

## Preparation notes and questions

## Primary 3

In Primary 3 it is important to begin preparing the pupils for the format and structure of the Trinity GESE Grade 5 exam. Use as many communication activities as possible and encourage conversation by using plenty of pair and group work. You can start by using some of the questions from the Grade 3 examination material as revision. Then introduce some of the questions below into your teaching, and organise activities to practise them. You could also start preparing one or two of the Grade 5 topics this year.

The questions below are based on the five Language Functions central to the syllabus for Trinity GESE Grade 4, so examiners of the Grade 5 exam will presume they have been introduced and practised. The Grade 5 examiner may use some of these, or similar, questions in the Grade 5 exam, so they are a useful starting point as revision to begin preparing your pupils. However, most of the questions used in the exam will be at Grade 5 level.

#### Talking about past events

- When did you start at this school?
- Where were you yesterday?
- What did you eat yesterday morning/afternoon/evening?
- What did you do last weekend?
- What time did you get up this morning?

#### Talking about future plans and intentions

- What are you going to do next weekend?
- What is your family going to do next summer?
- Where are you going to go in the holidays?
- What are you going to do tomorrow?
- Tell me something you are going to do this weekend.

#### Expressing simple comparisons

- Who is the tallest/shortest person in your family?
- Who is the most intelligent boy or girl in your class?
- You are taller than me. [Pupil will be expected to correct the examiner.]
- Who is the best tennis player/swimmer/etc.?
- What is the difference between an elephant and a mouse?

#### Expressing likes and dislikes

- Do you like rock music?
- What kind of music do you like?
- What do you like doing in your free time?
- Tell me what you like and don't like about school.
- What foods do you like and dislike?

#### Describing manner and frequency

- How often do you make your bed?
- How often do you tidy your room?
- Do you often play computer games?
- Do you go swimming frequently?
- Tell me about what you do in the morning after you wake up.