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TKT: Young Learners

Teaching Knowledge Test

Handbook for teachers

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This handbook is intended for tutors and candidates and provides information to help prepare for the TKT: Young Learners (YL) module.

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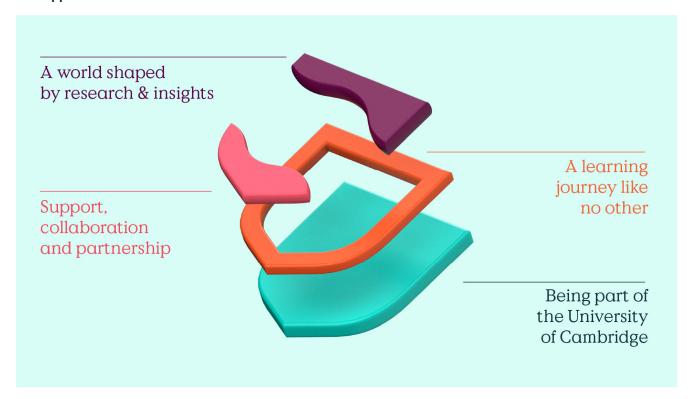
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Our approach



Cambridge English teaching qualifications – an overview

The following qualifications are available to teachers through Cambridge English teaching qualification centres:

	Candidate ı	requirements	Qualification f	eatures				
	Teaching experience	Entry qualifications	Teaching age group	Can be taken pre-service	Course participation required	Assessed teaching practice	Continuous assessment/ coursework	Paper-based test
TKT: Modules 1, 2 and 3 Teaching Knowledge Test	Not essential	Not required	Primary, secondary or adults	0				0
TKT: CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning)	Not essential	Not required	Primary, secondary or adults	0				0
TKT: Young Learners	Not essential	Not required	Primary	0				0
CELTA Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Not required	Qualifications allowing access to higher education	Adults	0	Face-to-face, online and blended courses	0	0	
DELTA Module One Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages	Recommended	Initial teaching qualification	Primary, secondary or adults					0
DELTA Module Two	Required	Initial teaching qualification	Primary, secondary or adults		Face-to-face, online and blended courses	0	0	
DELTA Module Three	Recommended	Initial teaching qualification	Primary, secondary or adults				Extended Assignment	

Cambridge English Teaching Framework

We developed the Cambridge English Teaching Framework:

- to help teachers identify where they are in their professional career
- to help teachers and their employers think about where they want to go next and identify development activities to get there.

See the full version of the framework for detailed competency statements: cambridgeenglish.org/teaching-framework

Stages	Foundation	Developing
Learning and the learner	 Has a basic understanding of some language-learning concepts. Demonstrates a little of this understanding when 	Has a reasonable understanding of many language-learning concepts. Demonstrates some of this understanding when
	planning and teaching.	planning and teaching.
	Has a basic understanding of some key principles of teaching, learning and assessment.	Has a reasonable understanding of many key principles of teaching, learning and assessment.
Teaching, learning and assessment	Can plan and deliver simple lessons with a basic awareness of learners' needs, using core teaching techniques.	Can plan and deliver lessons with some awareness of learners' needs, using a number of different teaching techniques.
	Can use available tests and basic assessment procedures to support and promote learning.	Can design simple tests and use some assessment procedures to support and promote learning.
Language	Provides accurate examples of language points taught at A1 and A2 levels.	Provides accurate examples of language points taught at A1, A2 and B1 levels.
ability	Uses basic classroom language which is mostly accurate.	Uses classroom language which is mostly accurate.
Language knowledge	Is aware of some key terms for describing language.	Has reasonable knowledge of many key terms for describing language.
and awareness	Can answer simple learner questions with the help of reference materials.	Can answer most learner questions with the help of reference materials.
Professional	Can reflect on a lesson with guidance and learn from feedback.	Can reflect on a lesson without guidance and respond positively to feedback.
development and values	Requires guidance in self-assessing own needs.	Can self-assess own needs and identify some areas for improvement.

