

## Cambridge Secondary 1 English as a second language Curriculum outline

Cambridge Secondary 1 combines a world-class curriculum with high-quality support for teachers and integrated assessment. The curriculum is dedicated to helping schools develop learners who are confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged. Cambridge Secondary 1 develops skills and understanding in English, English as Second Language, Mathematics and Science for learners typically aged 11–14.

The curriculum frameworks for each subject for Cambridge Secondary 1 are organised into three stages corresponding to the first three years of secondary education. They reflect the teaching target for each year group and provide comprehensive learning objectives.

For Cambridge Secondary 1 English as a Second Language, the curriculum is presented in five content areas or 'strands'. The learning outcomes in each strand for each successive stage are defined in terms of what learners should be able to do in English. The five strands are:

- Reading
- Listening
- Writing
- Speaking
- Use of English

The curriculum provides a comprehensive set of progressive learning objectives for learners of English as a Second Language. These are based on the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), which is used widely both within and beyond Europe to map learners' progression in English. The framing of learning objectives as a progressive can-do sequence should encourage the use of learning-centred, activity-based approaches by teachers in the implementation of the curriculum frameworks.



Cambridge Secondary 1 Progression Tests are available to schools registered for Cambridge Secondary for stages 7-9. These tests are marked by teachers and come with full mark schemes and marking guidance. At the end of Cambridge Secondary 1, schools can also offer Cambridge Secondary 1 Checkpoint, a diagnostic test which offers comprehensive feedback at the end of the Cambridge Secondary 1 stage.

On the following pages, you will find some examples from the Speaking strand for stages 7 and 9 of the Cambridge Secondary 1 English as a second language curriculum.



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## Stage 7

### Strand: Speaking

- Use formal and informal registers in their talk on a limited range of general and curricular topics.
- Ask questions to clarify meaning on a wide range of general and curricular topics.
- Give an opinion, at discourse level, on a range of general and curricular topics.
- Respond, with some flexibility, at both sentence and text level, to unexpected comments on a range of general and curricular topics.
- Link comments, with some flexibility, to what others say at sentence and discourse level in pair, group and whole class exchanges.
- Interact with peers to negotiate classroom tasks.
- Use appropriate subject-specific vocabulary and syntax to talk about a limited range of curricular topics.

## Stage 9

### Strand: Speaking

- Use formal and informal language registers in their talk on a range of general and curricular topics.
- Speak with a good degree of fluency and accuracy in social interaction with peers and other speakers of English.
- Explain and justify their own and others' point of view on a range of general and curricular topics.
- Analyse and evaluate the views of others in a growing range of contexts.
- Modify language mistakes in their talk which cause misunderstanding.
- Interact with peers to make hypotheses about a growing range of general and curricular topics.
- Use a range of appropriate subject-specific vocabulary and syntax to talk about curricular topics.

### How can I access the full curriculum framework?

Only schools offering Cambridge Secondary 1 can access the full curriculum frameworks.

- If you are a Cambridge Secondary 1 school you can download the full curriculum framework from our password protected *Cambridge Secondary 1 site*
- If you are a Cambridge school and would like to offer Cambridge Secondary 1 complete and return our *Additional Qualification Types* form
- If you are not a Cambridge school and would like to find out more about Cambridge Secondary 1 complete our *Expression of interest* form at [www.cie.org.uk](http://www.cie.org.uk)



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