

# London Tests of English

Language is the means by which we relate to people and express our ideas. The English language is versatile and not a set of rigid laws. London Tests of English (LTE) from Edexcel International are specifically designed to be communicative and student-friendly. This helps both young students and adults to enjoy their studies, and be confident in their abilities in both business and personal situations.

The philosophy of LTE is to allow students the freedom to express themselves, show what they can do and how well they can use English for speakers of other languages. The emphasis for our students is on real-life situations that learners will meet, not on how well they can remember formal vocabulary and structures. For this reason, our tests use real-life scenarios rather than grammatical exercises, and focus on a student’s ability to both understand and communicate proficiently.

London Tests of English qualifications can meet the differing needs of all students, from those who want to learn English to help with employment opportunities, to those wishing to enrich their overseas vacations or simply enjoy the culture and language of other countries.

## Structure and flexibility

London Tests of English examinations are graded in 6 levels and are based on the Common European Framework (CEF). Levels 4 and 5 are accepted for entrance to universities in the UK. The communicative nature of the tests means that they are shorter for candidates, without compromising on the quality of the achievement.

Candidates can enter at a stage that suits them and rise through the series as they improve their informal and work-related English language. The tasks set are similar to the tasks used in most modern communicative course books. At each level, there is a single paper which tests listening and reading comprehension and extended writing. There is also an oral test available. This lasts about 15 minutes and is given in pairs by Edexcel International staff.

## The Levels

Level	Communication Level	Exam Time	CEF*
A1	<b>Foundation</b> (Use of familiar daily expressions)	1 hour 15 mins	A1
1	<b>Basic</b> (Essential for use in social and guided travel contexts)	1 hour 30 mins	A2
2	<b>Elementary</b> (For learners wanting to use English for socialising and independent travel)	1 hour 35 mins	B1
3	<b>Intermediate</b> (Using English competently for studies and work)	2 hours	B2
4	<b>Advanced</b> (For highly competent users of English and entry to UK universities)	2 hours 30 mins	C1
5	<b>Proficient</b> (For proficient users of English and for those seeking admission to postgraduate study in the UK)	2 hours 45 mins	C2

\* CEF = Common European Framework

## London Tests of English for Children

London Tests of English for Children are designed to be interesting and fun for 8 to 13 year olds. There are four levels and the tests aim to make a child’s first experience of learning English as a foreign language memorable and motivating.

The tests are created around the everyday adventures and mishaps of the Brown Family – a not so typical English family. Children are tested on their ability to use structures and functions in realistic contexts, and later on in the series, on their ability to use language to complete specific communicative tasks.

Each level has an oral test which students do within the hour allowed for each paper.

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Level	Communication Level
1	Firstwords
2	Springboard
3	Quickmarch
4	Breakthrough

## Test information

### Dates

All levels have test sessions in May and December each year. Children’s tests are also available in June. Special sessions may be arranged at different times of the year if candidate numbers are large enough.

### Assessment

Tests are prepared and marked by teams of professionals at Edexcel International. Oral tests are assessed locally but recorded for moderation by Edexcel.

## London Tests of English and London Tests of English for Children offer:

- the high quality and rigour you would expect from a leading international provider of academic and vocational qualifications
- the everyday, practical English needed to communicate effectively
- realistic situations that students are likely to meet in their own lives
- motivation to students as they progress through the levels at their own pace
- flexibility to satisfy a variety of teaching materials and situations
- a recognised qualification at the higher levels suitable for admission to English-speaking universities and giving access to jobs requiring proficiency in English
- a competitive price and easy administration.

### Certificates

Successful candidates at each level receive a certificate that details the skills tested.

### Recognition

Levels 4 and 5 are recognised for admission to UK universities and by a variety of international companies. For full details of entry requirements please see our website [www.edexcel.org.uk/international](http://www.edexcel.org.uk/international).

## Unparalleled breadth, unparalleled quality

Edexcel International has the widest range of academic and vocational qualifications available to schools, colleges and organisations worldwide. Edexcel is the largest international awarding body that is approved by the official UK authorities, the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA). As such, our centres can be confident that their students are meeting rigorous standards of achievement, giving them the educational and professional progression of their choice.



Language learning, whether for social interaction, vocational purposes or for other international communication, should be a liberating and enjoyable experience.

With London Tests of English, Edexcel International provides an inspiring approach for learners of all ages.



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### About Edexcel

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