Proficient	Expert
Has a good understanding of many language-learning concepts.	Has a sophisticated understanding of language-learning concepts.
 Frequently demonstrates this understanding when planning and teaching. 	Consistently demonstrates this understanding when planning and teaching.
 Has a good understanding of key principles of teaching, learning and assessment. Can plan and deliver detailed lessons with good awareness of learners' needs, using a wide range of teaching techniques. Can design effective tests and use a range of assessment procedures to support and promote learning. 	 Has a sophisticated understanding of key principles of teaching, learning and assessment. Can plan and deliver detailed and sophisticated lessons with a thorough understanding of learners' needs, using a comprehensive range of teaching techniques. Can design a range of effective tests and use individualised assessment procedures consistently to support and promote learning.
 Provides accurate examples of language points taught at A1, A2, B1 and B2 levels. Uses classroom language which is consistently accurate throughout the lesson. 	 Provides accurate examples of language points taught at A1–C2 levels. Uses a wide range of classroom language which is consistently accurate throughout the lesson.
 Has good knowledge of key terms for describing language. Can answer most learner questions with minimal use of reference materials. 	 Has sophisticated knowledge of key terms for describing language. Can answer most learner questions in detail with minimal use of reference materials.
 Can reflect critically and actively seeks feedback. Can identify own strengths and weaknesses as a teacher, and can support other teachers. 	 Consistently reflects critically, observes other colleagues and is highly committed to professional development. Is highly aware of own strengths and weaknesses, and actively supports the development of other teachers.

Teaching English to young learners – an overview

How young is a young learner?

The term young learner is interpreted differently around the world. TKT: YL defines a young learner as a child who is in their first six years of formal education, from the age of 6 to 12. This age range is used because formal schooling in many countries begins at 6, while the upper age of 12 approximates to when many children begin to experience significant cognitive and emotional changes.

How is teaching English to young learners different from teaching English to adults?

There are similarities between teaching young learners and teaching adults. Teachers of young learners will need many of the same skills in planning, teaching, classroom management and language proficiency as teachers of adults. Depending upon the educational and cultural context in which they are working, the aims of their teaching may often be similar: helping learners to understand and communicate, and to develop learning strategies which help them to learn independently.

Like adults, young learners are individuals with their own characteristics, likes, dislikes and beliefs. It is therefore difficult to generalise about teaching them. However, there are four key areas where teaching young learners differs from teaching adults:

- 1. Young learners are still developing cognitively, linguistically, socially, emotionally and physically. Smith (1995) describes young learners as 'products in process'. Learners aged 6–12 are still developing their thinking skills, their first language systems, their hand–eye co-ordination and other motor skills. They are still discovering the rules for interacting with others, and learning to understand their own reactions to others and to events. The breadth, volume and speed of this early development also means there are significant differences in the abilities, interests and characteristics of children within the 6–12 age range. There can be significant learner variables, for example, between children aged 8–9, and children aged 10–11 (Cephe and Teflik 2001).
- 2. Young learners often have no obvious reason for learning English. Many adults choose to learn English for a specific jobrelated purpose, or for personal reasons. Learners at secondary school are often motivated to learn English in order to pass an exam, get a job, or go to university. Young learners, by contrast, are generally conscripts in language classes (even in private tuition). They generally do not need, for example, to order a meal in English, give directions, or discuss the weather (Clark 1990) typical focuses of early language learning classes for adults. However, the lack of a clear reason for learning English may not worry the young learner, who will very often bring goodwill, energy and curiosity to learning.
- 3. Young learners may not always have well-developed literacy skills to support their learning of English. Many children at the younger end of the 6–12 year-old spectrum may not be able to read and write in their own language, or may be starting to read and write sometimes in a different script in parallel with learning English. It is often the case, therefore, that children up to the age of about 9 may not be able to use reading or writing to support their learning in a foreign language. Cameron (2001:108) refers to this phenomenon as a 'literacy skills lag'. This means that in many young learner classrooms, talking is the

