



Guide to Teaching and Learning Materials for Classic IESOL Examinations

For Teachers and Candidates

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Who are the GA Classic IESOL Qualifications and Examinations for?

Classic IESOL qualifications are designed for candidates who are not native speakers of English and who wish to achieve a high quality, internationally recognised qualification in English at CEFR levels A1 - C2.

They are the perfect choice for candidates who:

- are preparing for entry to higher education
- are preparing for professional employment in the UK or internationally
- require an externally recognised certification of their proficiency in English

The Classic IESOL exams are available in paper based and online formats.

How to prepare candidates for classic IESOL examinations?

Because Classic IESOL qualifications are designed to complement general English language courses, teachers can follow any course book which has been mapped to the appropriate CEFR Level when preparing their candidates for Classic IESOL examinations.

The examination tasks have been designed to require a minimal amount of 'exam preparedness'; in other words, the tasks should still be accessible to candidates who had no prior exposure to the exam format. The exam has only one component (Speaking Task 2 – Presentation), which requires preparation on behalf of the candidates. However, we strongly recommend that teachers use the sample materials to prepare their learners for our examinations, as this will increase their confidence and improve their performance on the day of the exam.

This guide contains a selection of materials which can be used to support candidates studying for Classic IESOL qualifications and preparing to take our examinations. It is not an exclusive list, and teachers can and should use a variety of resources.

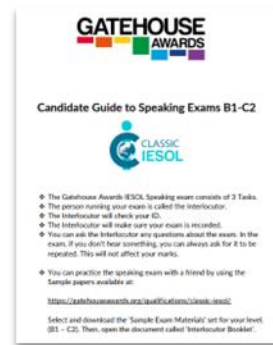
GA PUBLISHED SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR ALL CLASSIC IESOL LEVELS

All GA published materials are available on our website at

<https://gatehouseawards.org/qualifications/classic-iesol>

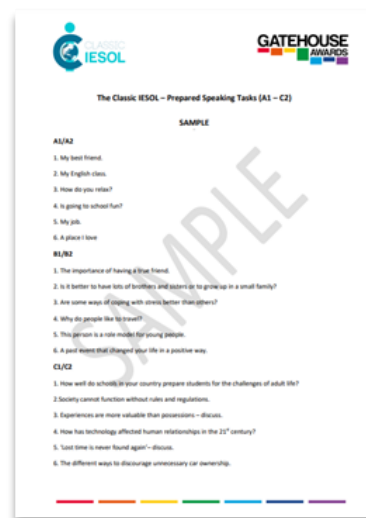
Candidate Guide to Speaking Exams B1-C2

This guide contains an overview of the speaking examination structure, as well as a selection of useful tips and advice for the candidates.



The Classic IESOL Prepared Speaking Tasks (Sample)

Here candidates can find example topics for the prepared speaking task.



The Classic IESOL Prepared Speaking Tasks (Live)

This document contains a selection of presentation topics for the live spoken exam. A new list is published every 6 months, and candidates should select one of the topics to prepare their presentation task (Task 2). Remember to check for the updated list every 1st July and 1st December!

Sample exams

We publish a selection of sample exams, in both paper and online format, for all six CEFR level. <https://gatehouseawards.org/qualifications/classic-iesol>

<p>GA ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL (ENTRY 1) (CLASSIC A1)</p> <p>600/5182/6</p> <p>Candidates can understand and use very basic expressions to satisfy concrete needs, introduce themselves and ask others questions about personal details and interact in a simple manner.</p> <p>↓ Classic materials A1 (E1) Sample 1</p> <p>Sample Online Exams</p>	<p>GA ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL (ENTRY 2) (CLASSIC A2)</p> <p>600/7651/3</p> <p>Candidates can understand frequently used expressions in most intermediate areas, complete routine tasks that involve a direct exchange of information and describe matters of immediate need in simple terms.</p> <p>↓ Classic materials A2 (E2) Sample 1</p> <p>Sample Online Exams</p>	<p>GA ENTRY LEVEL CERTIFICATE IN ESOL INTERNATIONAL (ENTRY 3) (CLASSIC B1)</p> <p>600/7040/7</p> <p>Candidates can understand points about family, work, school or leisure, deal with most travel situations, create simple texts on topics of personal interest, and briefly describe experiences, events, dreams, opinions and plans.</p> <p>↓ Classic materials B1 (E3) Sample 1</p> <p>↓ Classic materials B1 (E3) Sample 2</p> <p>Sample Online Exams</p>
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Classic IESOL Placement test

We offer a completely free placement test for all centres and candidates.

