

How to Succeed in Mandarin

Course Information

Exam Board	AQA
Exam Structure	100% Assessment
Specification weblink	AQA Chinese (Mandarin) GCSE GCSE Chinese (Mandarin)
Practice exam papers weblink	See website suggestions below

Units/Topics studied

- Listening 25% (exam paper at the end of the course)
- Speaking 25% (non-exam assessment conducted in school by the class teacher)
- Reading 25% (exam paper at the end of the course)
- Writing 25% (exam paper at the end of the course)

The Year 10 topics studied include:

我的生活 (My life)

学校 (School)

空闲时间 (Leisure)

The Year 11 Themes studied include:

- Theme 1: identity and culture
- Theme 2: Local, National, International and Global Areas of Interest
- Theme 3: Current and Future Study and Employment

Revision strategies and materials

Writing

Foundation: The writing paper will consist of 4 questions: Photo description, 40 words, translation into Spanish and 90 words.

Higher: The writing paper will consist of 3 questions: 90 words, 150 words and a translation into Spanish.

To prepare, use your previous CORRECTED writing assessments and written assessed tasks that you have re-written as part of DIRT tasks. Use your vocabulary sheets to help draft new sentences.

Practise re-writing sentences from them until you can do them from memory. Remember to practise re-writing these pieces of work at least 4 times on separate occasions in order to memorise the information.

Listening and Reading

These will be full past papers. To help prepare:

- *Learn key vocabulary: Highlight words on your vocab sheets that you are less familiar with. Practise re-writing the vocabulary until you can do them from memory. Remember to practise re-writing this at least 4 times on separate occasions in order to memorise the information.*
- *Practise listening and reading activities on bbc bitesize from all three themes.*
- *Test yourselves on apps such as Quizlet or Duolingo.*
- *More generally, set the language to Mandarin/Chinese (with English subtitles) on any streaming platform.*

Speaking

*You will complete a **role play, describe a picture** and answer **General conversation questions**. Please learn your corrected answers to your speaking assessment preparation questions to all three themes. Bring your sheet with you.*