

Which English syllabus is right for me?

A guide to English syllabuses from Cambridge International

Cambridge Primary

English

- Perfect for learners who speak English at home and at school.
- Develops reading, writing, speaking and listening skills for everyday situations and in study.
- Offers strongest progression to Cambridge Lower Secondary English.

English as a Second Language

- Best for those who speak a language other than English at home.
- Develops ability to communicate confidently and use English in a range of situations.

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Cambridge
Primary

Learners typically aged 5+



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Cambridge Lower Secondary

English

- Perfect for learners who have significant experience of learning through English, for example at an English-medium primary school.
- Develops reading, writing, speaking and listening skills for everyday situations and in study.
- Designed for students who will progress to our first language Cambridge IGCSE and O Level English syllabuses.

English as a Second Language

- Best for those who speak a language other than English at home.
- Develops ability to communicate confidently and use English in a range of situations.

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Cambridge
Lower
Secondary

Learners typically aged 11+



Cambridge Upper Secondary

Learners typically aged 14+

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Cambridge IGCSE™

English – First Language (0500/0990)

- Suitable for learners whose first language is English, and who study through the English-medium.
- Develops ability to communicate clearly and use a wide range of language accurately.
- Offers strong progression to Cambridge International AS & A Level and highly suitable for further learning in English.

English – Second Language (0510/0511/0991/0993)

- Suitable for learners whose first language is not English, but who study through the English-medium.
- Develops ability to understand and use English in a range of situations.
- Offers good progression to Cambridge International AS & A Level.

NEW English – Additional Language (0472/0772)

- Suitable for learners whose first language is not English, and who study through a mixed language medium.
- Develops learners' ability to communicate in English clearly in a range of familiar situations.
- Builds vocabulary and grammar knowledge.

Literature in English (0475)

- Encourages learners to explore poetry, prose and drama from different periods and cultures.
- Students read, interpret, evaluate and respond to a range of international literature written in English.
- Offers strong progression to Cambridge International AS & A Level Literature in English.

World Literature (0408)

- Gives schools the option to choose literary texts from different countries and cultures.
- Develops lifelong skills in interpreting and evaluating texts.
- Provides strong progression to Cambridge International AS & A Level Literature in English.

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Cambridge O Level

English Language (1123)

- Best for learners who speak English at home or at school, at near first language level.
- Learn to communicate clearly and use a wide range of language accurately.
- Offers good progression to Cambridge International AS & A Level.

Literature in English (2010)

- Encourages learners to explore poetry, prose and drama from different periods and cultures.
- Students read, interpret, evaluate and respond to a range of international literature written in English.
- Offers strong progression to Cambridge International AS & A Level Literature in English.

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Cambridge
Upper
Secondary

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Cambridge International AS & A Level

English – Language (9093)

- Ideal for learners who want to develop skills in writing and responding to a range of texts analytically, critically and creatively.
- Prepares students for entry to university courses of any discipline but is particularly relevant for those who want to study English Language, Creative Writing or Linguistics at university.

English – Literature (9695)

- Supports learners to develop an appreciation of, and an informed personal response to, literature in English through studying a range of international prose, poetry and drama texts.
- Offers good progression for entry to university courses.

English – Language & Literature (8695)

- A great combination of language and literature that equips learners with a variety of transferable skills.
- Develops skills that support a wide range of subjects and real-world situations.

English General Paper (8021)

- Develops transferable skills through the study of a variety of topics including comprehension, constructing an argument and persuasive writing in English.
- Great preparation for further study and employment.

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Cambridge
Advanced

Learners typically aged 16+