- main medium of input, as children may not yet have the skills to decode meaning from text.
- 4. Young learners often learn slowly and forget quickly. The popular belief that young learners find it somehow much easier to learn than adults is attractive, but not supported by evidence from classroom contexts where children have a few English lessons a week. From the rather limited evidence available, research tends to show that older learners (from around age 13 and up) may have advantages in terms of remembering grammar and vocabulary (Aitchison 2003, Snow and Hoefnagel-Hohle 1978), possibly due to advantages over younger learners in learning skills and cognition. In addition, given similar conditions, older learners' pronunciation may not differ significantly from that of younger learners over time (Snow and Hoefnagel-Hohle 1977).

Why teach English to young learners?

While there may not be immediate linguistic benefits in teaching English to young learners, there are many good reasons for doing so. Most crucially, positive early experiences of learning a foreign language may help young learners to develop self-esteem and positive attitudes that will equip them to study English with greater confidence when they are older. It can also help them apply more developed learning and cognitive skills to the more formal and abstract learning they may experience in secondary school.

Intercultural benefits may derive from the realisation that other countries have a language with sounds and rules different from their own. As they realise both the similarities and differences between English-speaking people and themselves, they may also learn values of tolerance, empathy and curiosity. These values will be useful in later life and for the society in which they live.

They may gain academic benefits from learning English, too: generic concepts such as time, number and changes in the season can be consolidated through learning English, as can learning skills such as planning, organising and checking work. For more on the benefits of early-start English, see Read (2003).

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Introduction to TKT

TKT tests knowledge about English language teaching. The tests are designed to encourage teachers in their professional development by providing a step in their progression on the Cambridge English Teaching Framework. Candidates can also use TKT to access further training and enhance career opportunities.

TKT - an overview

TKT is divided into separate modules. Candidates can take them all, or choose the modules that meet their needs. A certificate is received for each module completed.

The **core modules** are designed to provide a foundation in the principles and practice of English language teaching:

- TKT: Module 1 Language and background to language learning and teaching
- TKT: Module 2 Lesson planning and use of resources for language teaching
- TKT: Module 3 Managing the teaching and learning process.

Teaching knowledge is assessed by means of objective-format tests, which are simple to administer and to take.

There are further **specialist modules**, which can be taken separately or added to the core modules:

- · TKT: CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning)
- TKT: Young Learners (YL).

Please note: TKT: KAL (Knowledge about Language), TKT: Practical and computer-based TKT Modules 1, 2, and 3 are no longer available.

The aims of the modular format

The format is designed to be accessible and offer candidates maximum flexibility, and therefore does not include a compulsory course component. However, it is likely that centres and other institutions will wish to offer courses for TKT preparation.

What can successful candidates do with TKT?

TKT increases teachers' confidence and enables them to progress to other Cambridge English teaching qualifications.

TKT is recognised as an English language teaching qualification by many organisations and institutions around the world.

TKT: YL – an overview

TKT: YL is a test of knowledge of teaching English to young learners. It tests knowledge of concepts related to:

- the learning and development of young learners
- · planning lessons for young learners
- teaching strategies, practice activities and resources used to support and challenge language learning in young learners.

It also tests knowledge of informal classroom assessment of young learners' work.

Who is TKT: YL suitable for?

TKT: YL is suitable for teachers of young learners who already teach other curriculum subjects in their first language, specialist young learner teachers who teach only English, or teachers of older learners or adults who also wish to teach young learners.

It can also be taken by:

- · pre-service teachers
- teachers who wish to refresh their teaching knowledge
- teachers who are moving to teaching English after teaching another subject.

Entry criteria and language requirements

Candidates are not required to fulfil any specific entry criteria for TKT: YL. There are no formal English language requirements; however, candidates are expected to be familiar with language relating to the practice of English language teaching. A non-exhaustive list of teaching terminology and definitions is provided in the TKT Glossary, which can be downloaded from cambridgeenglish.org/tkt

Test structure

The TKT: YL module consists of a timed pencil-and-paper test, featuring 80 multiple-choice questions.

