

**PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION  
ASSESSMENT FORMAT**

**MOTHER TONGUE LANGUAGES**

**BRIEFING FOR P5 PARENTS**

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# Overview

- 2010 Mother Tongue Languages Review
- Changes in 2017 New Exam Format
- MT eOral Format - **NEW**



# 2010 Mother Tongue Languages Review

- Strengthening the teaching & learning of interaction skills;
- Greater focus on authentic activities to better engage students and develop their communication skills;
- Greater use of information & communication technology (ICT) in teaching & learning of MTLs.

# Greater Emphasis on Language Use



- Dialogues
- Group discussion
- Role-play

- Read and respond to advertisements, posters, blogs, emails
- Written response could be emails, short messages, blog comments



# Greater Emphasis on Language Use



# How will these affect the Exam Format?



# Changes to PSLE in 2017

## Current PSLE format

Language Skills	Item Types
Listening	MCQ Listening Test (10%)
Speaking and Spoken Interaction	Oral Test: a) Reading aloud b) Describe and give simple viewpoints (20%)
	c) Conversation (5%)
Writing	Topic Essay <u>OR</u> Picture Essay (20%)
Reading and Written Interaction	MCQ Language application MCQ Cloze Test MCQ Comprehension Free response Comprehension (45%)

## Changes in 2017

- The Oracy component remains at 35%
- New or modified item types to test interaction skills will be weaved in (20% change)
- E.g. using a video as stimulus, MCQ dialogue rejoinder, MCQ message response, interactive email response

# MTL PSLE Exam Format

Marks (%)		2016 PSLE	2017 PSLE
Paper 1:	Composition	40(20%)	40 (20%)
Paper 2:	Language Used (Booklet A & B)	90(45%)	90 (45%)
Paper 3	Oral	50(25%)	50 (25%)
	Listening Comprehension	20(10%)	20 (10%)
Total:		200(100%)	200 (100%)



# Paper 3: Oral to EOral

2016 PSLE			2017 PSLE		
Components	No. of Qn	Marks/%	Components	No. of Qn	Marks/%
Passage		20/10%	Passage		20/10%
Picture Description & Conversation		30/15%	<b>Conversation (Video)</b>		30/15%
Listening Comprehension	10	20/10%	Listening Comprehension	10	20/10%

**NEW!!**

# Thank you!

