



Teaching Knowledge Test Knowledge About Language

An optional module of TKT





TKT: Knowledge About Language

TKT: Knowledge About Language is a new optional module of the **Cambridge ESOL Teaching Knowledge Test (TKT)**.

English teachers need to be both linguistically aware and able to understand the difficulties students may encounter in the language learning process. To help meet this need, **TKT: Knowledge About Language** tests a candidate's knowledge of the language systems needed by teachers for planning and teaching their lessons.

What does TKT: Knowledge About Language test?

TKT: Knowledge About Language tests a candidate's knowledge of the language systems needed by teachers for planning and teaching their lessons. It tests knowledge of how the different features of English work from a teaching perspective. **TKT: Knowledge About Language** also focuses on the teacher's awareness of the language needs of learners, and the difficulties involved in learning a second language.

The exam format

TKT: Knowledge About Language is an optional module of TKT and follows that exam's format. It consists of a single paper lasting 1 hour and 20 minutes and containing 80 questions.

The exam is divided into four parts, testing the candidate's knowledge of the lexical, phonological, grammatical, and discoursal features of English from a teaching perspective. The four sections of the exam also test the candidate's awareness of the needs of language learners (e.g. understanding of concepts, meaning and forms; working with interlanguage; errors and other linguistic difficulties).

Part	Title	Areas of language knowledge
1	Lexis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different types of meaning • lexico-grammatical items • sense relations • register • word formation • terminology relating to lexis • lexical phrases
2	Phonology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • segmental features • the role of phonology in conveying meaning • suprasegmental features • the importance of phonology in discourse • terminology relating to phonology
3	Grammar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the relationship of language to context • language analysis - parts of speech and their function in context; form and use of structural patterns • terminology for analysing the form and meaning of language • word classes and the functional role of word(s) in a sentence • morphology: common morphemes and their function; affixation and word building • grammatical roles performed by words in a sentence • the significance of context in determining meaning • form, meaning and appropriacy
4	Discourse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • coherence • cohesion • register • distinctive features of common written and spoken genres • the differences between pragmatic and semantic meaning • functions

Who is it for?

TKT: Knowledge About Language is suitable for pre- or in-service teachers and for international candidates teaching across all sectors of education: primary, secondary and tertiary.

There are no formal entry requirements. However, anyone wishing to take **TKT: Knowledge About Language** is strongly advised to have at least an upper intermediate level of English — Level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) — e.g. FCE.



How to register

TKT: Knowledge About Language is available through the Cambridge ESOL world-wide centre network. You can find your nearest centre at www.CambridgeESOL.org

You can also find further information on the exam here www.CambridgeESOL.org/KAL

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