ABOUT THIS MODULE

The Speaking Module

The Speaking Module measures clear, organised speech through a read-aloud task, a question-response task and an integrated listening-to-speaking task. Read the displayed text in Task 1; answer the prompt in Task 2. In Task 3, listen twice, then summarise the audio and respond to the prompt. Total time includes preparation, recording and playback. Each response is recorded once, with no re-recording. Human raters score Speaking. Your report shows the official module score out of 120 and a performance descriptor; the overall CEFR level is shown separately.

3	6	4	120
TASKS	MIN. PREPARATION	MIN. SPEAKING	MODULE SCORE

MODULE STRUCTURE

How the module is built

TASK	TASK TYPE	PREP	SPEAK
1	Read Aloud	1 min	1 min
2	Response to a question	2 min	1 min
3	Integrated — listen to audio twice, then speak	3 min	2 min
TOTAL	**3 tasks (including audio and transitions)**		**By task**

MODULE TIMING

Preparation and recording have fixed time limits

TASK 1	TASK 2	TASK 3
2 min	**3 min**	**Audio + 5 min**
Read aloud	Response to a question	Audio twice + 3 min prep + 2 min speak

Online exams use identity checks, periodic camera photographs and a lockdown browser where required. For centre exams, follow the instructions from the centre. In the online exam, you cannot return to a completed part. When a timer expires, the current stage ends and the exam continues according to the on-screen instructions.

PREPARE

Quiz types & strategies, part by part

Each part uses a specific quiz type. Below is what each one asks of you, with a short explainer and the strategies that match it.

Task 1 - Read Aloud

Quiz type: read aloud (rater-scored)

Read the displayed text aloud. You have 1 minute to prepare and 1 minute to record your reading of the text.
The text remains visible during recording. Read the words provided, rather than giving your own opinion or answer.

- Use preparation time to read the whole text silently and notice punctuation and difficult words.
- Group words into natural phrases and use pauses to make the meaning clear.
- Speak clearly at a steady pace; use sentence stress and intonation to support meaning.
- If you stumble, correct yourself briefly and continue reading; there is no re-recording.

Task 2 - Question Response

Quiz type: independent spoken response (rater-scored)

Respond to the question shown on screen. You have 2 minutes to prepare and 1 minute to record your response.
Use the preparation time to plan a direct answer with relevant reasons and examples.

- Use the extra prep to choose two strong, specific examples — not more points.
- Speak at a steady pace; too fast hurts Pronunciation, too slow hurts Fluency.
- Use the full speak time; if you finish early, add an example rather than inventing filler.
- If you stumble, self-correct briefly and keep going — there is no re-recording.

Task 3 — Integrated Listening-to-Speaking

Quiz type: integrated spoken response (rater-scored)

After 15 seconds to read the instructions, the audio plays twice, with a 10-second gap. Take notes as you listen.
After the second play, you have 3 minutes to prepare and 2 minutes to record a response to the displayed prompt.
Summarise the audio and respond as instructed. The notepad remains visible; notes are not scored.

- Use both plays: first for structure (main claim, key points), second for details.
- Summarise the source faithfully, then give your opinion — keep the two distinct (“The lecturer argues…”).
- Source-fidelity errors (misstating or adding claims) are penalised heavily.
- Pace by the timer and refer to your notes to stay on structure.

SCORING & AFTER THE TEST

How you are scored & your options

HOW YOUR RESPONSES ARE SCORED

Human-rated, with a score and descriptor

All three Speaking tasks are assessed by human graders using the assessment criteria: Fluency; Coherence & Discourse Management; Lexical Range & Precision; Grammatical Range & Accuracy; and Intelligibility & Phonological Control. Task 1 contributes up to 30 points, Task 2 up to 40 points and Task 3 up to 50 points, for a maximum of 120. Your official Speaking result includes a score and a performance descriptor, and contributes to your overall score out of 600. Your overall CEFR level is shown separately. Complete microphone checks when required; each response is recorded once, with no playback or re-recording.

AFTER YOU TEST / YOUR 30-DAY OPTIONS

Once your scores are issued, you have **30 days** to choose before your official report is finalised:
1. One Module Retake (OMR). Re-sit a single module for a $40 fee. A superscore model applies — the higher result is used. One OMR per sitting.
2. Request Rescoring ($30 per module). A different qualified human grader independently re-scores your response; under the superscore model, the higher result stands.
3. Accept your score. Once you accept, OMR and Rescoring are no longer available.

You may complete Rescoring, then retake the same or another module. After any OMR, no further Rescoring is available. Only one service can run at a time. If you do not act within 30 days, your score is automatically accepted.

YOUR SCORE

How your performance is reported

Your official Speaking score is reported out of 120, rounded to the nearest 5, with a separate performance descriptor. Each of the five official module scores is rounded before they are added to give your overall Manchester Exam score on a 0-600 scale. Your overall CEFR level is assigned from that total and is shown separately from the module scores and performance descriptions.

Score + descriptor	0–600	A1 — C2	5
SPEAKING RESULT	OVERALL COMPOSITE	CEFR LEVELS	REPORTING INCREMENT