

Assessment Specifications

Level 1 English 2026

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General information

Domain:	English Written Language
Standards:	91925, 91927
Assessment method:	Examination, end of year
Assessment medium:	Online digital examination

[English subject page](#)

[National secondary examinations timetable](#)

Information relating to all achievement standards

Teachers should be familiar with the standards and explanatory notes that accompany all achievement standards. Information in planning spaces will not be marked.

All responses must be written in English.

Further information about digital external assessment can be found on the NZQA website.

[Digital external assessment](#)

Special assessment conditions

Refer to the NZQA website for further information:

[Aromatawai special assessment conditions](#)

Specific information for individual achievement standards

Standard:	91925
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of specific aspects of studied text
Version:	4
Number of credits:	5

Candidates will select ONE option from a range of questions and / or statements.

Candidates will write a concise response, with reference to aspects of text.

Candidates are recommended to write a response between 600–750 words. Assessment will be based on the ideas and quality of the response rather than its length.

In addition to detailed evidence from their selected text(s), candidates' own engagement or other viewpoints can be used to support their understanding of how aspects are used in a studied text.

Standard:	91927
Title:	Demonstrate understanding of significant aspects of unfamiliar texts
Version:	4
Number of credits:	5

Three written texts will be supplied. Candidates will be required to respond to ONE question for each of the three written texts. At least one of the texts will reflect a Māori context. At least one of the texts will be a poem.

A physical copy of the texts will be provided to all candidates.