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# Cambridge English

*for Teaching*

# TKT *all modules*

Teaching Knowledge Test

Flexible assessment for  
language teachers





# Teaching English as a career

Teaching English is an enjoyable and rewarding profession that can create opportunities for a lifelong career that you can pursue in your own country.

*Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT)* has been developed for people who:

- are already teaching, but would like to take an internationally recognised qualification to gain formal recognition for their experience
- want to enhance their career opportunities by broadening their teaching experience into specialist areas
- want to keep their teaching skills up to date.

Preparing for *TKT* will help you grow in confidence as a teacher and give you the knowledge and skills that will help you develop your career.

## A flexible path to a teaching qualification

*TKT* is modular and flexible, allowing you to fit your studies around your work and other commitments – you can take the modules over a period of time that suits your needs.

As well as covering all the basics of good teaching practice, preparation for *TKT* can be adapted for local needs. *TKT* centres can set their own preparation syllabus to meet the requirements of the local teaching environment.



“I consider the incorporation of the TKT tests a ‘plus’, since many people like me, who have vast experience working as a teacher, will finally be able to obtain some formal assessment. It also is a ‘must’, because it is a certificate from a department of the prestigious University of Cambridge.”

*Margarita Camus B, Chile*

**More than 90% of teachers sampled in Thailand who took TKT said they found it useful or very useful, and over 80% said it had motivated them to continue developing as teachers.**

# TKT: flexible learning for language teachers

TKT is divided into separate modules. You can take them all, or just choose the ones that meet your needs. You have total flexibility in how and when you take the modules and receive a certificate for each one completed.

The modules are divided into two main areas:

## TKT - core modules

There are four core modules designed to provide a foundation in the practice and principles of language teaching.

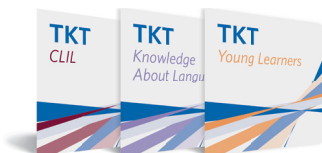
- **TKT: Module 1** — Background to language teaching
- **TKT: Module 2** — Planning for language teaching
- **TKT: Module 3** — Classroom management
- **TKT: Practical** — Assessment of teaching competence



## TKT - specialist modules

These modules provide introductions to specialist areas of language teaching and can be taken completely separately or added to the core modules.

- **TKT: CLIL**  
A test of the understanding of this exciting approach to teaching curriculum subjects through the medium of a second or third language.
- **TKT: Knowledge About Language**  
A test of knowledge and understanding of the systems of language from a teaching perspective.
- **TKT: Young Learners**  
A test of the background knowledge related to teaching young learners in the 6–12 age range.



# TKT – core modules

## TKT: Module 1 Language and background to language learning and teaching



This module consists of three parts:

- describing language and language skills
- background to language learning
- background to language teaching.

### What does TKT: Module 1 test?

This module tests candidates' knowledge of the terms and concepts common in English language teaching. It also focuses on the core knowledge underpinning the learning of English and knowledge of the options and resources the teacher can use in the classroom.

### The test

*TKT: Module 1* consists of a single paper lasting 80 minutes and containing 80 questions. The test is divided into three parts: describing language and language skills (40 questions), background to language learning (15 questions) and background to language teaching (25 questions).

## TKT: Module 2 Lesson planning and use of resources for language teaching



This module consists of two parts:

- planning and preparing a lesson or sequence of lessons
- selection and use of resources and materials.

### What does TKT: Module 2 test?

This module focuses on the knowledge and skills teachers need to be able to plan a lesson framework or series of lessons. Teaching in this context also refers to any assessment required by the teacher to consolidate learning. It also focuses on the resources that are available to guide teachers in their lesson planning.

### The test

*TKT: Module 2* consists of a single paper lasting 80 minutes and containing 80 questions. The test is divided into two parts: planning and preparing a lesson or sequence of lessons (40 questions) and selection and use of resources (40 questions).

## Computer-based tests

Computer-based tests offer choice and convenience for candidates who prefer to take their exam on a computer. Other benefits include additional exam dates – adding more flexibility to when you can take your test.

*TKT: Modules 1, 2 and 3* are available to take in a computer-based format 15 times a year. To view the computer-based exam timetable, please go to [www.CambridgeESOL.org/exams/timetables](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/exams/timetables)

## TKT: Module 3 Managing the teaching and learning process



This module consists of two parts:

- teachers' and learners' language in the classroom
- classroom management.

### What does TKT: Module 3 test?

This module tests candidates' knowledge of what happens in the classroom during language learning, the teacher's role and the ways in which the teacher can manage and exploit classroom events and interactions.

### The test

*TKT: Module 3* consists of a single paper lasting 80 minutes and containing 80 questions. The test is divided into two parts: teachers' and learners' language in the classroom (40 questions) and classroom management (40 questions).