It consists of 47 multiple choice questions based on grammar, vocabulary, English in Use, reading and listening.

Why not get your students to take it today, so they can find out what CEFR level they are currently working at? The test provides instant results on the final page.



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Classic IESOL Placement Test

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Question 11 of 47

11. READ THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTION.

We didn't go on holiday last year, but two years ago we went to Spain. We stayed in a small hotel and went to the beach every day. It was great. Maybe we will go again in June.

Question: When was the holiday in Spain?

- in June
- 2 years ago
- every day
- last year

Time left: 29 minutes

Classic IESOL Qualification Specification

This very detailed document provides an overview of all the useful information for each CEFR level, including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Examinations Overview
- ✓ Topics Used across the Levels
- ✓ Text Types
- ✓ Language Specification
- ✓ Communicative Functions & Notions
- ✓ Key Language Items



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GA ESOL International (Classic): Entry Level 1 (A1) to Level 3 (C2)

Qualification Specification

GA Entry Level Certificate in ESOL International (Entry 1)(Classic A1)	600/5182/6
GA Entry Level Certificate in ESOL International (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 1)(Classic A1)	601/4856/1
GA Entry Level Certificate in ESOL International (Entry 2)(Classic A2)	600/7651/3
GA Entry Level Certificate in ESOL International (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 2)(Classic A2)	601/5243/6
GA Entry Level Certificate in ESOL International (Entry 3)(Classic B1)	600/7040/7
GA Entry Level Certificate in ESOL International (Speaking and Listening) (Entry 3)(Classic B1)	601/4352/6
GA Level 1 Certificate in ESOL International (Classic B2)	600/7163/1
GA Level 2 Certificate in ESOL International (Classic C1)	600/7162/X
GA Level 3 Certificate in ESOL International (Classic C2)	600/7840/6

EXTRNALLY PUBLISHED RESOURCES FOR ALL LEVELS

Please note that GA does not own or claim any copyright or intellectual property of the following resources. GA has not been asked by the publishers to promote these resources and does not receive any remuneration or benefit of any kind from the owners/publishers. These resources are not formally endorsed by GA. They have been recommended by experienced teachers and assessors involved in the preparation and assessment of candidates for the GA ESOL Cadets examinations as suitable in content, level and type in supporting teachers, parents and candidates in English language teaching and learning.

BBC

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/>

One of the best sources for authentic English language materials is the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation).

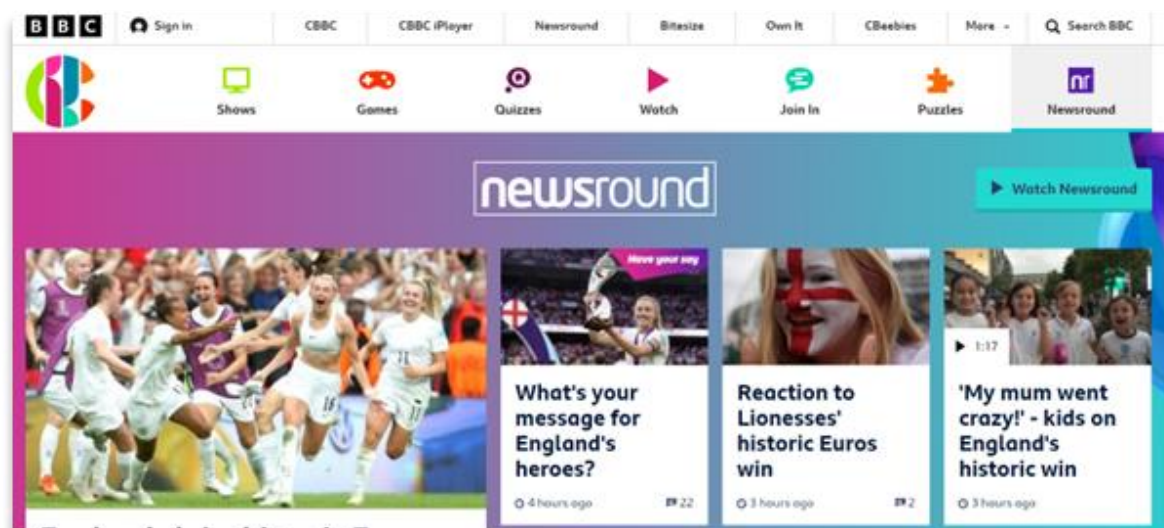
Here you can find a variety of the latest news and sport headlines, weather, TV & radio highlights and much more. The content of the main website should be accessible for learners at levels of B2 and above.



