

Table of Specifications of the *Meitzav* English Test: Grade 8

Dear English Teachers,

The *Meitzav* examinations in English for the eighth grade will include the domains: Social Interaction, Access to Information and Written Presentation. Not all pupils will be tested on the domain of Social Interaction; only a random sample will be tested on this domain.

There will be two versions of the test, but each pupil will be tested on only one version. Each version will test access to information and written presentation.

The content of the *Meitzav* examinations will be based on the benchmarks for the Foundation Level as specified in the National Curriculum.

Following is a list of the benchmarks that will be assessed on the examination:

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Domain	Relevant Benchmarks	Examples of Task Types
Access to Information from Spoken Texts 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand general meaning of text ▪ Locate relevant information for a specific purpose ▪ Understand main ideas and supporting details in a text and use knowledge as needed 	Task 1: Identify a picture described orally Task 2: Listen to text and answer questions, e.g. interview, news (moderate difficulty)
Access to Information from Written Texts 60%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Understand the general meaning and main ideas and sequence of events in a text ▪ Identify different text types ▪ Identify explicit opinions and feelings ▪ Extract information from visual data such as timetables ▪ Locate relevant information for a specific purpose ▪ Use simple information tools, such as a glossary, a simplified learner's dictionary ▪ Understand main ideas and supporting details in a text 	Task 3 / Task 4 / Task 5: Read different text types at different levels and answer questions.
Written Presentation 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Give short message in writing ▪ Give information in writing, such as a postcard, letter ▪ Describe people, places, things and events ▪ Produce short piece of coherent writing that conveys personal experiences ▪ React to the content of something read 	Task 6: Write four sentences Task 7: Write a paragraph (35-50 words)
Oral Social Interaction (To be administered in a random sample of classes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ask and answer simple questions about familiar topics and everyday situations ▪ Express feelings, likes and dislikes ▪ Engage in short conversation 	Engage in a simple conversation and describe a picture (6-8 min.)