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English language qualifications that change lives

Developing exams
and assessing performance
for over 140 years


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Communicating effectively is the key
to success in the 21st century

“ The way we communicate with
others...ultimately determines
the quality of our lives. ”

Tony Robbins, motivational speaker and writer



Preparing students for a changing world

Life in the 21st century is more interconnected, competitive and challenging than ever. But, for people who can communicate effectively in English – in person, in writing and online – the opportunities for study and work are growing too.

Increasingly, it's not just the language you know, it's what you can do with that language that makes the difference to success in life.

That's why, at Trinity College London, we build real-life communication and performance into our assessments.

Discover Trinity

Trinity is an international exam board and independent educational charity that has been providing external assessments around the world since 1877.

We specialise in the assessment of communicative and performance skills covering music, drama, combined arts and English language. With over 850,000 candidates in more than 60 countries worldwide, Trinity qualifications are specifically designed to help students progress.

Our heritage as an English language, music and drama exam board allows us to combine our understanding of performance and communication with that of language, to offer a range of qualifications in English with unique benefits.

Our assessments are enjoyable to prepare for, rewarding to teach and they develop the skills needed for real life.

Exams that have a positive impact

- ▶ Students who are confident, effective communicators
- ▶ Teaching that motivates and engages students
- ▶ Lessons that are lively, enjoyable and relevant to the future
- ▶ Schools that prepare students for success



There's a Trinity English exam suitable for each student, with flexible pathways and international recognition

As always, the examiner was excellent and gave useful comments during the feedback session.

School teacher, Cadiz, Spain

International recognition

Trinity exams are externally regulated in the UK and trusted by universities, educational authorities and commercial organisations around the world as robust evidence of English language proficiency.

Professional support

We provide teachers with resources and expert professional support, and give administrative staff direct access to our online exam management system, Trinity Online. You will always have the support you need from your local Trinity team.

Convenience

Our examiners travel to your institution to conduct speaking and listening exams. These exams can be arranged for a date that is convenient for you, so they can be used in any course of study whether long or short. Reading and writing exams can also be held on your premises, and are available on specific dates throughout the year.

Celebrating achievement

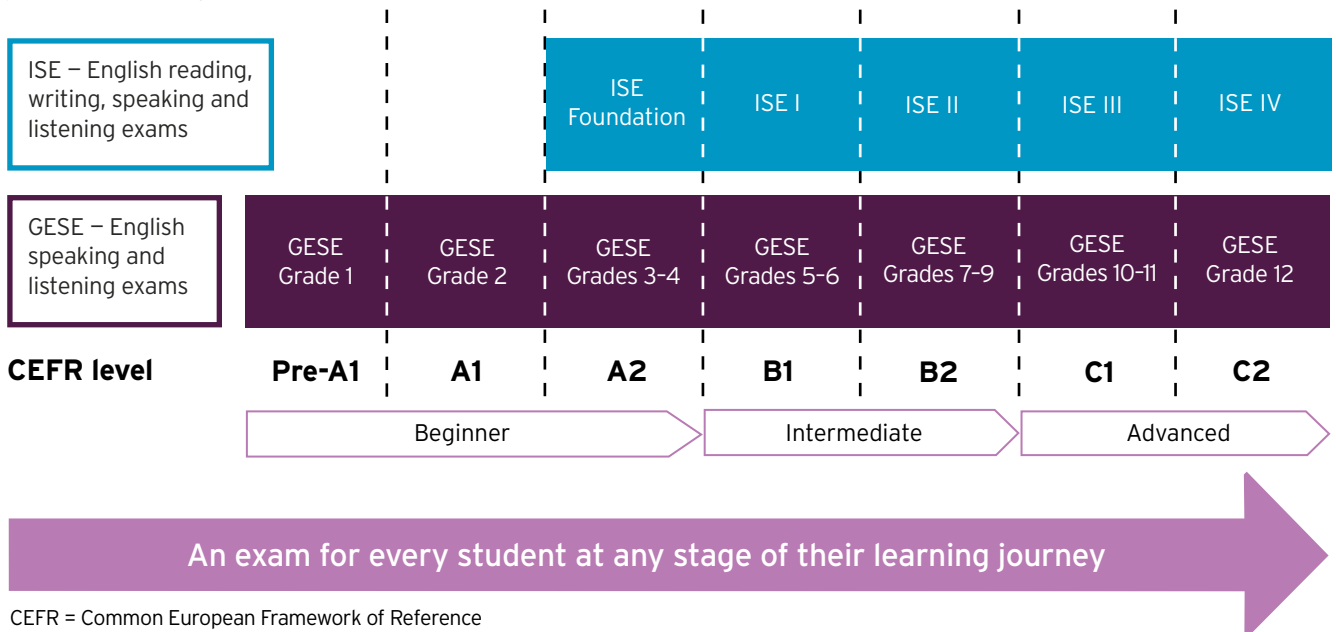
We send Trinity College London certificates to you so you can distribute them to your students. Many institutions hold an award ceremony with a celebratory presentation of the certificates to students in the presence of parents. A Trinity representative may also be able to attend if requested.



