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# Cambridge English: Support for teachers



Cambridge ESOL's expertise and experience has created an unparalleled range of English language qualifications to help learners, whatever their ability or circumstances. They transform the lives of millions of students, employees and migrants by opening doors to new opportunities.

Our exams also meet the specific English language needs of employers, schools, higher education and governments worldwide.







We recognise the importance of supporting teachers so that they can help students unlock their ability to learn. As part of our educational mission, Cambridge ESOL shares its knowledge and expertise with educators and provides a comprehensive range of support materials for teachers.

Just like our exams, our support materials are underpinned by extensive research and are created by experts in the fields of linguistics and teaching.

By helping teachers grow in knowledge and confidence, we believe that together we can make teaching and learning more enjoyable and help learners achieve their full potential.

Dr Michael Milanovic  
Chief Executive  
Cambridge ESOL

## Key to symbols used in this brochure:

-  Downloadable
-  Online or computer-based content
-  Published material:
-  Payment needed
-  Free
-  Coming soon

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# Support for Teachers

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## Face-to-face support

### Teacher seminars

We offer more than 500 seminars every year in more than 30 countries.

Our seminar programme covers all the Cambridge English exams, and ranges from introductory sessions for teachers new to a particular exam, to more in-depth sessions covering the specific requirements of a specific paper.

Seminars provide:

- detailed information on the relevant exam
- an overview of what examiners look for when assessing candidates' answers
- teaching tips
- a chance to discuss the exam with other teachers and with the presenter.

For more information visit [www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org) or contact your nearest Cambridge ESOL office or exam centre - [www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres).



# Online Support

## Teacher Support website

The Cambridge ESOL Teacher Support website is an invaluable, user-friendly resource for all teachers preparing learners for Cambridge English exams.

Key features include:

- free downloadable resources (including full lesson plans) plus an area where teachers can upload their own teaching ideas
- 'Advice for Teachers' section offering teaching tips and strategies for every paper of each exam
- events area that allows you to search for events and conferences by location and exam
- discussion forums
- links to publishers and published material
- access to exam Handbooks, sample papers, exam reports, and further information on teaching awards.

Visit the Teacher Support website at [www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org)

## Blended learning and self-study online courses

Cambridge ESOL has worked with partners to develop a range of high-quality blended learning and self-study (100% online) courses to support teachers and learners.

- *IELTS Academic Blended Learning Course* (4.5–5.5)
- *IELTS Academic Blended Learning Course* (6.0–7.5)
- *IELTS Academic Self-study Course* (4.5–7.5)
- *IELTS General Training Self-study Course* (4.5–7.5)
- *BULATS Blended Learning Course* (B1–C1)
- *BULATS Self-study Course* (B1–C1)

- *Cambridge Financial English: Blended Learning Course* (B2)
- *Cambridge B1 Course Online* – coming soon
- *Cambridge CELTA Course Online* – in development

For more information about our range of online courses, go to: [www.CambridgeESOL.org/online-courses](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/online-courses)

## New Online Practice Tests

*Online Practice Tests* have been designed by Cambridge ESOL to familiarise learners with the format of the real exams and help them prepare for the paper-based (PB) and computer-based (CB) exams.

Individuals can buy an *Online Practice Test* for their own use or teachers and tuition providers can buy class sets to give to their students for exam preparation.

*Online Practice Tests* can be taken either in learner mode or test mode. The learner mode offers a range of help features to give added support in answering practice test questions. Test mode recreates the conditions of the CB exam as closely as possible.

Each *Online Practice Test* contains:

- tutorials to show learners how to complete the test (these play at the beginning of each part of the test, e.g. Reading)
- full practice test for Reading, Writing, Listening and Use of English (where applicable)
- automatic scoring for Reading, Listening and Use of English when appropriate (sample answers are mostly provided for Writing)
- a detailed score report and answer feedback.

Find out more and try a free sample of an *Online Practice Test* at [www.CambridgeESOL.org/online-practice-tests](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/online-practice-tests)



## Computer-based Practice Tests

These tests allow you to see a sample of what a computer-based (CB) test will be like and show the types of questions that will appear in the live exam. These are free to download for users.

