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English language exams that change lives

Assessing English language since 1938

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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.”

Anthony 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 with a positive, supportive approach to assessment and development.

We've been delivering external exams since 1877 and each year more than 700,000 people across the world take a Trinity assessment.

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 to students, teachers and schools.

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 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

Convenience for your school

The examiner travels to your school to conduct the speaking 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. Writing exams can be held in your school on specific dates throughout the year.

Professional support

We provide your teachers with expert professional support (see page 8) and give your administrative staff direct access to our online exam management system, Trinity Online. Your school will always have the support it needs from the local Trinity team.

Celebrating achievement

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

International recognition

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



A Trinity certificate confirms what someone can actually do.

Flexible pathways and achievable steps

As students progress through school, higher education and into employment, their motivation for learning English evolves. Trinity provides flexible pathways to support each individual's learning journey, made up of clear, achievable steps.

| CEFR level (Common European Framework of Reference for languages) | | Trinity exams for students: | | |
|--|--------|--|--|--------------------------|
| | | at primary and secondary schools | at secondary schools and in higher education | preparing for employment |
| Proficient user (advanced) | C2 | GESE Grade 12 | ISE IV | |
| | C1 | GESE Grade 11 GESE Grade 10 | ISE III | SEW C1 |
| Independent user (intermediate) | B2 | GESE Grade 9 GESE Grade 8 GESE Grade 7 | ISE II | SEW B2+ SEW B2 |
| | B1 | GESE Grade 6 GESE Grade 5 | ISE I | SEW B1 |
| Basic user (beginner) | A2 | GESE Grade 4 GESE Grade 3 | ISE Foundation | |
| | A1 | GESE Grade 2 | | |
| | Pre-A1 | GESE Grade 1 | | |

GESE: Graded Examinations in Spoken English

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

ISE: Integrated Skills in English

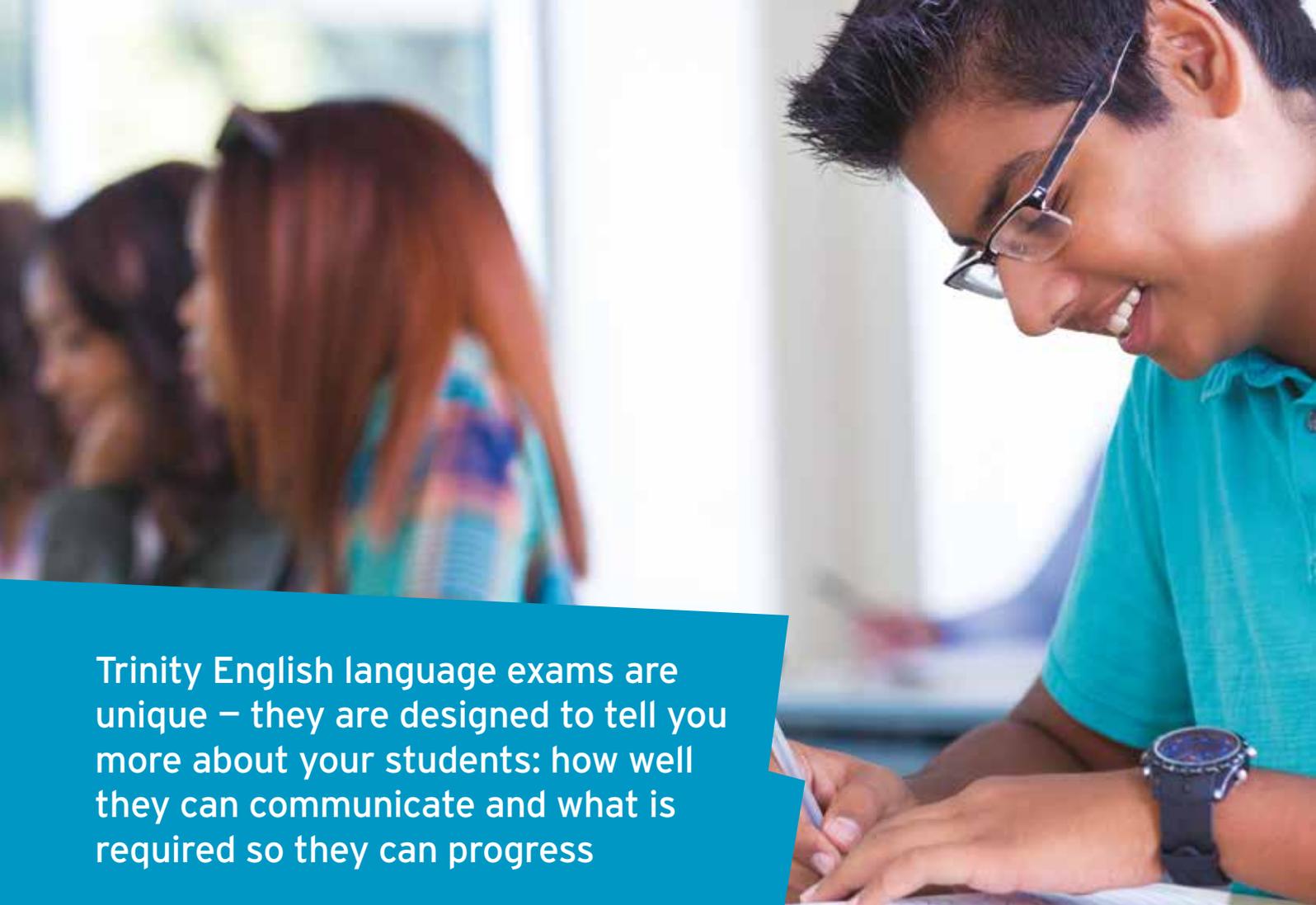
A reading, writing, speaking and listening exam that assesses integrated skills in English and builds communication skills for study and employability. ISE offers the flexibility to build qualifications over time, and the detailed diagnostic reports show strengths and areas for improvement within each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

SEW: Spoken English for Work

A speaking and listening exam that assesses communicative competence and English language proficiency in a work-related context – for example through telephone tasks, discussions and presentations.

