



Guide to Teaching and Learning Materials for ESOL Cadets Examinations

For Teachers and Young Learners

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Who are the GA ESOL Cadets Examinations for?

The English for Young Learners ESOL Cadets examinations are designed for learners aged 6 to 13 who are speakers of other languages and are beginning to learn English.

Their aim is to reward young learners' achievements in learning the English language and to motivate and make their early learning experiences fun and enjoyable, giving them the confidence to achieve further success in language learning.

These qualifications are available at Stage 1 (pre-A1), Stage 2 (A1) and Stage 3 (A2).

SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR ALL ESOL CADETS STAGES

GA published resources

GA ESOL Cadets Alphabetic Word lists

This is where you will find all the lexical items that are likely to be tested in our exams. Please note that the word lists are organised in the following way: there's one for each level (Stage 1, 2 and 3), and also combined word lists for stages 1 and 2, and a complete word list of all the lexical items for all three stages.



GA ESOL Cadets Vocabulary posters

We have produced vocabulary posters with fun and colourful images of a selection of lexical items that the candidates are likely to encounter in our exams. They have been organised into the following categories:

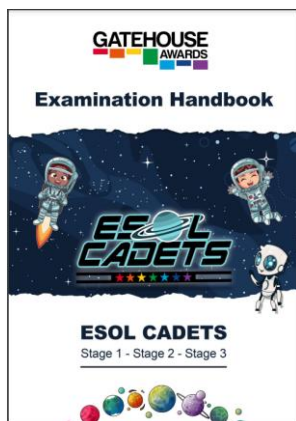
- Animals and Nature
- At School
- Clothes and Body
- Food and Drink
- Time and Activities



GA ESOL Cadets Examination Handbook

This is where you will find all the information you need to prepare your learners for the ESOL Cadets examinations, including, but not limited to:

- ✓ Guidance for schools and teachers
- ✓ Examinations overview at all stages
- ✓ Language specifications including overview of functions, grammar structures and vocabulary
- ✓ Information about results and certification



Examinations overview

ESOL CADETS STAGE 1				
Paper	Time	Summary	Number of questions	
Speaking	Up to 10 minutes per 2 Candidates	A board game	A series of five individual challenges	
Listening	Approximately 15 minutes	4 Tasks	20	
Reading and Writing	30 minutes	5 Tasks	30	

ESOL CADETS STAGE 2				
Paper	Time	Summary	Number of questions	
Speaking	Up to 10 minutes per 2 Candidates	A board game	A series of five individual challenges	
Listening	Approximately 15 minutes	4 Tasks	20	
Reading and Writing	30 minutes	4 Tasks	20	

ESOL CADETS STAGE 3				
Paper	Time	Summary	Number of questions	
Speaking	Up to 10 minutes per 2 Candidates	A board game	A series of five individual challenges	
Listening	Approximately 20 minutes	4 Tasks	20	
Reading and Writing	40 minutes	4 Tasks	40	

STAGE 1

Task types

TASK	TASK TYPE	SUMMARY	NUMBER OF QUESTIONS	MARKS
1	True/False multiple choice	Identify items from simple phrases	5	5
2	Matching picture	Match words to their names from simple descriptions	5	10
3	Matching picture	Identify the location of items from simple descriptions	5	5
4	True/False multiple choice	Understand simple conversations	5	10
TOTAL MARKS:			30	

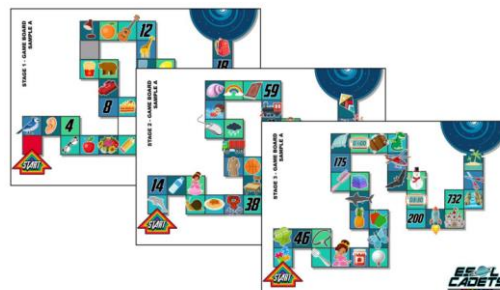
Candidates should be able to:

- understand short, simple phrases, sentences and questions
- recognise everyday words familiar to young children, e.g. toys, animals, school and popular hobbies
- recognise basic of the week

GA ESOL Cadets Sample Exams

Everything you need to arrange a 'mock' or practice exam with your learners, including:

- Reading Exam Paper and Answer Sheet
- Listening Exam Paper and Answer Sheet
- Listening Recording
- Listening Transcript
- Reading and Writing Exam Paper and Answer Sheet
- Examiner Booklet for Speaking (including cards and game boards)



Why not visit our website to download the sample exams for all three stages of the ESOL Cadets, as well as all the remaining resources?