Tests are available for:

**CB Cambridge English: Key**  
*Key English Test (KET)*

**CB Cambridge English: Key for Schools**  
*Key English Test for Schools (KET for Schools)*

**CB Cambridge English: Preliminary**  
*Preliminary English Test (PET)*

**CB Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools**  
*Preliminary English Test for Schools (PET for Schools)*

**CB Cambridge English: First**  
*First Certificate in English (FCE)*

**CB Cambridge English: Advanced**  
*Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)*

**CB Business English Certificate: Preliminary**  
*BEC Preliminary*

**CB Business English Certificate: Vantage**  
*BEC Vantage*

**CB Business English Certificate: Higher**  
*BEC Higher*

**CB Teaching Knowledge Test**  
*TKT*

For downloads and system requirements for users:  
[www.CambridgeESOL.org/computer-based-practice](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/computer-based-practice)



## Useful support websites

Teacher Support  
[www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org)

Main Cambridge ESOL website  
[www.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org)

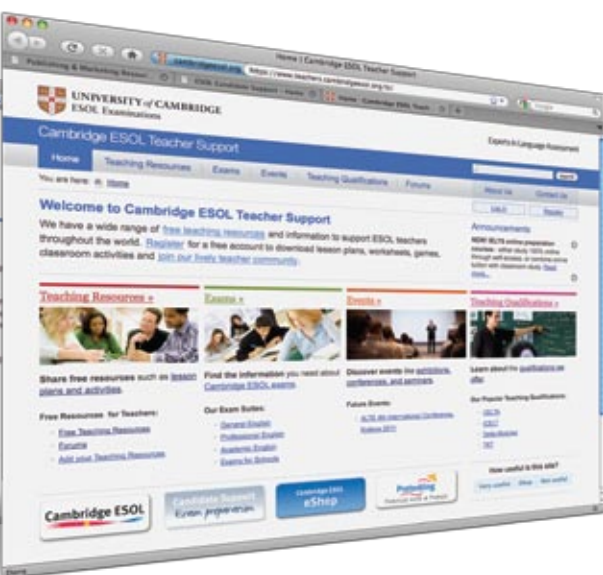
Test your English online  
[www.CambridgeESOL.org/testyourenglish](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/testyourenglish)

Practice with a free pre-test  
[www.CambridgeESOL.org/pretest](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/pretest)

Candidate Support  
[www.candidates.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.candidates.CambridgeESOL.org)

Results Verification for candidates  
<http://verification.CambridgeESOLonline.org>

Cambridge English for Schools  
[www.Schools.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.Schools.CambridgeESOL.org)



# Printed support

## Speaking Test Preparation Packs

*Speaking Test Preparation Packs* are comprehensive teacher resource packs from Cambridge ESOL to help teachers who are preparing students to take the Speaking test.

Written by experienced examiners, each pack provides clear explanations of what each part of the Speaking test involves. The step-by-step guidance and practical exercises help students develop their speaking skills so that they perform with confidence on the day of the test.

Each *Speaking Test Preparation Pack* consists of:

- Teachers' Notes, which explain in detail how to use the Student Worksheets in class
- Student Worksheets, which can be photocopied
- a set of candidate visuals to use in class for realistic Speaking test practice
- a DVD showing students taking a Speaking Test so that candidates have a clear idea of what is expected when they take the test.

For more details:

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/speaking-test-packs](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/speaking-test-packs)

## Handbooks for Teachers and Exam Reports

Each handbook includes:

- the full specification for the exam
- guides to each of the papers or components
- full sample papers
- audio files for the listening paper
- detailed information on how the exam is assessed.

Exam reports give an overview of candidate performance in each of the exam papers, as well as providing tips for effective candidate preparation.

Copies can be downloaded from

[www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org)

## Top Tips revision guides

*Top Tips* is a series of candidate revision guides written by Cambridge ESOL examiners with many years' experience of setting and marking Cambridge English exams.

The series covers the following Cambridge English exams: *Preliminary (PET)*, *First (FCE)*, *Advanced (CAE)* and also *IELTS Academic* and *General Training*.

Each guide provides candidates with essential advice ('tips') for each part of the exam papers, and includes:

In the book:

- clear examples and explanations to show exactly what each tip means
- general tips for each paper to help with revision
- sections on how to revise and what to do on the day of the exam.

On the CD-ROM:

- a complete examination paper so that candidates know what to expect when they take the exam
- answer key and sample answers (for the Writing paper) so that candidates can check their performance
- a video of a Speaking test to give a clear idea of what is expected when candidates take the test.

