



iGCSE ESL

International GCSE in English as a Second Language

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE)

Description

Why choose Cambridge IGCSE, English as a Second Language?

IGCSE, English as a Second Language, is an additional English qualification for more able EAL students. It is suitable for students who already have a reasonable foundation in English. It is language based and reinforces the GCSE English course. In Year 10 it focuses on components being covered in GCSE English. For example, different writing genres are developed and the examination rubric and question types are studied. Other areas targeted include: grammar, idiomatic language and vocabulary enrichment. In Year 11 the functional skills needed to answer the IGCSE examination are taught and include note making, summary writing, form filling, listening, reading and writing. There are three papers: Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening at two levels: core and extended.

Overall, the course allows students to gain lifelong skills and knowledge, including:

- ⇒ better communicative ability in English
- ⇒ improved ability to understand English in a range of everyday situations and in a variety of social registers and styles
- ⇒ greater awareness of the nature of language and language-learning skills
- ⇒ wider international perspective.

Assessment

The course is assessed by Cambridge International Examinations (CIE). It is a linear course which does not require coursework or controlled assessments. The content is based on current affairs which aim to develop a critical mind through the medium of English. No knowledge of English literature is required for this course. There are two tiers – core (grades 1-5) or extended (grades 3-9).

Progression

Entry to this examination gives EAL students the opportunity to gain an additional English language qualification, while at the same time reinforce their work in GCSE English.

A 4/5 grade or above is accepted as a GCSE grade and as an entry requirement by most universities in the UK, as proof of academic ability in English.