A Trinity certificate confirms what someone can actually do.

Achievable steps and flexible pathways

As students progress through education and into employment, their motivation for learning English changes. Trinity offers flexible pathways made up of clear, achievable steps to support each individual's English language learning journey from beginner to advanced.



Qualifications

ISE: Integrated Skills in English

A reading, writing, speaking and listening exam that assesses integrated skills in English and builds communication skills for study and employability. ISE offers the flexibility to build qualifications over time, and the detailed diagnostic reports show strengths and areas for improvement within each of the four skills.

GESE: Graded Examinations in Spoken English

Speaking and listening are assessed in a dynamic, unscripted, one-to-one conversation. GESE exams are suitable for all students, whatever their level, from absolute beginner to advanced.

Awards

Trinity Stars: Young Performers in English Award

In addition to formal exams for individual students, we offer an award for children aged 3-12 years who are learning English. It gives recognition for a group performance of songs, poems, plays or stories in English. It supports teachers, helping them to engage and motivate children to learn English at the start of their learning journey.



Trinity English language exams are unique – they are designed to tell you more about your students: how well they can communicate and what is required so they can progress

Authentic communication skills

Trinity English language exams focus on assessing communication skills in an authentic and meaningful way, so preparing for them develops skills that are needed for study and employability in the competitive world of work.

Transferable skills for life

We test English using exam tasks that support the development of transferable skills, such as oral presentation, evaluating information and summary writing. These are skills that students will need in current and future studies and work.

Sense of achievement and progression

We provide detailed descriptors for what is required from the candidate at each level of our exams. These give a clear sense of what is achieved at each level and what is needed to progress.

Our exams are available at multiple levels, from beginner to advanced, so there is a qualification just right for every learner. By recognising each step along the way, students are motivated to develop and progress.

Learner-centred exams that let your students excel

Some tasks in our speaking and listening exams allow students to choose a topic of personal interest for discussion. This makes exams more relevant and motivating, so students can relax, talk confidently and perform at their best.

“ Communication – the human connection – is key to personal and career success. ”

Paul J Meyer, businessman and author

Feedback and diagnostics

After speaking and listening exam sessions, our examiners provide verbal feedback to teachers on their students' overall performance.

After ISE exams, in addition to the verbal feedback on speaking and listening, we send you diagnostic reports for each student, highlighting their strengths and areas for improvement in each of the four skills tested.



Expert examiners

Our examiners are expert speakers of English who are trained to put candidates at ease, encouraging them to talk about their personal interests and supporting them to perform at their best.



Trinity's speaking and listening exams are dynamic conversations with an examiner who is an expert speaker of English.

Trinity's speaking and listening exams are unscripted, one-to-one conversations with the examiner. These test how well students can interact with another person in a spontaneous and dynamic situation, not just what language they have learnt.

Positive impact in the classroom

The Trinity approach to language learning and assessment has a positive impact on teaching practice and teacher development.

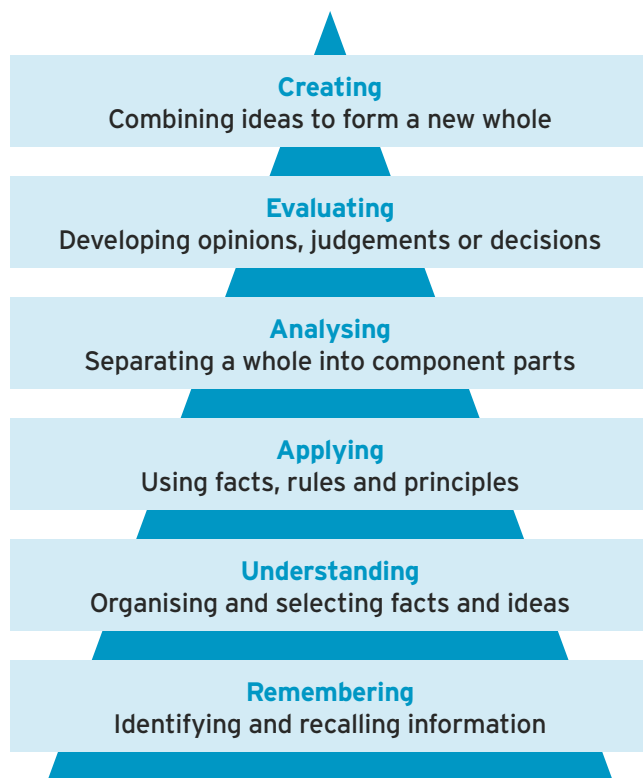
Our exams reflect and reinforce modern practices and communicative language teaching – including content and language integrated learning (CLIL).

International standards

Trinity's GESE and ISE exams have been formally calibrated to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for languages, using the methodology approved by the Council of Europe, so the language proficiency level achieved in a Trinity exam can be universally understood.

Thinking skills

Progression through Trinity's exams is designed to reflect Bloom's taxonomy, from lower order thinking skills (LOTS), such as remembering and understanding, to higher order thinking skills (HOTS), such as analysing and evaluating.