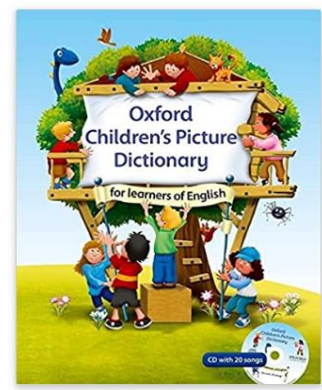
<https://gatehouseawards.org/qualifications/esol-cadets>

Other resources – ESOL Cadets all stages

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Oxford Children's Picture Dictionary

Oxford Children's Picture Dictionary provides the key vocabulary young English language learners need for the topics they meet in their coursebooks and that are tested on in ESOL CADETS exams. This dictionary is available in paper-based format.



Online Picture Dictionary

The free online dictionary at www.opdome.com is designed for young learners and covers the key vocabulary content organised into several lexical categories. The dictionary includes recordings of the pronunciation and is very easy to navigate for young learners.



[Follow this link to access this resource](#)



SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR ESOL CADETS STAGE 1

Stage 1 is designed to reflect A0 level, or a *Pre-Entry* level of English. This level is suitable for candidates who are just starting out in learning English. This is also sometimes described as 'Pre-A1' Level, or 'Absolute Beginner'.

Suggested course books

Beehive Starter Level, Beehive Level 1 and Beehive Level 2 (Oxford University Press)

Beehive is a teacher-led, but student-centred course with a strong emphasis on vocabulary and grammar that will prepare your students for exam success. This series follows an easy-to-teach approach with lots of teacher support materials. "Think, feel, grow" activities guide students' social and emotional awareness and wellbeing, and stories and videos bring international culture alive.

Available with the following support resources:

- Student Book and Workbook (print and e-book)
- Student Resources
- Teacher's Guide and Resources
- Classroom Presentation Tools

Skills Builder Movers 1 and Skills Builder Movers 2 (Express Publishing)

This exciting series is designed to develop all four language skills at Pre A1 (CEFR) level. The syllabus reflects the language covered in primary courses and material taught around the world. The tasks and activities provide excellent practice in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Available with the following support resources:

- Skills Builder Student's Book (1 and 2)
- Skills Builder Teacher's Book (1 and 2)
- Class CDs (1 and 2)

Suggested free online resources

ESL Kids Lesson plans, flashcards, worksheets, songs, readers & crafts, available at:

<https://www.eslkidstuff.com/>

Suggested teacher support materials

Collins Teaching Essentials - Introducing English to Young Children: Reading and Writing (Collins)



SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR ESOL CADETS STAGE 2

Stage 2 is approximately the level defined in CEFR as A1. This level is suitable for candidates who are very basic users of English and can communicate in a simple way. This is also sometimes described as the 'Breakthrough' or 'Beginner' level.

Suggested course books

Beehive Level 3 and Beehive Level 4 (Oxford University Press)

Continuation of Beehive series, these titles are mapped to CEFR A1 level.

Available with the following support resources:

- Student Book and Workbook (print and e-book)
- Student Resources
- Teacher's Guide and Resources
- Classroom Presentation Tools
- Online Practice

Skills Builder Movers 1 and Skills Builder Movers 2 (Express Publishing)

Available with the following support resources:

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- Skills Builder Teacher's Book (1 and 2)
- Class CDs (1 and 2)

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Suggested teacher support materials

Teaching Young Learners: Actions Songs, Chants & Games! (Express Publishing)

A teacher-friendly, practical, enjoyable collection of over 100 original action songs, chants and games for professionals teaching young learners. The book provides step-by-step guidance on how to use action songs and games with children, and on how to integrate them into any EFL primary syllabus, plus photocopiable pages.



SUPPORT MATERIALS FOR ESOL CADETS STAGE 3

Stage 3 is approximately the level defined in CEFR as A2. This level is suitable for candidates who are basic users of English and able to begin to express themselves in familiar contexts. This is also sometimes described as the 'Waystage' or 'Elementary' level.

Suggested course books

Beehive Level 5 (Oxford University Press)

Continuation of Beehive series, this title is mapped to CEFR A2 level.

Available with the following support resources:

- Student Book and Workbook (print and e-book)
- Student Resources
- Teacher's Guide and Resources
- Classroom Presentation Tools
- Online Practice

Skills Builder Flyers 1 and Skills Builder Flyers 2 (Express Publishing)

Available with the following support resources:

- Skills Builder Student's Book (1 and 2)
- Skills Builder Teacher's Book (1 and 2)
- Class CDs (1 and 2)

This exciting series is designed to develop all four language skills at A2 (CEFR) level. The syllabus reflects the language covered in primary courses and material taught around the world. The tasks and activities provide excellent practice in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Suggested free online resources

ESL Kids Lesson plans, flashcards, worksheets, songs, readers & crafts, available at:

<https://www.eslkidstuff.com/>

Suggested teacher support materials

Game On – 150 Activities for English Language Learners (Express Publishing)

This book contains 150 different and re-usable activities for pairs, groups and the whole class, which extend and consolidate student learning and competence in vocabulary, grammar and pronunciation, and develops skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing.