

Preparation notes and questions

Primary 1 & 2

In Primary 1 and the early stages of Primary 2 it is important to begin preparing the pupils for the format and structure of the Trinity GESE exams. Use as many communication activities as possible, and encourage conversation by using plenty of pair and group work. You can introduce some of the questions, requests and instructions below into your teaching, and organise some activities to practise them.

These questions, requests and instructions are based on the syllabuses for Grades 1 and 2, so examiners of the Grade 3 exam will presume they have been introduced and practised. The Grade 3 examiner may also choose to use these, or similar questions in the Grade 3 exam.

Good morning/afternoon! Hello!

- How are you?
- What's your name?
- What's your surname?
- How old are you?
- Where are you from?
- Where do you live?
- What is this? [*with reference to classroom objects, household objects, common animals, everyday items of clothing*]
- Stand up, please. Go to the window. Point to the door. Touch the wall. etc.
- Show me/Touch your eyes/ears/nose/etc.
- How many ... can you see?
- Show me the number
- How many boys/girls/pupils are there in your class?
- Show me the colour red/blue/green/etc.
- What colour is this?
- What am I / are you wearing?
- What is your favourite colour/animal/number/game?
- Do you live in a flat or in a house?
- Have you got any brothers or sisters?
Do you have any brothers or sisters?
- Who lives in your house?
Who do you live with?
- Tell me about your family.
- Where do you sleep? Where do you brush your teeth, have a shower, etc.?
- Name the rooms in your house.
Tell me about your house.
- Is your bed in the kitchen?
- Have you got any brothers or sisters?
Do you have any brothers or sisters?
What's his/her name? Is he a big brother or a little brother? Tell me about your brother.
- Who lives in your house?
- What is your father's/mother's name?
- Who is your best friend?
- Have you got any pets? What is its name?
- Tell me about your pet.
- Put this pencil in/on/under/between/next to/etc.
- Where's the pencil?
- Do you have a computer? Where is it?
- What colour is your/her/his hair?
- Do you have curly or straight hair?
- Is this pen yours or mine?
- Whose is this?
- What day is it today?
- How many days are there in a week?
Can you tell me the days of the week?
- How many months are there in a year?
- Which month is your birthday in?

Goodbye.