Where Did That Mark Come From?  
How Levelling Works

How Do Teachers Mark School Work?
Teachers now use a levelling system instead of a marking system when assessing student work.

What is a Level?
A level is a number system that indicates how well a student has understood a concept or met an expectation.

What do the Levels Mean?

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Who decides on the Levels?
Levels are based on the curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education.

How do Students and Parents know what do is Expected?
Teachers create and use rubrics or success criteria to present expectations and to assess student achievement.

What is a Rubric?
A Rubric is a chart that lists the expectations or criteria along with what it takes for a student to earn a level on a specific assignment or task.
Who Makes the Rubrics or Success Criteria?
Teachers often create their own rubrics or success criteria based on curriculum and tailor them to a specific class lesson or assignment.

**Why might the levels on a Rubric not match a final grade?**
Although rubrics or success criteria are used to organize the different aspects of an assignment, often some criteria from the rubric may be weighted differently. It is the professional judgement of the teacher that decides the overall level that a student will receive on an assignment.