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ESOL Examinations

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Support for teachers

Resources and support for English
language teachers from the people
who bring you the exams

Teaching
Support

University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations provides the world's leading range of examinations and tests for teachers and learners of English as a second or foreign language. Cambridge ESOL exams are recognised by universities, employers and official bodies throughout the world, and are accredited within many state education systems.

Leading standards

Cambridge ESOL exams are known for their exceptionally high standards of fairness, reliability and relevance to the needs of language learners, and are closely linked to the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Modern Languages*. They are supported by an extensive programme of academic and practical research and validation activities. The Research and Validation Group is also responsible for the operational analyses of the administration cycle of exams – exam production, exam conduct, marking and grading, and post-exam evaluation.

Supporting teachers worldwide

Cambridge ESOL also offers an unparalleled range of qualifications specifically designed to allow language teachers of all levels of experience – and those new to teaching – to develop and demonstrate their professional skills. The CELTA and DELTA qualifications are recognised by schools and other institutions throughout the world, and remain acknowledged leaders in the field.

A particularly important element in Cambridge ESOL's work is the provision of support for teachers who are preparing candidates for the exams. We see this as a fundamental priority in our mission to provide learners throughout the world with access to language assessment of the highest possible quality. By providing teachers with the knowledge and skills they need to help prepare candidates more effectively, we are helping to raise the standards of language teaching. At the same time – as we aim to take much of the speculation out of exam preparation – we hope to make life easier and more rewarding for teachers.

We support teachers in three ways – online, in print and face to face.

1. Online

We publish a wide range of information on the web to help teachers to understand the exams and to prepare candidates more effectively. There is no charge for access to any of Cambridge ESOL's online services.

Teaching Resources website www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach

Our Teaching Resources website is an invaluable source of information and support for teachers, covering the full range of Cambridge ESOL exams. The Teaching Resources for each exam include:

- the syllabus for the exam
- detailed information on each of the papers
- information on assessment of the components
- teaching tips
- classroom activities
- ready-made lesson plans.

The content of the Teaching Resources is constantly extended and renewed. Users of the Teaching Resources can sign up for a monthly newsletter which will help them

- to keep up to date with developments in the exams
- be informed of new publications from major publishers
- gain hints and tips on preparing candidates for the exams.

Cambridge ESOL website www.CambridgeESOL.org

In addition to the Teaching Resources website, our main website contains a wealth of material which teachers will find useful, including:

- downloadable handbooks
- exam reports
- links to exam centres
- links to other partners
- links to dedicated Cambridge ESOL sites in many of the countries in which we work.

The Research section of the site includes a great deal of information on the Cambridge ESOL activities that produce and run the exams, in addition to the research programme on classroom practice, learning and teaching issues, impact on learning styles, computer-based testing and many other areas of academic investigation.

Common European Framework

There is detailed information on the Council of Europe's *Common European Framework of Reference for Modern Languages* and the ALTE Can Do Statements (available from www.ALTE.com), which will help teachers to understand how the exams relate to international standards and to the particular language skills that learners can typically be expected to have mastered at each level (www.cambridgeESOL.org/exams/cef.htm).



2. In print

We produce a wide range of publications that help teachers to understand the exams and to prepare their candidates more effectively. Most of these are available for a small charge. Handbooks, newsletters and exam reports can be downloaded free from www.CambridgeESOL.org/support

Handbooks

Each of these detailed guides includes:

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

Copies can be downloaded in PDF format from www.CambridgeESOL.org/support

Newsletters

- *Cambridge First* – a quarterly update from Cambridge ESOL providing up to date information on developments in the exams and how they are used around the world.
- *Research Notes* – 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.



Print copies of *Cambridge First* and *Research Notes* are available on request from Cambridge ESOL; and PDF versions can be downloaded from www.CambridgeESOL.org/support

Exam reports

Our exam reports for Main Suite (KET, PET, FCE, CAE, CPE) and YLE give an overview of candidate performance in each of the exam papers and tips for effective candidate preparation. They are available for download in PDF format from www.CambridgeESOL.org/support



Past Papers

- *Past Papers*
Full sets of question papers for different exam sessions, produced in a convenient booklet with mark schemes and answer keys are accompanied by an audio CD of the Listening test.
- *Speaking Test Video Packs*
These are detailed teachers' guides and worksheets for the Speaking tests for each of the examinations, together with a video recording of the complete Speaking test and notes on the performance of the candidates shown on the video.

Order forms for purchasing Past Papers and Speaking Test Video Packs can be downloaded from www.CambridgeESOL.org/support/pastpapers.htm

There is also a huge range of material published by many of the world's leading publishers of language learning materials. Publishers in the UK and elsewhere produce course-books, teachers' guides and learning materials specifically linked to each of our exams.



3. Face to face

Cambridge ESOL values the opportunity to provide teachers with information, materials and support in a face to face capacity at language teaching conferences and at our own Cambridge ESOL teacher seminars, which are presented by experienced and knowledgeable trainers.

Teacher seminars

We offer an extensive programme of training for teachers through the Cambridge ESOL Teacher Seminar Programme, with over 500 seminars every year in more than 30 countries. The seminar programme covers the full range of Cambridge ESOL exams, and ranges from introductory sessions for teachers new to a particular exam, to more in-depth seminars covering the specific requirements of a particular paper. Each seminar provides:

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

Some seminars are organised by Cambridge ESOL itself, while others are arranged locally by our network of authorised exam centres. All seminars are customised to the needs of the country in which they take place, and are delivered by members of our presenter team, using high quality training and information materials. For details of the Cambridge ESOL seminar programme, visit www.CambridgeESOL.org/support/seminars or contact your nearest Cambridge ESOL exam centre.

Conferences

We also attend the leading language teaching conferences around the world, and are happy to meet teachers at these events where we can often provide useful background information and answers to questions. As often as possible, our presenters or members of our research team present papers and workshops.

Cambridge ESOL's internationally recognised Teaching Awards are taken by over 12,000 people every year. They provide a route into the English Language teaching profession for new teachers and first class career development opportunities for experienced teachers.

Cambridge ESOL Teaching Awards – Qualifications for Teachers

TKT

(Teaching Knowledge Test)

Our newest teaching qualification is a flexible and accessible test of the core teaching knowledge needed by teachers, whatever their background and teaching experience.

CELTA

(Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults)

For people wanting to teach English to adult learners, CELTA is the best known and most widely taken initial TESOL/TEFL qualification of its kind in the world.

CELTYL

(Certificate in English Language Teaching to Young Learners)

This is the qualification for teachers wanting to specialise in teaching English to children or teenagers.

ICELT

(In-service Certificate in English Language Teaching)

ICELT will help teachers already teaching English to improve their skills in the context in which they are currently working.

Certificate in Further Education Teaching Stage 3 with the Certificate for ESOL Subject Specialists

This qualification is for teachers who have chosen to teach English in Further, Adult and Community Education in England and Wales.

DELTA

(Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults)

The diploma, highly regarded worldwide, is for teachers who already have substantial teaching experience and are actively pursuing career development.

IDLTM

(International Diploma in Language Teaching Management)

This diploma is for language teaching professionals looking to take on management responsibility.

Further information on each of these awards is available from www.CambridgeESOL.org/teaching

Further Information

Cambridge ESOL exams are provided by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations ('Cambridge ESOL').

Cambridge ESOL is a part of the University of Cambridge. It exists to provide language learners and teachers in a wide variety of situations with access to a range of high quality international exams, tests and teachers' awards, which will help them to achieve their life goals and have a positive impact on their learning and professional development experience.

For more information on the Cambridge ESOL exams, please visit

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