

INTRODUCTORY TEXT FOR JCSP STATEMENTS SUPPORTING THE JC ENGLISH SPECIFICATION

The statements below were developed with input from a number of practicing English teachers in JCSP schools. They are offered as **one possible model** that teachers may use to approach the new junior cycle English specification. They will be adjusted over time based on feedback from teachers in JCSP schools.

The English specification may be accessed in full at curriculumonline.ie. In addition, support for teaching of the junior cycle English specification may be accessed through the Junior Cycle for Teachers (JCT) English team at www.jct.ie.

It is important to note that the statements below offer a sample approach for the creation of junior cycle English statements. They do not cover all of the learning outcomes which are expected to be taught in the new junior cycle course.

In addition, the statements should be approached with an awareness of the note in the specification that *'students' language learning is marked by an integrated experience of oral language, reading and writing'*. This approach mirrors the experience many students in the JCSP will have had in their primary education.

Teachers are encouraged to engage with these statements as a possible approach to creating English statements for their own students. Students' teachers are best placed to develop statements which will support their own students in their own particular class and school context.

I can communicate as a reader

English

Statement code no. EJC1

Student:

Class:

I can communicate as a reader

I have begun | I am working on this | I can

This has been demonstrated by your ability to:

1. Read a short text to my classmates with fluency and with meaning
2. Read two different kinds of texts with the same theme and note differences and similarities
3. Read a book from an appropriate level over a period of time and discuss using appropriate language
4. Read a short article/speech and extract main points/underline key sentences
5. State what plot and theme mean
6. Give the title of novel/play/poem with writer's name
7. Explain what character and setting mean
8. Describe the setting and character
9. Discuss what I learned about the main character
10. Study a text and answer comprehension questions
11. Summarise a chosen text
12. Read a poem with fluency and with meaning
13. Read a drama excerpt in a group
14. Extract examples of poetic techniques from a number of poems
15. Respond personally in writing to poem/photograph
16. Explore the content and components of a website, blog and advertising campaign
17. Read and discuss my own and other students' work to help to make it better

Reflecting on my learning...

One thing I did well...

One thing that I might improve...

I really enjoyedbecause...