BBC Newsround

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

BBC also publish a website aimed at younger readers and listeners. It's carefully selected content should be of interest and accessible to younger students at CEFR levels A2 and above, and includes news, shows, quizzes, games and interactive forums and chats.



BBC Learning English

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/>

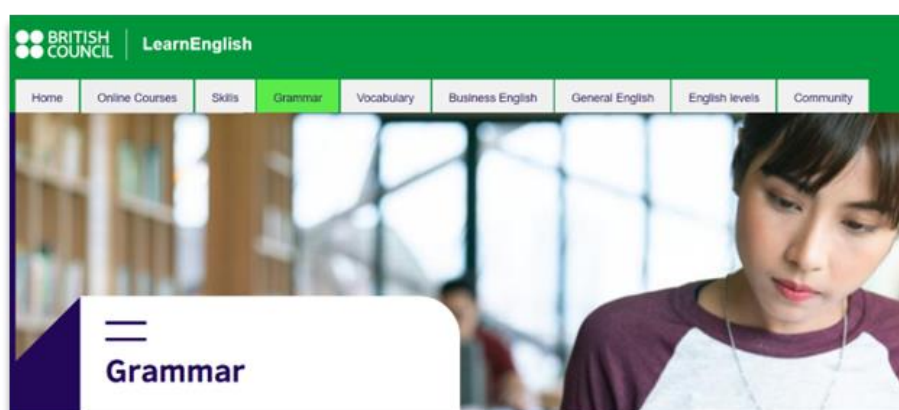
The BBC also has a website dedicated to learners of English, with separate areas for teachers and students, and sections devoted to grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation.



British Council

<https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/>

British Council publishes a wide range of resources designed for adult language learners at all CEFR levels, as well as a section dedicated to Business English.



Breaking News English

<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/>

Have you ever needed a last minute ready to go lesson plan? Look no further than this website, which contains over 3 thousand free lessons based on English Language news, and designed for learners at all CEFR levels.

A screenshot of the Breaking News English website. At the top, it says 'Breaking News English' in a large, bold, black font, followed by '3,230 Free English News Lessons in 7 Levels'. Below this is a dark blue banner with the text 'Latest News Lessons - August 1, 2022'. The main content area features a news article titled 'Ditch neckties to save energy, says Spain's PM' with a sub-headline '1st August - "Harder"'. A small image of a necktie is on the left. The article text reads: 'Spain's leader has urged people to ditch their neckties to help save energy.' At the bottom of the article are three buttons labeled 'Level 4', 'Level 5', and 'Level 6'.

Natter and Ramble

<https://www.natterandramble.co.uk/>

Do your learners need some additional support with grammar and vocabulary before so they can enjoy a fluent conversation in English? This website contains a variety of useful resources.

