Pathway	Year 8		Descriptors
3	Foundation Words: 20-30 Speaking 20-30 secs	✓⊙	I am able to write a paragraph that includes foundation opinions and justifications and the verbs are generally correctly conjugated. My work is generally accurate. My target is to include a wider range of foundation+ vocabulary.
4	Foundation+ Words: 30-40 Speaking: 3040 secs	✓⊙	I am able to write a paragraph that includes a wider range of foundation+ vocabulary and a wider range of foundation+ opinions; I can also use foundation+ connectives and justifications. My work is mostly accurate and my verbs are mostly correctly conjugated. My target is to include verbs conjugated to talk about another person and include more standard level vocabulary.
5	Standard Words: 40-60 Speaking: 40-60 secs	✓⊙	I am able to write a paragraph that includes standard vocabulary and a wider range of standard opinions; I can also use standard connectives and justifications. I show that I can confidently conjugate verbs to talk about another person. My work is mostly accurate. My target is to be able to use another tense and more extended level vocabulary.
6	Extended Words: 60-100 Speaking: 1-1.5 mins	✓⊙	I am able to produce work that uses extended vocabulary, opinions, connectives and justifications and I can also use another tense. I demonstrate an excellent ability to conjugate verbs and justify my extended opinions My target is to be able to use two tenses confidently and include verbs conjugated to talk about another person in the second tense.
7	Advanced Words: 100-150 Speaking: 2-2.5 mins	✓⊙	I am able to write a number of extended paragraphs using advanced level vocabulary, opinions, connectives and justifications and I show an excellent ability to conjugate verbs in two tenses which talk about different people and other's opinions. I justify and explain my opinions confidently and my work is mostly accurate. I can apply my knowledge of grammar and vocabulary to a variety of contexts. My target is to use three tenses correctly and include advanced+ vocabulary.
8	Advanced+ Words: 150-200 Speaking: 2.5-3 mins	✓⊙	I can write a longer text, which shows I am highly confident in manipulating verbs in three tenses. I extend my work with advanced+ opinions and justifications and also describe the opinions of others correctly. My work is highly accurate. I can apply my knowledge of grammar and vocabulary to a variety of contexts and I use a broad range of advanced+ vocabulary. My target is to use an even greater range of vocabulary and use the third tense to talk about others.
9	Exceptional Words: 80-300 Speaking: 3-5 mins	✓⊙	I may be a native or nearly native speaker and I am working at an above outstanding level for my year group. I show that I have an exceptional ability to apply and process new knowledge in a wide range of contexts asking. My target is to demonstrate that I can be proficient with advanced level grammar and vocabulary in a variety of new contexts.