Trinity provides a wide range of support for teachers

Professional support

Our professional support team provides materials for teachers to help them prepare students for the exams, and they can also arrange local teacher training and development workshops on request.

Online resources

Teacher guidance, exam information, classroom activities, videos, sample papers and support for exam preparation are all available on our website at trinitycollege.com/English

Feedback

After English speaking and listening exam sessions, our examiner meets the teachers to give constructive feedback on the overall performance of their students. This feedback is given in a supportive, collegial fashion, to encourage teachers to reflect constructively on their classroom practice.

Supporting your curriculum

The content of Trinity exams is easily mapped to your curriculum. The structured progression is designed to adapt to your students' learning pathways.

Your choice of course books

With Trinity, you can use whichever text books and resources best meet the needs of your students. A number of publishers have developed books designed to support Trinity exams. For more information see trinitycollege.com/English-publications

Local support

Our exams are delivered directly to your institution through an international network of Trinity representatives and support staff, with examiners travelling to you to conduct the English speaking and listening exams. Your local Trinity team will always be there to support you, answer your questions and make sure all the exams run smoothly.



Qualifications for teachers

Trinity also offers certificate and diploma qualifications for teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL). These qualifications are accepted by, among others, the British Council at their English language centres around the world. Find out more about Trinity's CertTESOL, DipTESOL and other English language teaching qualifications at trinitycollege.com/TESOL



Your Trinity registered centre logo

After your institution becomes a registered Trinity centre, you'll be provided with a logo to use on your promotional materials and at your learning centre. This will help you to promote your association with Trinity and your commitment to providing students with internationally recognised qualifications.

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Trinity's English language exams:

- ▶ Assess the communication skills used in real life
- ▶ Promote the development of transferable skills
- ▶ Include learner-centred tasks that let students excel
- ▶ Have a positive impact on classroom teaching and learning
- ▶ Support modern teaching practice such as content and language integrated learning (CLIL)
- ▶ Are mapped to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) for languages
- ▶ Align to national curriculums around the world
- ▶ Encourage interactive, spontaneous communications
- ▶ Are conducted by friendly and professional expert speakers of English
- ▶ Provide constructive feedback for students and teachers
- ▶ Are conducted in your institution on agreed dates



Our exams are internationally recognised as robust evidence of students' proficiency in English

Trinity exams are externally regulated in the UK and recognised by education authorities in many countries around the world.

Trinity's GESE and ISE qualifications are listed on the UK's Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF), and are aligned with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)*.

Our GESE and ISE qualifications have been awarded ALTE's Q-mark, showing they meet the highest level of quality standards.



Trinity's GESE and ISE exams are approved by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) as secure English language tests for visa and citizenship applications in the UK.



* except GESE Grade 1 (pre-A1)

Trinity is a full member of:

- ▶ **ALTE** – the Association of Language Testers in Europe, which promotes multilingualism and sets quality standards for language assessment
- ▶ **EALTA** – the European Association for Language Testing and Assessment, which promotes understanding and improvement of language testing throughout Europe
- ▶ **EAQUALS** – Evaluation and Accreditation of Quality Language Services, which promotes high-quality language teaching and learning
- ▶ **IATEFL** – International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language, which supports English language teaching professionals worldwide



Find out more

To find out more about Trinity and how we can help you, please talk to your local Trinity representative who will be happy to discuss your requirements.

To find out about Trinity in your local area visit trinitycollege.com/worldwide

Apply to become registered as a Trinity centre at trinitycollege.com/register

“ The Trinity exam is a positive and motivating experience for our pupils – to quote one of our students “I’m so glad I’ve done it!” ”

Jennie Martin, Teacher, Hong Lok Yuen School

Discover Trinity's other qualifications

Communication Skills

Graded and certificate exams for students of all ages

Trinity's Communication Skills qualifications promote the development of communicative skills for use in all walks of life – from planning and making presentations to public speaking and interpersonal skills.

Drama

Qualifications for students and teachers, at all levels of experience and ability

Our syllabuses for drama and performance subjects encourage the progressive development of practical performance skills. Study strands include speech and drama, acting, group performance and musical theatre.

Music

Graded and certificate exams, and diploma qualifications in performing, teaching, theory of music and composition

Performance is at the heart of all our music assessments. Our graded music exams assess the whole musician and assess every candidate as an individual, recognising that musicianship is personal and demonstrated in many different ways.

Rock & Pop

Graded exams that assess the skills needed by aspiring musicians using well-known rock and pop songs

Whether self-taught or taking lessons, learning for fun or heading for a career in the music industry, these exams in bass, drums, guitar, keyboards and vocals will help rock and pop musicians develop valuable playing skills while gaining a recognised qualification.

Arts Award

A range of qualifications in the UK that inspires anyone up to 25 years to grow as artists and arts leaders

Through Arts Award, children and young people can explore art forms including visual arts, performing arts, literature, media and multimedia. Arts Award builds confidence, helps young people to enjoy cultural activities, and prepares them for further education or employment.

The international exam board for English language and communicative qualifications

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