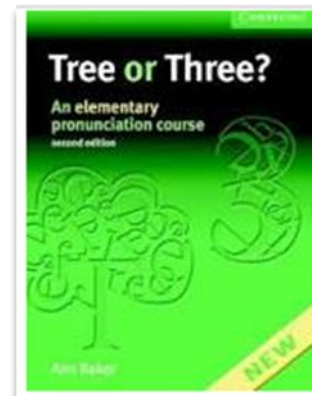
A screenshot of the Natter and Ramble website. The page title is 'ADVERB DEFINITION AND TYPES'. The main content consists of eight colorful speech bubbles, each containing a question: 'how?', 'when?', 'in what manner?', 'how many times?', 'in what way?', 'how much?', 'to what extent?', and 'how often?'. The page also has a navigation menu at the top with links for 'HOME', 'GRAMMAR', 'VOCABULARY', 'TIPS & TOOLS', and 'BLOG'. On the right side, there is a 'RECENT POSTS' section with a thumbnail image and the title 'WHAT IS VICTORIAN STEAMPUNK?'.

PRONUNCIATION

Tree or Three?, by Ann Baker

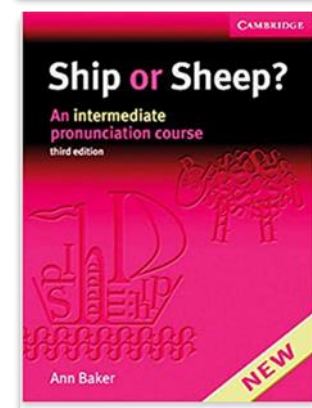
This fully revised edition of the classic elementary pronunciation course.

This resource provides systematic practice of English pronunciation, with an emphasis on minimal pairs, through a wide variety of interesting exercises and activities. It is accompanied by 3 Audio CDs and is suitable for both self-study and classroom use.



Ship or Sheep?, by Ann Baker

This new edition of Ship or Sheep? Is an accessible intermediate-level pronunciation course in full colour for students of English. This resource provides systematic practice of English pronunciation, with an emphasis on minimal pairs, through a wide variety of interesting exercises and activities. The course is suitable for classroom use or for self-study. It is accompanied by a set of 4 audio CDs.



The *Ship or Sheep?* book also comes with an accompanying website:

<https://shiporsheep.com/>

English Pronunciation in Use: a series, by Jonathan Marks, Mark Hancock, Martin Hewings and Silvie Donna.

The three levels of English Pronunciation in Use cover all aspects of pronunciation in communication including word stress, connected speech and intonation. Covering Elementary (A1-A2), Intermediate (B1-B2) and Advanced (C1-C2), each level includes free downloadable audio for additional listening and speaking practice.



VOCABULARY

Oxford Word Skills series, by Ruth Gairns and Stuart Redman

A three-level topic-based vocabulary course to learn and practise words, phrases and lexical grammar in context. Oxford Word Skills improves students' vocabulary and vocabulary learning skills. 80 units at each level mean these books cover a huge range of topics and everyday situations, and extra practice and interactive activities are available.

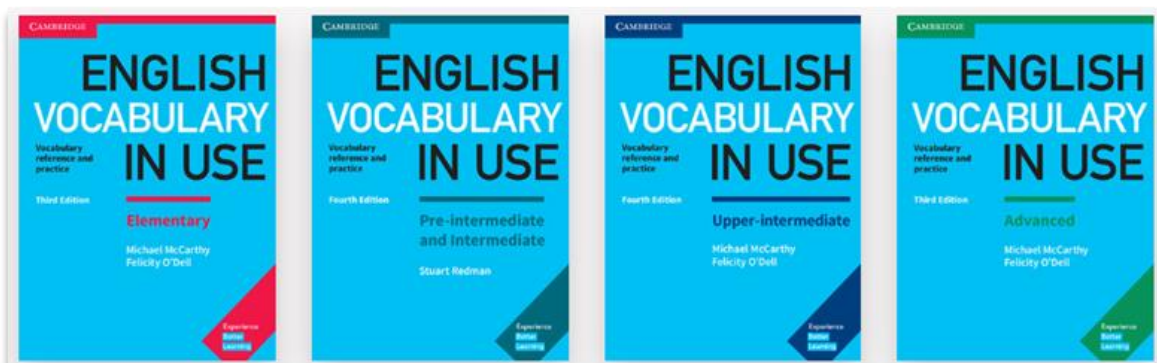


English Vocabulary in Use series, by Michael McCarthy, Felicity O'Dell, Stuart Redman

This series is ideal for classroom use or self-study, and the books are specially designed to boost learners' confidence along with their vocabulary skills. It is available from elementary to advanced level, and the books feature:

- ✓ Easy-to-use format with presentation of vocabulary on one page and practice exercises on the opposite page.
- ✓ Vocabulary presented in context with lots of practice activities to reinforce the contextualised explanations and examples.