It tests candidates' knowledge of concepts related to teaching young learners, rather than their subject knowledge, proficiency in the English language, or their performance in classroom situations.

Approaches to teaching and learning

A range of approaches to teaching and learning may be covered in the test. Materials are carefully selected so that they are fair to candidates from all backgrounds and teaching contexts. Knowledge of communicative and other approaches to teaching is expected, as is familiarity with the common terminology of English language teaching (a non-exhaustive list of teaching terminology and definitions is provided in the TKT Glossary).

Sources and text types for TKT: YL preparation

Extracts, original or adapted, from the following sources may feature in TKT: YL:

- young learners' coursebooks, activity books or supplementary materials, including young learner materials found online
- the TKT Glossary
- articles relating to young learners from journals, magazines and the internet
- · diagrams and other visuals
- descriptions of classroom situations.

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Support for candidates and course providers

Support and general information for TKT: YL, including a downloadable version of this handbook, can be found at cambridgeenglish.org/tkt

Materials for course providers

For course providers, teacher training session plans and other trainer resources can be found at cambridgeenglish.org/resources-for-teachers

We also run free seminars and webinars for teachers, with replays available on Cambridge English TV:

Webinars for teachers: cambridgeenglish.org/webinars

Seminars and events: cambridgeenglish.org/events

Cambridge English TV: youtube.com/cambridgeenglishtv

Preparing for TKT: YL

It is not necessary to complete a course to enter for TKT: YL. Candidates can prepare for their exam independently, or can if they prefer, follow a course provided by an exam or teaching qualification centre.

Pretesting

Pretesting of TKT test material provides us with valuable information about candidates' performance on particular tasks. Pretesting is also useful for centres or institutions, as it gives candidates the opportunity to familiarise themselves with TKT task types under test conditions and to receive feedback on areas of strength and weakness.

If your centre or institution would like to be involved in TKT pretesting, find out more at cambridgeenglish.org/about-pretesting

Further information

Contact your local authorised exam centre or teaching qualification centre, or our helpdesk at cambridgeenglish.org/helpdesk for:

- current fees
- · details of exam sessions
- more information about TKT and other Cambridge English teaching qualifications and exams.

TKT: YL administration

Entry procedure

Candidates must enter through an authorised Cambridge English examination or teaching qualification centre. For a list of centres, go to cambridgeenglish.org/teachingcentresearch

TKT: YL is available throughout the year and examination centres select their own test dates. Entries must be made at least six weeks in advance of a test date

Please note that more notice may be necessary if candidates have special requirements and therefore need special arrangements (see section on Special Circumstances).

For copies of the Regulations and more details on entry procedure, current fees and further information about this and our other examinations, contact your local examination centre.

Results

Candidates receive a certificate for each module taken. Candidate performance is reported using four bands.

Band	A candidate at this level demonstrates
4	extensive knowledge of TKT: YL content areas
3	breadth and depth of knowledge of TKT: YL content areas
2	basic, but systematic knowledge of TKT: YL content areas
1	limited knowledge of TKT: YL content areas

Notification of results

TKT results are issued to centres approximately two to four weeks after we receive the answer sheets in Cambridge.

Please note that despatch of candidates' results will be delayed if they need special consideration or if malpractice is suspected (see section on Special Circumstances).

Enquiries on results must be made through the candidate's centre.

Appeals procedure

We provide a service to enable centres to appeal, on behalf of candidates, against assessment decisions that affect grades awarded to candidates, e.g. decisions relating to results and decisions relating to irregular conduct.

Candidates should first contact their centre for advice. For more information about the appeals procedure, go to cambridgeenglish.org/help/enquiries-and-appeals

Special Circumstances

Cambridge English Qualifications are designed to be fair to all test takers. This commitment to fairness covers:

Special arrangements

These are available for candidates with a permanent or long-term disability. Consult your Centre Exams Manager (CEM) for more details.

