

Why Trinity ESOL is important

Trinity ESOL Skills for Life exams are aimed at learners aged 16 and above who are living in the United Kingdom and have English as a second language. The skills tested include a range of language needed on a day-to-day basis such as corresponding with banks or doctors or conversing with native speakers. Candidates will sit a mock exam first, in order for the teachers to assess their current level, and then they will be entered for the actual exams at either Entry level, Level 1 or Level 2.

Reading

Students are taught to deal with a wide variety of texts that they might come across whilst living in the UK. These could include newspaper articles, guidelines on how to use something or written correspondence in the form of an email or letter, for example. Students will learn how to read the texts both for gist meaning and to extract specific information and will develop their skills at inferring meaning from context. They will be given practice at dealing with a wide variety of text types and cover many topic areas.

Writing

Students will be given plenty of opportunities to develop their writing skills. As well as focusing on grammar, spelling and punctuation, they will learn about letter writing formula and structure and the style expected in the UK. The types of writing task the course covers include forms, narratives, letters, emails, instructions, reports and explanations.

Speaking and Listening

The skills of speaking and listening are tested together to reflect what goes on in the real world. Students will be given thorough preparation and practice through pairwork, groupwork and individual spoken presentations to develop all aspects of their speaking and listening ability. The test will examine how they cope both with small group discussions and one-to-one conversations. Tasks that they complete will include such things as explaining how something works, finding out information through questions, expressing opinions and responding to the views of someone else.