

Cambridge Secondary 1 English Curriculum outline for 2015, 2016 and 2017

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 (including English as a 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, the curriculum promotes an enquiry-based approach to learning to develop thinking skills and encourage intellectual engagement. The curriculum is presented in five content areas or 'strands'. These are further divided into 'substrands'. The five strands and substrands are:

Phonics, spelling and vocabulary

Grammar and punctuation

- Reading
- Writing

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- Fiction and poetry
- Non-fiction

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Speaking and listening



The curriculum encourages learners to be confident, creative and intellectually engaged, capable of applying their skills to respond to a range of information, media and text with enjoyment and understanding. Learners who follow this framework will develop a first language competency in English based on a curriculum designed to be successful in any culture and to promote cross-cultural understanding. The Cambridge Secondary 1 English curriculum framework provides a solid foundation on which the later stages of education can be built.

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 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 Phonics, spelling and vocabulary strand for stages 7 and 9 of the Cambridge Secondary 1 English curriculum.



Stage 7

Strand: Phonics, spelling and vocabulary

- Spell correctly most words used.
- Increase knowledge of word families, roots, derivations, morphology and regular spelling patterns.
- Use a dictionary and thesaurus effectively to further develop vocabulary.
- Learn a range of vocabulary appropriate to their needs, and use words precisely in speech and writing to clarify and extend meaning and to interest their audience.
- Learn to use the terms 'image', 'simile', 'metaphor', 'onomatopoeia', 'setting' and 'genre'.

Stage 9

Strand: : Phonics, spelling and vocabulary

- Spell correctly throughout a substantial text including ambitious or complex polysyllabic words.
- Continue to be aware of spelling errors and correct them.
- Continue to extend range of language and use it appropriately.
- Show some appreciation of how the writer's language choices contribute to the overall effect on the reader, e.g. demonstrating the effectiveness of imagery in contrasting texts or arguing that the use of highly emotive language in an advertisement is/is not counterproductive in its effect on an audience.
- Shape and affect the reader's response through conscious choices and in planned ways by selecting ambitiously from a wide and varied vocabulary for a range of tasks, purposes and readers.

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