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## Speaking Portfolio: Assessment Scale

**Band 5** – The task is achieved with ease. The candidate has good control of the grammar forms needed to achieve the task and uses the appropriate vocabulary. Extended stretches of language are produced. Sentences are intelligible and word stress is almost always correct. The candidate responds to prompts appropriately and initiates where necessary. The correct register is maintained throughout.

**Band 4** – The task is achieved with no real difficulty. The candidate has sufficient control of the grammar forms needed to achieve the task and generally uses the appropriate vocabulary. Extended stretches of language are produced with occasional hesitation. Sentences are usually intelligible and word stress is usually correct. The candidate responds to prompts appropriately in general and initiates where necessary. The correct register is maintained with some lapses.

**Band 3** – The task is achieved. The candidate generally has control of the grammar forms needed to achieve the task, with some lapses, and usually uses the appropriate vocabulary. Language to sentence length is consistently produced, with some more extended stretches. Sentences are mostly intelligible and word stress is mostly correct. The candidate responds to prompts and occasionally initiates. The correct register is maintained on the whole.

**Band 2** – The task is partly achieved. The candidate has some control of the grammar forms needed to achieve the task, with many lapses, and sometimes uses the appropriate vocabulary. Language to sentence length is usually produced, but nothing beyond. Sentences are sometimes unintelligible and word stress is often incorrect. The candidate sometimes responds to prompts appropriately and but never initiates. The correct register is rarely maintained.

**Band 1** – The task is not achieved. The candidate has little control of the grammar forms needed to achieve the task and uses inappropriate vocabulary. No language beyond phrase level is produced. Sentences are often unintelligible and word stress is usually incorrect. The candidate rarely responds to prompts appropriately. The register is incorrect throughout.

**Band 0** – The spoken production is irrelevant, incomprehensible or absent.

**NOTE:** Band 3 and above are passing grades.