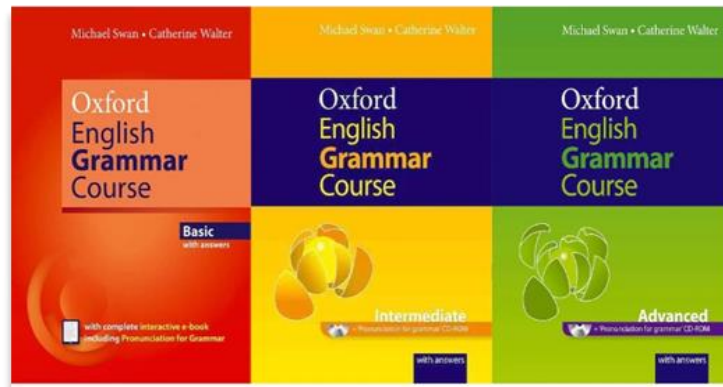
The printed books are also available with enhanced eBooks, which can be used on iPads and Android tablets, as well as desktop and laptop computers.



GRAMMAR

Oxford English Grammar Course, by Michael Swan and Catherine Walker

This series is available at elementary to advanced levels.

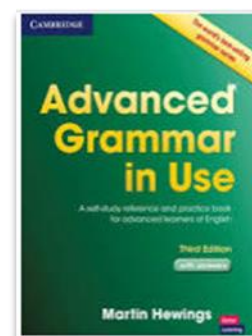
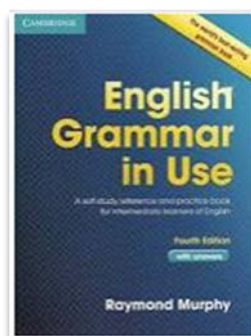
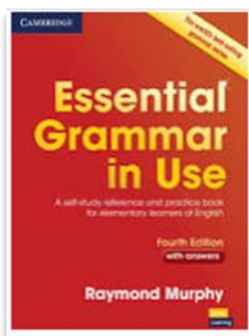


Each book features clear explanations illustrated by simple realistic examples, engaging activities, as well as teachers' guides and additional tests which can be downloaded here:

www.oup.com/elt/oxfordenglishgrammar

English Grammar in Use, by Raymond Murphy and Martin Hewings

This is a self-study reference and practice book for elementary, intermediate, and advanced students of English. It is one of the most popular grammar books, used by English language teachers and students all over the world for over two decades.



SUGGESTED COURSE BOOKS FOR CLASSIC IESOL

HEADWAY course books (Oxford University Press)

CEFR Levels – A1-C1

This series is a best-selling English course - a perfectly balanced syllabus with a strong grammar focus, and full support across the four skills.



The Headway series features the following resources:

Student Book, Workbook and Classroom Presentation Tools

Online Practice

Teacher's Guide

Additional free student resources are available online at

<https://elt.oup.com/student/headway/>

LANGUAGE HUB course books, (McMillan Education)

CEFR Levels – A1-C1

Language Hub offers a general English skills syllabus aimed at young adults and adults and covers listening, speaking, reading and writing, with vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation.



UPSTREAM course books, (Express Publishing House)

CEFR Levels – A1-C2

Upstream series is specially designed for students from absolute beginner to proficiency level. Each book consists of five modules and provides systematic preparation in all four language skills - listening, speaking, reading and writing - required at these levels.



The series includes the following elements at each level:

- Student's Book
- Teacher's Book
- Class Audio CDs (set of 6)
- Workbook
- Workbook Audio CDs (set of 2)
- Workbook Key
- Test Booklet with Key

The publisher's website also includes a lot of useful free resources:

<https://www.expresspublishing.co.uk/en/content/resources-students>