Stage 1 English as an Additional Language

Assessment Type 1: Responding to Texts (short stories – literary texts)

**Task 3**

**Activity**

1. Choose one short story from any of these collections.

Adichie, C *The Thing Around Your Neck*

Baillie, A *A Taste of Cockroach*

Ellis, D *Lunch with Lenin and Other Stories* or *Children of War*

Harris, C *Fortune Cookie*

MacLeod, A, *Island: Collected Stories*

Nam, L *The Boat*

Tan, S *Tales from Outer Suburbia*

1. Read the selected short story.
2. Produce an oral presentation about the story to present to the class in a live presentation *or* record to show to the class in the form of a digital presentation such as a video or a photo story.
3. The oral should include the following:

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| **Performance standard** | **How to show evidence in your work** |
| Comprehension and interpretation of the information, ideas and opinions in the short story (Cp1) | Explain what the story is about. (e.g. the plot)  Explain the main ideas. (e.g. is it about revenge, death, racism, love etc.) |
| Analyse the personal, social and cultural perspectives in the short story (An1) | Explain the author’s opinion about these ideas. How do you know?   * For example, in a short story about war it might be clear that the author is against war or in a short story about love the author’s opinion might be that there is no such thing as true love.   Can you tell if the author is from a particular social or cultural group? How? Does this influence the ideas in the story?   * For example, is the author writing from the perspective of a woman, a refugee, an African, a journalist, a husband etc and does this influence what they are writing? |
| Selection of evidence and examples (Ap2) | Explain what makes you think this is the author’s opinion? Provide evidence from the short story such as a quote or an event from the short story to illustrate this |
| Use clear and coherent spoken expression (C1) | Rehearse your speech before you present or record it. |

An oral or multimodal presentation should be up to 5 minutes in length.