## TKT: Practical



*TKT: Practical* is an accessible and affordable way for teachers to get certification of their teaching abilities. It is ideal for teachers who have developed their skills and need formal confirmation of their practical teaching competence.

Teachers may wish to take *TKT: Practical* as part of a professional development course, but this is not a requirement.

### What does TKT: Practical test?

*TKT: Practical* includes assessment of:

- lesson planning
- classroom management
- teaching skills.

### The test

The test consists of the observation of the candidate's teaching by a Cambridge ESOL assessor. The assessor can observe either one 40-minute lesson or two 20-minute lessons, of which one can be peer-to-peer teaching. The test can take place as part of a teacher training or teacher development course. Alternatively, if the candidate is already teaching, the test can take place with their own class by arrangement with a *TKT* centre.

The candidate will also be required to complete a lesson plan for assessment. The template will be provided by Cambridge ESOL.



# TKT – specialist modules

## TKT: Knowledge About Language

### What is TKT: Knowledge About Language?

*TKT: Knowledge About Language* tests teachers' knowledge of the English language.

### What does TKT: Knowledge About Language test?

*TKT: Knowledge About Language* tests knowledge of the language systems needed by teachers. *TKT: Knowledge About Language* also focuses on the teacher's awareness of the language needs of learners and the challenges students encounter in learning a second language.

### The test

*TKT: Knowledge About Language* consists of a single paper lasting 80 minutes and containing 80 questions. The test is divided into four parts, testing knowledge of English from a teaching perspective in the areas of: lexis, phonology, grammar and discourse



## TKT: CLIL

### What is TKT: CLIL?

CLIL describes an evolving approach to teaching and learning where subjects are taught and studied through the medium of a language which is not the learner's first language.

### What does TKT: CLIL test?

*TKT: CLIL* tests knowledge about content teaching in a target language and the learning, thinking and language skills which are developed across different curriculum subjects. It tests knowledge of how to plan lessons as well as the understanding of activities and resources needed to support a CLIL approach. It also tests knowledge of lesson delivery and how assessment is carried out in CLIL contexts.

### The test

*TKT: CLIL* consists of a single paper lasting 80 minutes and containing 80 questions. The test is divided into four parts: knowledge of the principles of CLIL, lesson preparation in a CLIL context, lesson delivery and assessment.



## Glossaries

Cambridge ESOL has produced a glossary to support trainee teachers. The *TKT* Glossary contains all the main terms and concepts used in teaching which are necessary to understand for the successful completion of the *TKT* modules. [www.CambridgeESOL.org/TKT](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/TKT)

There is an additional *TKT: CLIL* Glossary which provides a guide to the terminology and concepts involved in teaching subject content through the medium of a language new to the learner. [www.CambridgeESOL.org/CLIL](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/CLIL)



## TKT: Young Learners

### What is TKT: Young Learners?

*TKT: Young Learners* is a test of the knowledge of the strategies and skills required to teach young learners.

*TKT: Young Learners* is suitable for international teachers working, or intending to work, in the primary sector of education.

### What does TKT: Young Learners test?

*TKT: Young Learners* tests the background knowledge related to teaching young learners in the 6–12 age range. It also tests understanding of planning lessons, different teaching strategies and assessing learning.

### The test

This module consists of a single paper lasting 80 minutes and containing 80 questions. The test is divided into four parts: learning and development in young learners, planning lessons for young learners, teaching strategies for young learners and classroom-based assessment for young learners.



“I have no formal teaching qualifications, so I chose TKT to gain formal certification. I’ve also learned many interesting points of English that I never considered before.”

*Christo Dehn, Japan*





# Who is TKT for?

*TKT* modules are ideal for all teachers, whatever their background and teaching experience.

*TKT* is accessible; there are no formal English language requirements for candidates.

## Results

Results for *TKT* are reported as being in one of four bands, 1-4. Every candidate receives a certificate for each module taken.

*TKT* results are issued through centres approximately two weeks after receipt of answer sheets by Cambridge ESOL.

## How to register

Candidates can register for *TKT* up to six weeks before the exam session, or as little as one week before a computer-based test.

Preparation courses leading to *TKT* are designed by individual centres, based on the exam specifications produced by Cambridge ESOL. *TKT* is offered around the world through the Cambridge ESOL network of authorised centres. Find your nearest centre at [www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres/teach](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres/teach)

## Next steps

After taking *TKT*, teachers who want to develop their knowledge further can progress to other well-established Cambridge ESOL qualifications, such as *CELTA* (*Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages*) and the *Delta Modules* (*Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages*).



“Taking TKT was a positive experience for me. TKT offers a great opportunity for teachers to qualify for an internationally recognised award without having to spend a lot of money or travel abroad.”

*Lorena Ariaga, English Teacher, Ecuador*

## Further information

You can find out more about *TKT* at [www.CambridgeESOL.org/TKT](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/TKT)



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