Key Stage 4 Options – ESOL, IGCSE EAL,IGCSE ESL

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Choosing the right English qualification for your pathway

- ESOL – Pearson Edexcel

.IGCSE English as an Additional Language

- IGCSE English as a Second Language

Why Choose an English Qualification?

- Improve communication and confidence
- Build skills needed for GCSE subjects
- Help with college, apprenticeships, and future careers
- Support everyday life in the UK

ESOL – Pearson Edexcel

What Is ESOL?

ESOL = English for Speakers of Other Languages
Designed for students new to English or building foundation skills.
Focuses on *practical English* for school, life, and work.

– Who Is ESOL Suitable For?

ESOL is ideal if you:

- Are new to English or intermediate
- Need support in reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Prefer step-by-step learning
- Want to progress to Functional Skills or GCSE
- Learn best with practical tasks rather than exam-heavy courses

ESOL Entry Levels (Pearson Edexcel)

Entry 1
- For beginners
- Focus: basic vocabulary, simple sentences, everyday communication

Entry 2
- For early users
- Focus: short texts, simple writing, building confidence

Entry 3
- For developing learners
- Focus: longer reading/writing, discussions, real-life tasks
- Often a stepping stone to Functional Skills or GCSE

Level 1 / Level 2 (if your school offers them)
- Higher-level ESOL equivalent to strong secondary English skills
- Prepares students for academic study including GCSE English

How ESOL Is Assessed (Edexcel)

Assessment varies by centre but typically includes:

- **Speaking & Listening tasks** – discussions, presentations
- **Reading tests** – everyday texts, comprehension
- **Writing tasks** – emails, paragraphs, short texts
- Practical focus, often teacher-assessed/examined in class

What is IGCSE EAL and who is it for?
IGCSE English as an additional language

- INTERMEDIATE LEARNERS
- STUDENTS STILL DEVELOPING ACADEMIC ENGLISH

- •**Cambridge IGCSE EAL (9–1) – 0772**
- •**Assessment**
- •Reading - 25% -45 marks –1 hour
- Writing- 25%-1 hour- 45 marks
- Listening -25%-40 marks- 50 mins
- Speaking (separately endorsed)- 25%-10 mins -25 marks
- •**Grading**
- •**9–1**
- •**Focus**
- •Structured language development
- •Exam techniques
- •Supported academic English

TOPICS COVERED

- FAMILY AND HOME
- CLOTHES AND LEISURE
- FOOD AND HEALTH
- EDUCATION
- THE WORLD OF WORK
- GETTING AROUND
- PEOPLE and places
- The natural world
- Buildings and technology
- Cultures and celebrations

What is IGCSE ESL



IGCSE ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



WHAT IS IGCSE ESL?



INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION FOCUSING ON ACADEMIC ENGLISH:

- READING
- WRITING
- LISTENING
- (OPTIONAL) SPEAKING ENDORSEMENT



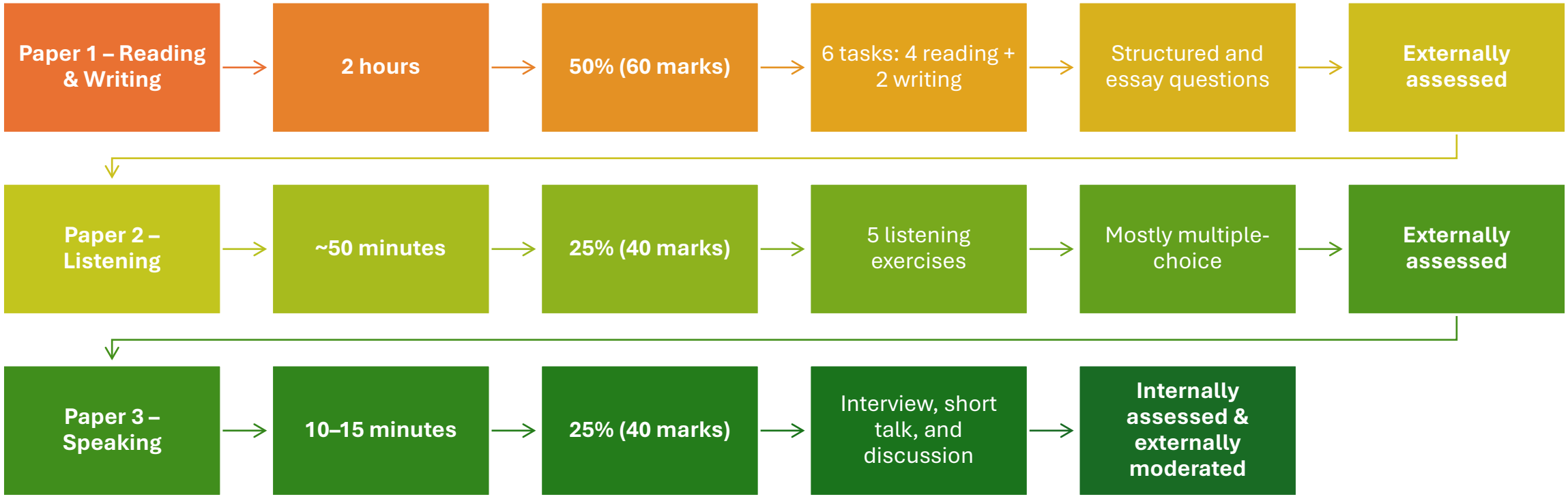
SUITABLE FOR STUDENTS WHO ALREADY HAVE **INTERMEDIATE–ADVANCED** ENGLISH.

Who Should Choose IGCSE ESL?

Choose this course if you:

- Can understand more complex English
- Enjoy academic-style reading and writing
- Want a recognised qualification for college or university
- Are preparing for GCSE English Language later
- Can manage timed exams

- **Paper 1 – Reading & Writing**
- **2 hours**
- **50% (60 marks)**
- 6 tasks: 4 reading + 2 writing
- Structured and essay questions
- **Externally assessed**
- **Paper 2 – Listening**
- **~50 minutes**
- **25% (40 marks)**
- 5 listening exercises
- Mostly multiple-choice
- **Externally assessed**
- **Paper 3 – Speaking**
- **10–15 minutes**
- **25% (40 marks)**
- Interview, short talk, and discussion
- **Internally assessed & externally moderated**


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- **IGCSE ESL Topics (Based on Typical Syllabus)**
- Students usually study themes such as:
- Happiness and success
- You and your community
- Sports, fitness and health
- Our impact on the planet
- Entertainment
- Travel and the outdoor life
- Student life
- Happy endings
- Animals and our world
- The world of work

Skills Developed in IGCSE ESL

- Academic reading strategies
- Structured writing (emails, essays, reports, summaries)
- Listening to real-world audio
- Speaking for confidence and fluency
- Exam techniques: skimming, scanning, planning, editing

Progression Routes

ESOL → Functional Skills / IGCSE ESL → GCSE English Language → A-Level / College
IGCSE ESL → GCSE / College courses → University entry pathways

CHOOSING THE RIGHT OPTION-PROGRESSION LEVELS

Course	Language Demand	Grading	Best For
ESOL	Foundation	Entry Levels	New learners
IGCSE EAL (0772)	Moderate	9–1	Developing academic English
IGCSE ESL (0991)	High	9-1	Advanced EAL students



QUESTIONS?



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IF YOU NEED HELP CHOOSING YOUR PATHWAY!