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Helping teachers get the best from their students
We are a world leader in teacher development, offering globally accepted teaching qualifications and Continuing Professional Development (CPD) resources for teachers.

The research we do, and the evidence we collect, means we have the expertise, knowledge and insight to understand the needs of teachers, whatever stage they are at in their development.

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“You wouldn’t believe the difference I’m making to my classes now. Students walking up saying their ‘thank you’ after every lesson and being remembered are the most satisfying rewards a teacher could ever ask for.”

Evonne Chan Sui Kern, English language teacher, Malaysia
The Cambridge English Teaching Framework

The Cambridge English Teaching Framework describes professional competencies across four stages:

- Foundation
- Developing
- Proficient
- Expert

and five categories of teacher knowledge and ability:

- Learning and the Learner
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Language Ability
- Language Knowledge and Awareness
- Professional Development and Values.

What is the framework for?

The framework can be used by teachers to understand their individual profile and plan their professional development. It can also be used by organisations to develop appropriate professional development programmes that target core teaching skills.

How was the framework developed?

We developed the framework by:

- reviewing teaching frameworks already in use
- reviewing current research on teaching frameworks
- drawing on our extensive written records of teacher assessments globally
- incorporating the core principles of our teaching qualification syllabuses.

We then finalised the framework, based on the results of research studies and feedback from teachers, head teachers and teacher trainers around the world.

“The Cambridge English Teaching Framework has been extremely useful in helping us develop and align our online professional development courses for teachers. It reflects the principles of professional development that underlie our own approach to language teacher education.”

Thom Kiddle, NILE Online Academic Director, Norwich Institute for Language Education, UK
Cambridge English
Teaching Framework

A summary version of the framework is below. Read more about the framework, including the full competency statements for each stage: [www.cambridgeenglish.org/teaching-framework](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/teaching-framework)

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<th>Learning and the Learner</th>
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<td>• Has a basic understanding of some language-learning concepts.</td>
<td>• Has a reasonable understanding of many language-learning concepts.</td>
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<td>• Demonstrates a little of this understanding when planning and teaching.</td>
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<th>Teaching, Learning and Assessment</th>
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<td>• Has a basic understanding of some key principles of teaching, learning and assessment.</td>
<td>• Has a reasonable understanding of many key principles of teaching, learning and assessment.</td>
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<td>• Can plan and deliver simple lessons with a basic awareness of learners’ needs, using core teaching techniques.</td>
<td>• Can plan and deliver lessons with some awareness of learners’ needs, using a number of different teaching techniques.</td>
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<td>• Can use available tests and basic assessment procedures to support and promote learning.</td>
<td>• Can design simple tests and use some assessment procedures to support and promote learning.</td>
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<td>• Provides accurate examples of language points taught at A1 and A2 levels.</td>
<td>• Provides accurate examples of language points taught at A1, A2 and B1 levels.</td>
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<td>• Uses basic classroom language which is mostly accurate.</td>
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<td>• Is aware of some key terms for describing language.</td>
<td>• Has reasonable knowledge of many key terms for describing language.</td>
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<td>• Can answer simple learner questions with the help of reference materials.</td>
<td>• Can answer most learner questions with the help of reference materials.</td>
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<td>• Can reflect on a lesson with guidance and learn from feedback.</td>
<td>• Can reflect on a lesson without guidance and respond positively to feedback.</td>
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<td>• Requires guidance in self-assessing own needs.</td>
<td>• Can self-assess own needs and identify some areas for improvement.</td>
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## Teacher Development Tracker

1. Find out where you or your teachers are on the framework.
2. Choose the best combination of development activities.

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### Proficient

- Has a good understanding of many language–learning concepts.
- Frequently demonstrates this understanding when planning and teaching.
- Has good knowledge of key terms for describing language.
- Can answer most learner questions with minimal use of reference materials.
- Can reflect critically and actively seeks feedback.
- Can identify own strengths and weaknesses as a teacher, and can support other teachers.
- Provides accurate examples of language points taught at A1, A2, B1 and B2 levels.
- Uses classroom language which is consistently accurate throughout the lesson.

### Expert

- Has a sophisticated understanding of many language–learning concepts.
- Consistently demonstrates this understanding when planning and teaching.
- Has a sophisticated understanding of key principles of teaching, learning and assessment.
- Can plan and deliver detailed and sophisticated lessons with a thorough understanding of learners’ needs, using a comprehensive range of teaching techniques.
- Can design a range of effective tests and use individualised assessment procedures consistently to support and promote learning.
- Provides accurate examples of language points taught at A1–C2 levels.
- Uses a wide range of classroom language which is consistently accurate throughout the lesson.
- Has sophisticated knowledge of key terms for describing language.
- Can answer most learner questions in detail with minimal use of reference materials.
- Consistently reflects critically, observes other colleagues and is highly committed to professional development.
- Is highly aware of own strengths and weaknesses, and actively supports the development of other teachers.
Professional development at every stage

The diagram below shows which stages of the framework our courses and qualifications map to and the Continuing Professional Development resources we provide at every stage:
Teaching courses and qualifications for different contexts

The teaching courses and qualifications we offer at each stage of development can be used for different educational contexts:

**Primary school track**
These courses and qualifications are for English language teachers working in primary education (6–12 year olds).
- Language for Teaching (courses for A2, B1 and B2 levels of the CEFR*)
- Certificate in English Language Teaching – Primary – CELT-P
- Teaching Knowledge Test – TKT
- In-Service Certificate in English Language Teaching – ICEL T
- Train the Trainer.