*Top Tips for IELTS Academic* and *Top Tips for IELTS General Training* have been produced in collaboration with the British Council.

For more details: [www.CambridgeESOL.org/top-tips](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/top-tips)

## Research Journals

*Research Notes* is a quarterly journal covering Cambridge ESOL's extensive research and validation programme, which includes reports on a wide range of academic and practical research issues related to language assessment.

*Research Notes* can be downloaded from

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/support](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/support)



## Official IELTS Practice Materials

Volume 1: Official IELTS Practice Materials (updated March 2009)  
Volume 2: Official IELTS Practice Materials 2

The *Official IELTS Practice Materials* are recommended for anyone who wants to improve their *IELTS Academic* or *General Training* test band score or test if their English is at the required level to take *IELTS*. Each volume contains completely different material and both volumes are approved by the *IELTS* partners: The British Council, Cambridge ESOL and IDP: IELTS Australia.

The Practice Materials (Volume 1 CD/Volume 2 DVD) provide complete samples of the Reading, Listening, Writing and Speaking tests, together with sample answers for candidates to test themselves.

Each book contains:

- practice tests for Listening, Speaking, Academic Reading and Writing, General Training Reading and Writing
- Listening, Reading and Writing answer sheets
- Listening and Reading practice test answer keys
- Listening tapescripts
- sample candidate Writing responses and examiner comments
- sample candidate Speaking tests and examiner comments.

Each CD/DVD contains a complete Listening Test and three examples of candidates taking the Speaking Test.

For more details:

[www.ielts-preparation.org/ielts-practice-materials](http://www.ielts-preparation.org/ielts-practice-materials)

### How to order support products

For more information about how to order support products, including how to order online, go to

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/how-to-order](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/how-to-order)



## Past Paper Packs

These are specially designed to provide everything students need to experience authentic classroom practice for the exam. Teachers can choose to focus on particular parts of each paper or conduct a practice exam in the classroom. *Past Paper Packs* allow teachers to recreate the conditions of the exam as closely as possible.

The *Past Paper Packs* offer useful examination practice for teachers and tuition providers wanting to prepare their candidates for the exam day.

Each pack comes with:

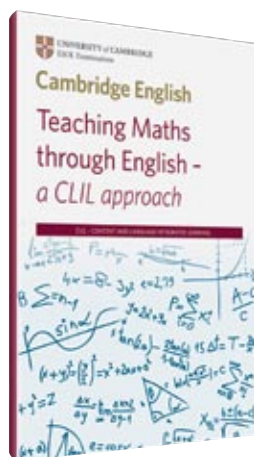
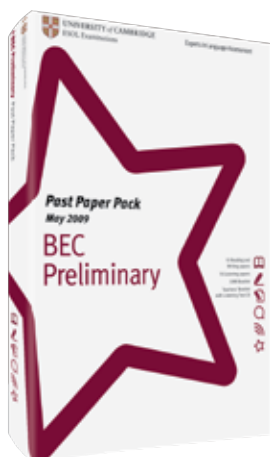
- a class set of ten reusable exam papers
- a teacher booklet containing answer keys, mark schemes, tapescripts, Speaking test materials and assessment criteria
- a separate booklet with photocopiable materials, including answer sheets, which allow the packs to be used again and again
- a CD with audio recordings for the Listening paper.

For more details:

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/past-paper-packs](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/past-paper-packs)

## A CLIL approach to teaching

Cambridge ESOL's first CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) publication – **Teaching Maths through English** – a CLIL Approach – is available as a free PDF download at: [www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org).



# Professional support for teachers

Cambridge ESOL's internationally recognised Teaching Awards and examinations provide a route into the English Language teaching profession for new teachers and first-class career development opportunities for experienced teachers.

