

## Grading new GCSEs

New grading structure	Former grading structure
9	A*
8	
7	
6	B
5	C
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3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

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## Nine things you should know about 9 to 1 GCSE grades

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**9** GCSEs in England are being reformed and will be graded with a new scale from 9 to 1, with 9 being the highest grade.

**8** New GCSE content will be more challenging.

**7** Fewer grade 9s will be awarded than A\*s.

**6** English language, English literature and maths were the first to be graded from 9 to 1 in 2017.

**5** Another 20 subjects will have 9 to 1 grading in 2018, with most others following in 2019. During this transition, students will receive a mixture of letter and number grades.

**4** The new grades are being brought in to signal that GCSEs have been reformed and to better differentiate between students of different abilities.

**3** In the first year each new GCSE subject is introduced, broadly the same proportion of students will get grades 1, 4 and 7 and above as would have got grades G, C and A and above respectively in the old system.

**2** Regulators in Wales and Northern Ireland are not introducing the new 9 to 1 grading scale as part of the changes to GCSEs in their jurisdictions.



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You can see how the 9 to 1 grades compare with the A\* to G scale in the infographic overleaf.

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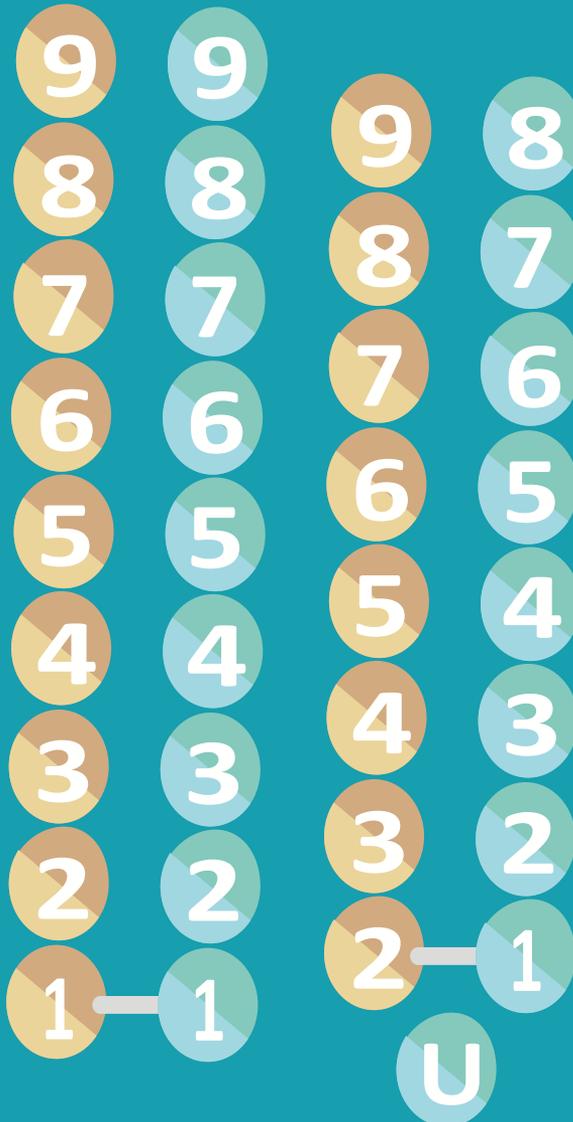
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# GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE

## DOUBLE AWARD GRADE COMBINATIONS



## Science GCSEs are changing in England

- Students do at least 8 practical activities (16 for combined science) covering specific apparatus and techniques.
  - Exam questions about practical work make up at least 15% of the total marks for the qualification.
  - As with all reformed GCSEs, the content is more challenging than previous GCSEs graded A\* to G.
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Each single science will be worth one GCSE grade.

Combined science will be an award worth 2 GCSEs.

- Students taking separate science GCSEs will get a grade from 9 to 1 for each subject, with 9 being the highest grade.
- Students studying combined science will receive an award worth two GCSEs, consisting of two equal or adjacent grades from 9 to 1 (9-9, 9-8, 8-8, 8-7, 7-7...to 1-1).
- If the numbers are different, the highest number will always be reported on the left.
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