je passe les vacances en France Je passons les vacances en France Je passé les vacances en France Je vais passer les vacances en France Je suis passer les vacances en France J'irons en France Je allez en France J'aille en France Je vas en France	In all these cases, <i>passer</i> is an appropriate choice of verb in terms of meaning. The task ('where did you go on holiday?') requires a past tense (or phonetic version of a past tense) for 2 communication marks to be awarded: these versions do not meet this requirement. However, in all these cases the candidate has produced an existing part/tense/form of what is an appropriate verb and therefore 1 communication mark is awarded
	All score 1 mark for communication	Ticks are not scored for these verbs
	Task: how did you and your friends react? Candidate writes: Mes amis est contents J'été triste Ils avons pleure All score 1 mark for communication	
	Task: what do you want to eat for lunch? Candidate writes: Je veux mange un sandwich = 1 for communication	Je veux = tick for verb
	Task: what will you do next year? Candidate writes: L'an dernier je voyage en France = 1 for communication L'an dernier je vais voyager en France = 1 for communication L'année prochaine j'allait en ville = 1 for communication (if the task required a past tense, J'allait en ville tout court could score 2 for communication as a phonetic rendering of J'allais en ville)	je voyage verb is not rewarded as there is no future context (e.g. L'an prochain)je vais voyager scores 2 ticks for verbs (je vais, voyager) as the task requires a futurej'allait verb does not receive a tick
	L'année prochaine j'aille en ville = 1 for communication (aller is an appropriate verb, aille is a form of the verb aller (subjunctive))	L'année prochaine j'aillait en ville = 0 for communication (aillait is not any part of the verb aller)

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(ii)		The candidate has produced a phonetic spelling of an inappropriate form/part/tense of an appropriate verb: award 1 communication mark		
	Task is to say what s/he enjoyed doing on holiday. Candidate writes: J'aim le tennis = 1 for communication (phonetic version of the incorrect tense (j'aime) of an appropriate verb)	J'amie (le tennis) = 0 for communication (amie is not any form/part/tense of the verb aimer)		
	Task is to say how s/he got home. Candidate writes: Je prennez le bus = 1 for communication (phonetic version of an incorrect part/tense (Je prenez) of an appropriate verb)	Je prendais le bus = 0 for communication (prendais is not any form/part/tense (nor a phonetic version thereof) of the verb prendre)		
(iii)	Use of <i>être</i> as the auxiliary when <i>avoir</i> would mark (see also A (v))	d be correct: award 1 communication		
	Je suis mangé la pomme = 1			
(iv)	Use of <i>être</i> instead of <i>avoir</i> in some clearly defined idiomatic phrases: award 1 communication mark			
	J'étais peur = 1 J'étais soif = 1 J'étais faim = 1 Elle était cinq ans = 1	(no tick for the verb) However		
		Elle est les cheveux gris = 0 J'avais fatigué = 0 J'avais malade = 0		
(v)	Manger, nager, ranger etc. – 'e' missing from communication mark	m <i>nous</i> form and imperfect: award 1		
	Je mangais des pommes = 1 (no tick for the verb) Nous nagons après l'école = 1 (no tick for the verb)	Je mang des pommes = 0		
(vi)	The following commonly seen inappropriate	e usages: award 1 communication mark		
	Accept for 1 mark il est beau for il fait beau j'ai écouté un bruit for j'ai entendu un bruit c'est chaud for il fait chaud j'ai fait une promenade à l'école for je suis allé à l'école à pied j'ai regardé un accident for j'ai vu un accident	Refuse j'ai regardé pour mon sac for j'ai cherché mon sac		

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(vii)	The following commonly seen mis-usages: award 1 communication mark		
	il et (venu me voir) je return(e) etc. (accept returner for retourner) je s'appelle (Carole)	However, <i>II m'appelle (Carole)</i> when the candidate is trying to give his/her own name = 0 as nothing of worth is communicated	
(viii)	In complex sentences, consider the verb in the subordinate clause when awarding the mark for communication and reward according to the normal rules (see also A (x))		
	Mon ami a dit qu'il a mal au genou = 1 for communication	il a mal au genou, contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 mark for communication (in addition, first verb receives a tick)	
	Je pensais qu'il pleut = 1 for communication	The subordinate clause, qu'il pleut, contains an appropriate verb in the wrong time frame which is awarded 1 communication mark according to the usual rules) (in addition, first verb receives a tick)	
(ix)	«pas», or equivalent, is omitted in a negative statement = 1 for communication		
	Je n'aime la biologie = 1 for communication (verb receives a tick)	However <i>J'aime pas la biologie</i> = 2 for communication (in addition, the verb receives a tick)	

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C QUESTIONS 2 AND 3: award 0 communication marks in the following cases.

(i)	No attempt at a verb = 0 for communication			
	je pied à l'ecole = 0 for communication je promenade mon chien = 0 for communication il pluie = 0 for communication	However, je travail à l'école (in response to Qu'est-ce que vous faites à l'école?) = 2 for communication because travail works phonetically		
(ii)	The verb attempted delivers a message different from the desired one = 0 for communication			
	mon père a un prof for mon père est prof = 0 for communication j'ai travaillé en Australie for j'ai voyagé en Australie = 0 for communication il pleure for il pleut = 0 for communication			
(iii)	The attempt at the verb is not a part/form or rendition thereof = 0 for communication	ne attempt at the verb is not a part/form of an appropriate verb or a phonetic ndition thereof = 0 for communication		
	L'année prochaine j'aillait en ville = 0 for communication (aillait is not any part of the verb aller) Je prendais le bus = 0 for communication (prendais is not any part of the verb prendre) J'amie (le tennis) J'alle au cinema Je m'apple Carole			
(iv)	There are two subjects = 0 for communication			
	il j'aime = 0 for communication			