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Computer-based options give more flexibility for candidates

New computer-based versions of Cambridge ESOL exams are beginning to be made available to English learners. The computer-based tests mean more exam dates each year. There is also faster access to results, with scores made available online just three weeks after the exam.

The first computer-based session in Mexico took place on 27 October when 15 candidates took TKT tests in Mexico City. They were followed by PET and KET candidates in early November. The feedback from candidates, teachers and centres has been overwhelmingly positive. Candidates find the navigation through the test easy and love that they can adjust the volume for the Listening paper.

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YLE Word lists

All Cambridge ESOL exams are systematically reviewed to make sure they continue to meet users' needs and remain amongst the fairest and most accurate tests available today.

The YLE vocabulary lists have been updated as part of the YLE revision programme. This has involved the addition of some words at each level and the movement of selected words from one level to another.

The main reasons for the changes were:

- to extend an existing lexical set, e.g. *sand* and *shell* have been added at Starters
- to reflect the level that words are normally introduced in coursebooks, e.g. *make* has moved from Flyers to Starters as it is frequently used in Starters level textbooks
- to update the vocabulary lists to ensure they are relevant for children today, e.g. *great* at Starters and *DVD* at Movers.

The revised wordlists for each level are included in the YLE Handbook and are arranged alphabetically, thematically and grammatically.



Supplier School Certificates 2007

All educational institutions in Mexico that registered at least 50 candidates during 2007 will be awarded a certificate of recognition from Cambridge ESOL.

The 2006 certificates were awarded earlier this year by Dr. Mike Milanovic, Cambridge ESOL's Chief Executive, during his visit to our office in Mexico.

Our office is working to support the teaching and learning of English in Mexico by increasing opportunities to take our exams, providing support for teacher training programmes and by helping employers evaluate the language skills of staff and job applicants.

The Teacher Portfolio



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www.teacherportfolio.CambridgeESOL.org

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