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Speaking		
Order of tasks	Read Aloud Role Play Picture with conversation	Role Play Read Aloud Picture Task with conversation
Read Aloud		
Read aloud practice permitted?	Yes	No
Number of Read Aloud follow up questions	2	4
Role Play		
Role play contexts transactional or casual?	Transactional	Casual
Formal register required?	No	No
Pre-set list of potential role play settings?	Yes	No
<i>"You feel more confident."</i>		
Role play responses in response order?	Yes	Yes
Picture card with conversation		
Picture card in colour?	Yes	No
<i>"Colour pictures give you a lot more detail to describe."</i>		
Picture card thematic context selected by the student in advance?	Yes	No
<i>"Picking in advance allows you to focus in with your revision and then [it] is a comfort to have that topic as you feel prepared."</i>		
Student choice of picture to describe?	Yes	No
Students required to describe more than one image?	No	Yes
<i>"With one image, you can talk in detail about it rather than just some high-level observations, it also means that you won't get confused jumping between images."</i>		

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Listening

Number of repeats	3	2
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"It is good to have more time on questions and separate them better."

Dictation

Gap fill or full sentence completion?	Both	Full sentence completion only
Thematically related?	Yes	No
Student is penalised for grammatical mistakes even if they cannot be heard when spoken?	No	Yes
Student is penalised for misspelling, even if the Sound Symbol Correspondence can be accurately spelt in different ways?	No	Yes

Reading

Longer texts are 'chunked' into shorter sections?	Yes	No
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"It made the question less overwhelming."

Includes images that provide context on unfamiliar people or places, to ensure all students have a shared understanding?	Yes	Yes
Avoids negative constructions in questions?	Yes	No

Translation

Thematically linked?	Yes	No
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"It's easier to understand and less stressful."

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Writing		
Picture description in colour?	Yes	No
<i>"Colours give you something else to describe about the photo if you want."</i>		
Options for every longer open response question on both tiers?	Yes	No
<i>"It was easy because I knew about the [options] I picked."</i>		
Number of supporting bullet points increases with the question demand?	Yes	No
<i>"[I] would rather be told the topic and tense, it makes it easier to hit the marks."</i>		
Translation		
Task appears at the end of the paper?	Yes	No
Thematically related?	Yes	No

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