

Discover Trinity's ISE: Integrated Skills in English

An English language exam for the 21st century

Trinity's Integrated Skills in English (ISE) qualification is a contemporary multi-skills language exam designed for people who need English language skills for study. With a strong focus on real language performance and promoting the development of transferable skills for academic study and employability, ISE assesses the communicative skills needed to succeed in the 21st century.

An ISE level for every student

ISE is intended for young people and adults, typically at school, college or university, who are learning and using English in their studies. It is also suitable for adults who require a respected English language qualification. ISE is available at five levels from A2 to C2 on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) – so there's a level for every student as they progress.

ISE Foundation (A2) | ISE I (B1) | ISE II (B2) | ISE III (C1) | ISE IV (C2)


Two ISE exam modules

ISE consists of two independent exam modules: Reading & Writing and Speaking & Listening. The modules can be taken together, or at different times when students are ready.

Reading & Writing			
ISE Foundation (A2)	ISE I (B1)	ISE II (B2)	ISE III (C1)
2 x Reading tasks, 1 x Reading into writing task, 1 x Writing task = 2 hours			

Speaking & Listening			
ISE Foundation (A2)	ISE I (B1)	ISE II (B2)	ISE III (C1)
2 x Speaking tasks 2 x Listening tasks 13 minutes	2 x Speaking tasks 2 x Listening tasks 18 minutes	3 x Speaking tasks 1 x Listening task 20 minutes	3 x Speaking tasks 1 x Listening task 25 minutes

Notes: Timings include examiner admin time
ISE IV (C2) has a different format – see trinitycollege.com/ISE for details



‘There are two ISE modules: Speaking & Listening and Reading & Writing. With a level for every ability, people can take each module when they are ready.’

Key features and benefits of ISE

Features

- ▶ **Assesses integrated skills in English**
ISE assesses students' ability to interact in English in an authentic and meaningful way, through integrated reading and writing exam tasks and integrated speaking and listening tasks.
- ▶ **Personalised discussion with an expert speaker**
The ISE discussion task is an authentic, personalised, one-to-one conversation with a Trinity examiner, focusing on students' own experiences, interests and opinions.
- ▶ **Feedback on student performance**
Trinity is unique in providing detailed feedback on student performance after Speaking & Listening exams in a 30-minute teacher support session.
- ▶ **Detailed results and certificates**
The module certificates show separate results for reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students also receive a detailed diagnostic report for each skill showing strengths and areas for improvement. When both modules have been passed at the same level, an Integrated Skills in English qualification is awarded.

Benefits

- ▶ **Builds real-life communication skills**
Preparing for ISE develops relevant English language skills in a real-life context that students need for study at school and university and later for employment.
- ▶ **Contemporary**
ISE supports contemporary teaching strategies such as Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) activities, and develops cognitive processes from basic recall and understanding through to synthesis and evaluation.
- ▶ **Flexible**
Students can build ISE qualifications over time, taking exam modules whenever they are ready – together, or at different times.
- ▶ **Allows students to perform at their best**
Students can choose and prepare their own discussion topic for the Speaking & Listening module. This motivates them to learn and helps them to feel confident that they will perform at their best.

Convenience and professional support

We offer support and guidance for teachers and administrators. Our exams are available throughout the year and registered Trinity centres can book convenient dates for examiner visits.

Visit trinitycollege.com/ISE for exam guidance, specifications, classroom activities and practice materials as well as other resources including sample Speaking & Listening exam videos for each ISE level.

More information

For information about fees, exam dates and becoming a registered exam centre, please contact your Trinity representative. Find details of your local contact at trinitycollege.com/worldwide

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