· Special consideration

We will give special consideration to candidates affected by adverse circumstances such as illness or bereavement immediately before or during an exam. Applications for special consideration must be made through the centre no later than 10 working days after the exam date.

Malpractice

We will investigate all cases where candidates are suspected of copying, collusion or breaking the exam regulations in some other way. Results may be withheld while they are being investigated, or because we have found an infringement of regulations. Centres are notified if a candidate's results have been investigated.

For more information about special circumstances go to cambridgeenglish.org/help

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1 hour 20 mins

TKT: YL test overview

Paper	Number of tasks	Number of marks	Task types	Answer format
1	12	80	Objective tasks, such as matching and multiple choice.	Candidates indicate their answers by shading the correct boxes on their answer sheets. Candidates should use a pencil.

Syllabus

TKT: YL is an examination for teachers and classroom assistants who teach or will teach English to young learners. It tests knowledge of concepts related to young learner learning and development, and knowledge of young learners from a teaching perspective: the planning, teaching and assessment of young learners' work.

Title	Areas of teaching knowledge	Task types and format
Knowledge of young learners and principles of teaching English to young learners	children's characteristics as language learners (theory focused) developing children's learning strategies through language learning developing children's cognitive strategies through language learning developing children's communication strategies through language learning	2 tasks consisting of 13 questions. Tasks include matching and multiple choice.
Planning and preparing young learner lessons	lesson plans — components/headings providing support and challenge when selecting and using coursebooks and supplementary materials additional resources — selecting, adapting and supplementing	3 tasks consisting of 21 questions. Tasks include matching and multiple choice.
Teaching young learners	scaffolding children's understanding of language and use of language through teacher language and teaching strategies using practice activities to consolidate children's language learning managing young learners in class	5 tasks consisting of 33 questions. Tasks include matching and multiple choice.
Assessing young learner learning through classroom- based assessment	purposes of different types of classroom-based assessment focus of different types of classroom-based assessment acting on classroom- based assessment evidence	2 tasks consisting of 13 questions. Tasks include matching and multiple choice.

Knowledge of young learners and principles of teaching English to young learners

This part of the TKT: YL module tests candidates' knowledge of children's characteristics as language learners and knowledge of how language learning can help young learners to develop learning strategies, cognitive strategies and communication strategies.

Syllabus area	Example testing focus
Children's characteristics as language learners (theory focused)	capacity for play and fun capacity for indirect learning: tendency to respond to meaning and the situation rather than to language need to feel relaxed/safe learning from social interaction (with peers and teacher) using chunks using limited language at their disposal creatively some children may already be able or be beginning to understand abstracts, generalise and systematise characteristics which vary between children: e.g. learner preferences, previous learning experience, L1 background, motivation, personality, attention spans (depending on activity and topic)
Developing children's learning strategies through language learning	 planning learning setting learning objectives selecting activities organising learning reviewing learning remembering language or information about language using reference resources developing hypotheses about language rules comparing contrasting self-assessment self-correction
Developing children's cognitive strategies through language learning	 predicting skimming scanning identifying matching categorising deducing meaning from context risk-taking sequencing ranking

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Syllabus area	Example testing focus
Developing children's communication strategies through language learning	 asking for an object (Can I have?) asking for clarification or help (Can you help me?/How can I?) asking for information (What's a dragon?/How do you?) asking for permission (Can I go/take/use/work with?) attracting someone's attention (Miss!) clarifying (Yes, a blue one.) describing routines or states (I go to bed at/It lives in the jungle.) describing a personal experience (We went to the park.) describing an action (He's singing.) describing appearance (It's green.) expressing a reason (Because I found it.)
	 expressing agreement/disagreement (OK/I don't think so) expressing an intention (I'm going to draw a house.) expressing an opinion (I like cats.) giving instructions (Open it! Don't do that!) narrating (The king said) offering something (Do you want some?)