**Secondary school track**
These courses and qualifications are for English language teachers working in secondary education (11–18 year olds).
- Language for Teaching (courses for A2, B1 and B2 levels of the CEFR*)
- Certificate in English Language Teaching – Secondary – CELT-S
- Teaching Knowledge Test – TKT
- In-Service Certificate in English Language Teaching – ICEL T
- Train the Trainer.

**Language centre track**
These courses and qualifications are suitable for teachers working in private language schools, and language centres in colleges and universities.
- Language for Teaching (courses for A2, B1 and B2 levels of the CEFR*)
- Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages – CELTA
- Teaching Knowledge Test – TKT
- In-Service Certificate in English Language Teaching – ICEL T
- Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages – Delta.

**Higher education track**
- Certificate in EMI Skills (English as a Medium of Instruction) – EMI Skills.

* Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – the international standard for describing language ability. Find out more: www.cambridgeenglish.org/cefr
Teaching courses and qualifications – an overview

Our range of teaching courses and qualifications cover all framework stages.

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<td>Language for Teaching</td>
<td>English language teachers who want to improve their general and professional English, to reach CEFR Levels A2, B1 or B2.</td>
<td>• More confidence in communicating effectively in English, both inside and outside the classroom.</td>
<td>• Combines online learning with optional face-to-face sessions.</td>
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<td>CELTA</td>
<td>New teachers, or those without a formal qualification.</td>
<td>• Essential teaching skills and knowledge. • A globally accepted qualification. • Access to teaching opportunities all over the world.</td>
<td>• Full time/part time. • Face-to-face course with teaching practice. • Online course with face-to-face teaching practice.</td>
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<td>TKT</td>
<td>New or experienced teachers working in language centres or in compulsory education contexts.</td>
<td>• Increased knowledge and awareness of good practice. • A globally accepted qualification.</td>
<td>Tests with a flexible, modular format.</td>
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<td>CELT-P</td>
<td>New or experienced English language teachers working in primary schools.</td>
<td>• Improved classroom performance to help 6–12 year old learners achieve their potential. • A Cambridge English qualification.</td>
<td>Online, modular courses with optional face-to-face sessions. • Assessed through tasks, teaching practice and a written test.</td>
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<td>CELT-S</td>
<td>New or experienced English language teachers working in secondary schools.</td>
<td>• Improved classroom performance to help 11–18 year old learners achieve their potential. • A Cambridge English qualification.</td>
<td>Online, modular courses with optional face-to-face sessions. • Assessed through tasks, teaching practice and a written test.</td>
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<td>CELT</td>
<td>Experienced teachers working in all teaching contexts.</td>
<td>• Improved/refreshed teaching knowledge and practice. • Transferable skills when moving into a new teaching context. • A globally accepted qualification.</td>
<td>Part time. • Face-to-face course with teaching practice and distance learning support. • Assessed through assignments and teaching practice.</td>
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### Framework stage

#### Delta
Experienced teachers working in language centres, who want to update their teaching knowledge and improve their practice.

- Improved teaching knowledge and practice for career development.
- A globally accepted qualification.

#### Certificate in EMI Skills
Academic faculty working in higher education, whose first language is not English, and who deliver their courses in English.

- Improved English language proficiency and awareness of different approaches to instruction in English.

#### Train the Trainer
Experienced teachers, who are intending to train teachers for the CELT-P and CELT-S qualifications.

- Ability to plan and deliver effective teacher training courses and give supportive feedback.

### Study mode/delivery options

- Flexible, modular format combining coursework, teaching practice, an exam and a written assignment.
- Online and distance learning options available.

### Online study modes

Many of our courses and qualifications are delivered online, with extra face-to-face options available. These include: the Language for Teaching courses, the CELT-P and CELT-S qualifications and the Certificate in EMI Skills.

The additional benefits of online delivery are:

- course reporting tool to track participants’ progress
- personalised learning through interactive activities
- self-assessment tasks to practise and reflect.

Find out more: [www.cambridgeenglish.org/teachingqualifications](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/teachingqualifications)
Resources and support at every stage

Our Continuing Professional Development (CPD) resources are also mapped to the framework, so teachers are supported at every stage. These resources help teachers to keep their teaching practice fresh, and continue to inspire their learners.

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