For more information about teaching awards and tests go to

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/teaching](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/teaching)

## Overview of Teaching Awards and tests for teachers

		Item availability (see Key below)	Teaching Awards and tests								
			TKT: Modules 1, 2, 3 Teaching Knowledge Test	TKT: Practical Teaching Knowledge Test: Practical	TKT: CLIL Teaching Knowledge Test: Content and Language Integrated Learning	TKT: KAL Teaching Knowledge Test: Knowledge About Language	TKT: YL* Teaching Knowledge Test: Young Learners	CELTA Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults	Delta: Module One Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Delta: Module Two Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Delta: Module Three Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
Candidate requirements	Minimum suggested language level Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)		B1	B1	B1	B2	B1	C2/C1	C2/C1	C2/C1	C2/C1
	Teaching experience			🟡					🟡	🟡	🟡
	Previous qualifications/training		Not essential	Not essential	Not essential	Not essential	Not essential	Qualifications which allow access to HE	An initial teaching qualification	An initial teaching qualification	An initial teaching qualification
	Teaching age group		Primary, secondary or adults	Primary, secondary or adults	Primary, secondary or adults	Primary, secondary or adults	Primary or secondary	Adults	Primary, secondary or adults	Primary, secondary or adults	Primary, secondary or adults
	Can be taken pre-service		🟡		🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡			
Test features	Paper-based test (PB)		🟡		🟡	🟡	🟡		🟡		
	Scheduled test dates		🟡						🟡		
	Course attendance required							🟡		🟡	
	Assessed teaching practice			🟡				🟡		🟡	
	Continuous assessment							🟡		🟡	
	Involves coursework							🟡		🟡	
	Computer-based test (CB)		🟡								
Support	Candidate exam information	🖱️	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡
	Computer-based (CB) practice test	📄	🟡								
	Online Blended Learning Course	🖱️						🟡**			
	Handbook for Teachers/Sample papers/Listening test files	📖	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡		🟡	🟡	🟡
	Exam reports for centres	📄							🟡	🟡	🟡
	Teacher Support website	🖱️	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡	🟡

Key: 📄 Downloadable 🖱️ Online or Computer-based content 📖 Published material 🟡 Coming soon

\* Available from January 2011 \*\* Available from August 2011

## Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT) <sup>P</sup>

### Flexible learning for language teachers

TKT is divided into separate modules. You can take all of the modules, or choose a selection of them. There is total flexibility in how and when you take your modules and over which time period.

**Every candidate receives a certificate for each module taken.**

The modules are divided into two main areas:

### TKT - core modules

There are four core modules designed to provide a foundation in the practice and principles of language teaching.

- **Module 1** – Background to language teaching
- **Module 2** – Planning for language teaching
- **Module 3** – Classroom management
- **TKT: Practical** – Assessment of teaching competence

### TKT – specialist modules

These modules form introductions to specialist areas of language teaching and can be used completely independently or added to the core modules.

- **TKT: CLIL** – *Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)* focuses on teaching curriculum subjects through the medium of a second or third language.
- **TKT: KAL** – *Knowledge About Language (KAL)* is an introduction to an understanding of the mechanics of language that all language teachers will find useful.
- **TKT: YL** – *Young Learners (YL)* an introduction to the background knowledge related to teaching young learners in the 6-12 age range.

## Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA) <sup>P</sup>

CELTA is an initial qualification for people with little or no previous teaching experience.

The CELTA course focuses on the principles of effective teaching and a range of practical skills for teaching English to adult learners. The course includes hands-on teaching practice.

There are three main topic areas:

- Learners and teachers and the teaching and learning context
- Language analysis and awareness
- Language skills (reading, listening, speaking and writing, planning and resources for different contexts), and developing teaching skills and professionalism.



## Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages (Delta Modules) <sup>P</sup>

Delta is a flexible modular qualification that can be taken at any stage in a teacher's career and is intended for first language teachers of English.

Delta consists of three independent modules:

- Module one focuses on the background to teaching and learning
- Module two focuses on developing professional practice
- Module three focuses on a specialist option (e.g. young learners, English for special purposes, one-to-one teaching).

The modules can be taken individually or in any combination. Each module is separately certified allowing teachers to receive credit for each module successfully completed. A candidate successfully completing all three modules is awarded the Delta qualification.

# Cambridge English – Examinations and

Cambridge English offers the world's most valuable range of English examinations and qualifications for language learners and teachers. Our exams range from entry-level tests for children to high-level qualifications for academic and specific business purposes.

For more information about the full range of Cambridge English exams go to [www.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org)

The scope and range of the assessment we offer is matched by the range of products we supply for supporting candidates, teachers, tuition providers and centres.

By reading across the list of exams below and following your chosen exam down the table, you can easily see what support is available to order.

