

AQA Mathematics 7357

Command Word Guide & Grade Boundary Tracker

Grade Boundaries

Session	A*	A	B	C	D	E
Jun 2025	260	221	183	145	108	71

Out of 300 (overall qualification — Papers 1, 2, 3). Source: AQA published subject grade boundaries, June 2025. Always verify current boundaries at aqa.org.uk.

Command Word Mastery

Mark schemes for AQA 7357 attach specific meaning to each command word below. Misreading one of these costs marks a student's working had already earned.

Command Word	What It Demands	Common Student Error	Workshop Fix
Prove / Show that	A complete, logically structured argument in formal mathematical language — every step justified	Working that "jumps" between steps without stating the justification AQA mark schemes require	Anatomy phase: Paper 1 proof questions deconstructed against AQA mark scheme language
Verify	Substitute the given value and confirm it satisfies the condition, with substitution and result shown	Stating "this satisfies the equation" without showing the substitution step that earns the mark	Drill phase: "Verify" questions drilled until substitute-and-state becomes automatic
Model	State the modelling assumption explicitly (e.g. "string is light and inextensible") before using it	Using a modelling assumption implicitly, without the separate stated step AQA requires	Close phase: peer comparison shows which students state assumptions automatically
Interpret	For Statistics, explain what a calculated value means in the context of the question	Performing the correct calculation but not relating the result back to the context	Open Forum: rapid "interpret" drills linking statistical results back to the scenario