Planning and preparing young learner lessons

This part of the TKT: YL module tests candidates' knowledge of planning and preparing language lessons for young learners.

Syllabus area	Example testing focus
Lesson plans (components/ headings)	learning outcomes personal teaching aim previous learning resources needed interaction patterns (plenary, groups, pairs, individual) procedure possible problems and solutions differentiation assessment evidence syllabus fit follow-up suggestions lesson evaluation
Providing support and challenge when selecting and using coursebooks and supplementary materials	adding to, omitting from and adapting coursebooks and supplementary materials to support and challenge children's learning: adding visual support adding word banks adding possible answers omitting unnecessary detail simplifying language personalising content changing layout adapting tasks

Syllabus area	Example testing focus
Additional resources - selecting, adapting and supplementing	Planning and sequencing lessons involving coursebooks and supplementary materials through the use and adaptation of: • stories • games (e.g. physical response, guessing, memory, categorisation games) • puppets • realia • flashcards, pictures and drawings • blackboard/whiteboard • art and craft materials and activities (e.g. making and designing mini-books, origami animals, personal dictionaries, masks, puppets, weather charts, cards for special occasions) • action rhymes, songs and chants • ICT • video clips (both commercial and class made)

Teaching young learners

This part of the TKT: YL module tests candidates' knowledge of strategies for teaching language to young learners.

Syllabus area	Example testing focus
Scaffolding children's understanding of language and use of language through teacher language	 using language at children's level adjusting language to children's level: repeating, rephrasing, allowing wait time after asking a question asking appropriate questions: closed, open, divergent, convergent supporting language with gestures and actions (facial expressions, making sounds, pointing, nodding) correcting: reformulating, recasting, ignoring error using L1 when appropriate
Scaffolding through teaching strategies (see Moon 2000)*	 creating a clear or familiar context for an activity creating a clear purpose for an activity which makes sense from a child's perspective providing language models or prompts for an activity or topic (e.g. through puppets, drawings) reviewing language needed for an activity or topic demonstrating through a model and/or example how to do an activity moving from known to unknown in an activity focusing on visible objects, actions and information using practical activities in which language is supported by action supporting meaning with visuals and/or objects (e.g. puppets, mascots) creating opportunities for learning through different senses relating activities to children's personal experiences use of word banks, language frames, substitution tables, sentence starters, speech bubbles, different kinds of charts, diagrams and grids to support both input and output

^{*} Moon, J (2000) Children Learning English, Oxford: Macmillan Heinemann.

Syllabus area	Example testing focus				
Using practice activities to consolidate children's language learning	stirrers and settlers competitive and co-operative activities listen-and-do (physical response), listen-and-make, listen-and-draw, listen-and-say dictation visualisation brainstorming drills chants dialogue songs role-play stories surveys information-gap activities guessing activities memory activities problem-solving activities problem-solving activities				
Managing young learners in class	 getting and keeping children's attention checking understanding correction strategies (recasting, reformulating, ignoring errors, plus a limited focus on direct correction techniques) using and managing individual, pair, group and whole-class work establishing routines to develop responsible behaviour and help children to feel safe giving children practical responsibilities 				

Assessing young learner learning through classroom-based assessment

This part of the TKT: YL module tests candidates' knowledge of assessing young learner learning in the classroom, and knowledge of how to respond to the information provided by classroom assessment.

Syllabus area	Example testing focus
Purposes of different types of classroom- based assessment	 identifying progress in language, learning strategies, use of skills identifying achievement in language, learning strategies, use of skills diagnosing strengths and weaknesses in language, learning strategies, use of skills, gaining feedback on learning objectives of lesson or of syllabus identifying children's likes and dislikes
Focus of different types of classroom- based assessment	languagebehaviourlearning strategiescognitive strategiescommunication strategies
Acting on classroom- based assessment evidence	 providing oral and written formative feedback in class adjusting teaching materials adjusting task types adjusting classroom management

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Preparing for TKT: YL

General

TKT: YL is concerned with teaching English to young learners. Teachers may therefore be able to use their own teaching situation as a means of preparing for the test.