For more information about how to order support products, go to [www.CambridgeESOL.org/how-to-order](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/how-to-order)

More dates, more flexibility,  
more choice

In addition to standard paper-based exam papers, Cambridge English exams are increasingly available as computer-based and

A comprehensive range of Cambridge English exams to suit your needs		Item availability (see Key below)	General and for Schools English				
			YLE Young Learners English Tests	Key Key English Test (KET)	Key for Schools Key English Test for Schools (KET for Schools)	Preliminary	
<b>Level(s)</b>	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)		up to A2	A2	A2	B1	
<b>Product options</b>	Computer-based test (CB)			●	●	●	
	Online test						
	Paper-based test (PB)		○	●	●	●	
	Scheduled test dates			●	●	●	
	Paper-based test targeted at school-aged candidates		○		●		
<b>Online support</b>	Candidate exam information		○	●	●	●	
	Information for Candidates downloadable booklet		○	●	●	●	
	Candidate Support website ( <a href="http://www.candidates.CambridgeESOL.org">www.candidates.CambridgeESOL.org</a> )		○	●	●	●	
	Computer-based practice test			●	●	●	
	Handbook for Teachers/Sample papers/Listening test files.		○	●	●	●	
	Examination reports		○	●	●	●	
	Online practice test	P	🖱		●	●	●
	Online Blended Learning Course	P	🖱				CS
	Online Self-study Course	P	🖱				
Teacher Support website ( <a href="http://www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org">www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org</a> )		🖱	○	●	●	●	
<b>Printed support</b>	<i>Official IELTS Practice Materials</i> (1 and 2)	P	📖				
	Handbook for Teachers/Sample papers/Listening test CD	F	📖	○	●	●	●
	<i>Past Paper Packs</i>	P	📖		●	●	●
	<i>Speaking Test Preparation Packs</i>	P	📖		●	●	●
	<i>Top Tips</i> revision guides	P	📖				●

# Support products at a glance

online tests, offering candidates more choice about when and how to take an exam.

Computer-based tests are ideal for candidates more comfortable with a keyboard and mouse than with paper and pencil. They also offer more exam dates throughout the year and permit shorter registration times - some exams allow candidates to register as little as a week before taking their test.

Some of our exam papers are also available in versions featuring content particularly targeted at the interests and experience of school-aged learners.

The table below gives you useful information about the formats in which each exam is available.

## The right level

The Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is the standard benchmark used internationally to describe language ability. It plays a central role in language and education policy worldwide. All of our English language exams are developed in accordance with the CEFR and the chart below shows you the level at which each exam is assessed.

To learn more go to [www.CambridgeESOL.org/CEFR](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/CEFR)

			Academic and Professional English						Business English						UK Only
Preliminary English Test (PET)	Preliminary English Test for Schools (PET for Schools)	First Certificate in English for Schools (FCE for Schools)	First Certificate in English (FCE)	Advanced Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	IELTS: Academic	IELTS: General Training	BEC: Preliminary Business English Certificate Preliminary	BEC: Vantage Business English Certificate Vantage	BEC: Higher Business English Certificate Higher	ILEC International Legal English Certificate	ICFE International Certificate in Financial English	BULATS Business Language Testing Service	Cambridge ESOL ESOL Skills for Life	
B1	B2	B2	B2	C1	C2	up to C2	up to C2	B1	B2	C1	B2-C1	B2-C1	Up to C2	A1-C1	
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## How to order support products

For more information about how to order support products go to:  
[www.CambridgeESOL.org/how-to-order](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/how-to-order)

## How to register for exams

For all tests except *IELTS*<sup>\*</sup>, speak to your nearest Cambridge ESOL testing centre. We have more than 2,500 centres in over 130 countries who all meet our high standards of exam administration, integrity, security and customer service.

Centre staff have all the latest information about our exams and the support available. Find your nearest centre at:  
[www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres)

<sup>\*</sup>For *IELTS* information and a full list of *IELTS* centres worldwide:  
[www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

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[www.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org)



## UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE ESOL Examinations

University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL) develops and produces Cambridge English, the world's leading range of qualifications for learners and teachers of English. Cambridge ESOL is one of three exam boards which form Cambridge Assessment – a not-for-profit department of the University of Cambridge.

Over three million people in 130 countries choose Cambridge English exams each year. Around the world 11,000 universities, employers, government ministries and other organisations rely on our certificates as proof of English language ability. Cambridge English exams are underpinned by the work of the largest dedicated research team of any UK language test provider. As experts in language assessment we advise governments internationally on language education policy and are active partners in projects delivering key language objectives for the European Union.

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