Trinity Stars: Young Performers in English Award

In addition to the above exams, 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.



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

Transferable skills for life

We test English using 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.

Learner-centred exams that let your students excel

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

Trinity's speaking 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.

Expert examiners

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

Feedback and diagnostics

After the speaking exams, the examiner provides oral feedback to teachers on their students' overall performance.

After ISE Reading & Writing and Speaking & Listening exams, in addition to the oral feedback, we send you diagnostic reports for each student, highlighting their strengths and areas for improvement in each of the skills tested.



International standards

Trinity's GESE and ISE exams have been formally mapped 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.



A Trinity speaking exam is a dynamic conversation with an examiner who is an expert speaker of English.

Impact in the classroom

Our exams reflect and reinforce modern communicative language teaching, including content and language integrated learning (CLIL), so they have a positive impact on teaching practice and development.

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

Paul J Meyer, businessman and author

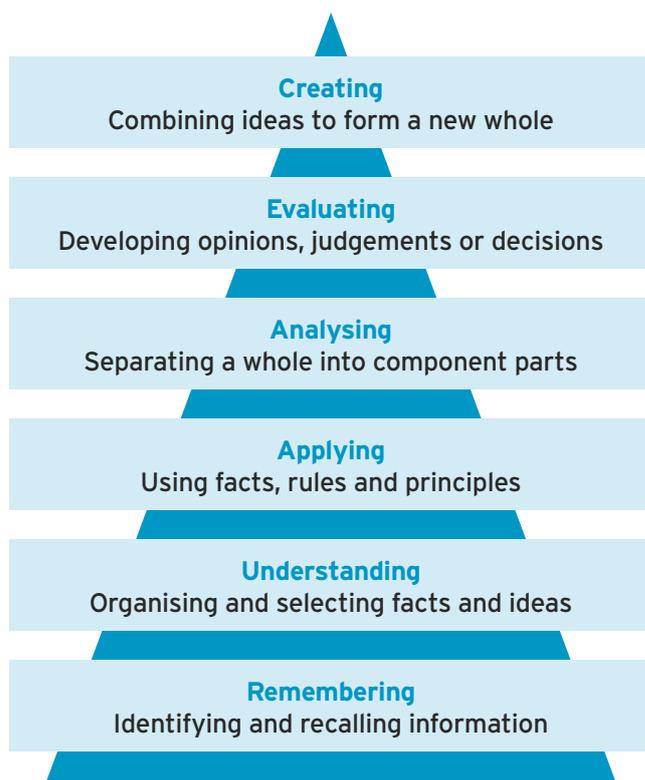
Sense of achievement and progression

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 GESE exam has 12 grades, from beginner to advanced, so there is a level just right for every student. By recognising each step along the way, students are motivated to develop and progress.

Thinking skills

Progression through Trinity's grades 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

Feedback

The examiner will meet the teachers after the speaking exams 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.

Online resources

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

Professional support

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

Supporting your school's curriculum

The content of Trinity exams is easily mapped to your school's 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 www.trinitycollege.com/ESOLbooks

Local support

Our exams are delivered directly to your school through an international network of Trinity representatives and support staff, with examiners travelling to your school to conduct the speaking 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 teaching qualifications at www.trinitycollege.com/TESOL



Your Trinity registered centre logo

After your school becomes a registered Trinity centre, you'll be provided with a logo to use on your promotional materials and in your school. 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
- ▶ Encourage learner independence and support teachers
- ▶ 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 school on agreed dates



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

Trinity is recognised by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual), the regulator for qualifications in England.

Trinity's international English language qualifications are on the UK's National Qualifications Framework (NQF), and are aligned with the European Qualifications Framework (EQF)*.

In 2012 our GESE and ISE qualifications were awarded ALTE's 'Q mark', showing they meet the highest level of quality standards.



Trinity exams are approved by UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) as secure English language tests for visas and citizenship applications in the UK.



* except GESE Grade 1

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 in 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.

Visit www.trinitycollege.com/worldwide to find out about Trinity in your local area.

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

“The Trinity exam is a positive and motivating experience for our pupils – one of our students said after coming out of the exam, “I’m so glad I’ve done it!””

Jennie Martin, Teacher, Hong Lok Yuen School

Discover Trinity's other qualifications

Communication Skills

Grade and certificate exams for students of all ages

Exams in communication skills encourage students to develop their proficiency in all modes of spoken English – including group discussions, making presentations and public speaking.

Drama & Performance

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 Shakespeare, speech and drama, acting, group performance, musical theatre and performance arts.

Music

Graded music exams, certificates and diplomas in performing, teaching, theory of music and composition

Performance is at the heart of all of 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 performing arts, visual arts, literature, media and multimedia. Arts Award builds confidence, helps young people to enjoy cultural activities, and prepares them for further education or employment.

Trinity College London – the international exam board for English language and performing arts qualifications

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