Before a lesson, candidates could:

- look at the language demands of the lesson and decide what kind of support is needed so that learners can understand and produce the language in spoken and written English
- notice any particular difficulties and include additional support for learners who need it
- think about providing additional challenge for learners who need it
- provide young learners with an opportunity to reflect on what they have learned at the end of the lesson.

While teaching a lesson, candidates could:

- note any common strengths and problems young learners have in understanding and using key language
- monitor and take note of young learners' ability to work effectively at different stages of the lesson.

After a lesson, candidates could:

- consider possible reasons for young learners' success or difficulty in understanding and using key language
- consider possible reasons for the effectiveness or ineffectiveness of different lesson stages
- consider what changes, if any, they might make in their future lesson with their young learners class.

Candidates should also become familiar with supplementary materials for teaching English to young learners. When looking at these materials it is useful to think about how the learner can access them by asking questions such as:

- Is the topic appropriate for my young learners?
- Is the language load manageable and relevant for my young learners?
- What will I need to adapt, omit or add to in the materials?

Candidates will find it helpful to familiarise themselves with the exam format and task types by looking at the TKT: YL syllabus information and the sample paper in this handbook.

Knowledge of young learners and principles of teaching English to young learners

Candidates can consider, discuss or read about:

- · young learners' characteristics as language learners
- how language learning can help young learners to develop learning strategies, cognitive strategies and communication strategies.

Planning and preparing young learner lessons

Candidates can consider, discuss or read about:

- what needs to be planned before teaching a young learner lesson or series of lessons
- different ways of providing support and challenge in young learner materials
- the use of additional classroom resources in young learner lessons.

Teaching young learners

Candidates can consider, discuss or read about:

- scaffolding young learners' understanding and use of language
- using practice activities in young learner lessons
- · managing young learners in class.

Assessing young learner learning through classroom-based assessment

Candidates can consider, discuss or read about:

- purposes of and focuses for assessing young learners' work in class
- ways of responding to the information classroom assessment provides.

For questions 1 - 6, match the teacher's comments on her approach to teaching with the young learner needs and characteristics listed A-G.

Mark the correct letter (A - G) on your answer sheet.

There is one extra option which you do not need to use.

foung learner needs and characteristics

Young learners like to have:

- routines in the classroom.

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- personalised feedback on their language.
- opportunities to respond to and use language creatively.
- the chance to have fun as a whole class.
 - help with underlying language patterns.

opportunities for physical movement/activity.

enough time to complete their work.

Feacher's comments

They're often sleepy in the afternoons so we generally do some group project work where

they're measuring or doing something like a science experiment

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They worry about their spelling so, each week, we choose a vowel sound and brainstorm all the words we can think of. Then we look at how they're spelt and categorise them.

One of the things my pupils like most is to learn a chant and then try to say it faster and faster but still keep in time. That part's really hard!

At the start of the lesson, two pupils give out the books and another writes the date on the board.

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We often do visualisations. They close their eyes and I ask them questions about a story: who's in it? where are they? what happens? Then they draw a picture and write a few sentences about it.

I've got a bank of worksheets at the back of the room for fast finishers so that they don't get bored waiting for everyone else.

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For questions ${\bf 7}$ – ${\bf 13}$, match the teachers' instructions with the main cognitive strategies they are helping to develop listed ${\bf A}$ – ${\bf D}$. Mark the correct letter (A - D) on your answer sheet.

Main cognitive strategies

categorising predicting inferring ranking ۵ ⋖ ω ပ

Feachers' instructions

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Look at the monsters in these pictures. Which one's naughty? How do you know?

Look at these letters and then try to find the animal word I'm thinking of. Are you ready? First word: D - O ..., Next word: S - N - ..., next one: C - A œ

Cut out the five pictures of food. Stick your favourite one here at the top and write the name under it. Then put your next favourite one under it, and so on. 6

Listen to these people's voices. Which person sounds happy? 9

On this paper you've got two circles. In this circle, draw two things you only wear in winter and in the other, draw two things you only wear in summer. 7

On the board there are pictures of \underline{S} ue, a \underline{S} hoe and a \underline{Z} oo. Listen to this word and tell me which picture to write it under. Now listen to these words. 7

Here are pictures of 10 things to take on holiday. In pairs, choose the five most important for you.

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Turn over ▶ I'll know if they have learned something if they use One group of children can't read them, so I'll make Great! Children could make their own game sets to Explain that they must pay attention to remember Important, because this game might be new for some children. Good: they're doing healthy eating in science. I must try to listen to all the pairs this time. English rather than L1 for picture cards. a set of matching pictures for them. keep and practise with. where their words are. **Memory Game Lesson plan** Teacher comments Ŋ 20 15 16 4 9 19 17 The game is over when all the pictures and words have been matched. Ask a child to turn over a card from the picture side and to say the word, and to do the same for a card on the Copy the vocabulary worksheet of pictures and words, and cut them into flashcards. Vocabulary focus kitchen, knife, fork, spoon, plate, cup, bowl, fruit, vegetables cards face down on the table, in four prows of two, and the pictures face down on the other side of the table, If the picture and word cards are the same object, the child keeps the two cards. If the picture and word do not match, the child puts the two cards The next child continues in the same Explain the game by example, with ▶ yourself as one player, and three **Game rules**Mix the cards, and put the word Review the topic of vocabulary. also in four rows of two. face down again. more children. Before class word side. In class For questions 14 – 20, match the teacher's comments on a vocabulary lesson plan from a resource book with the lesson plan headings listed A-H. Personal teaching aim Assessment evidence Interaction patterns Extension activity Lesson plan headings There is one extra option which you do not need to use. Differentiation Assumptions Mark the correct letter (A - H) on your answer sheet. Syllabus fit Procedure ⋖ ပ ۵ ш ш Ö Ш

Turn over ▶ For questions 28-34, look at the statements about using additional resources and choose the option (A,B) or C) which completes each statement. I find computer games where children put sentences in the right order to make a story can be useful because children get When I'm showing a video clip for the first time, I sometimes turn the sound down and ask the children to what the characters are saying. help the children to I like making a video of my classes acting out little stories because they Making origami animals in class is particularly useful for practising what the characters are saying. I find that flashcards are particularly useful for illustrating realise their pronunciation is not very good want to practise until they can do it really well can see whose acting skills are particularly good I often use action rhymes with my class because Mark the correct letter (A, B or C) on your answer sheet immediate feedback on their answers the chance to invent interesting stories plenty of listening practice Wordsearch puzzles can be a useful way of practising reading comprehension improving learners' word stress reviewing a lexical set words that are hard to translate the words for different animals associate words with meanings. concrete vocabulary items the words that rhyme listening for gist following instructions the movements lexical chunks the tunes translate imagine repeat **∢** ₪ ∪ **∢ ⊞** ∪ A B O O B A **▼ B ∪** A B O **∀ B** ∪ 53 34 28 စ္တ 3 32 33

giving them some possible answers omitting some unnecessary details Ways of adapting the materials adding some visual support personalising the content simplifying the language For questions 21-27, match the problems teachers have with materials with the ways of supplementing or adapting those materials listed A-H. changing the layout adding a transcript adapting the task ۵ ш O I ပ ш ⋖ I got some information about chocolate from a local factory but I wanted the children to read only about children to do something more communicative than just listen and answer the comprehension The story in the coursebook was written as one long paragraph in very small print and was hard to read. difference between hamsters and guinea pigs and There was a text in the coursebook about pets. I wasn't sure if my learners would know the review in a newspaper and although the language was above their level, I knew they would find it all isn't popular among children in our country. I thought it would be more useful for them to study new film which came out recently. I found a good wanted my class to draw a Venn diagram of the The children were keen to find out more about a The coursebook had a recipe for something that similarities and differences between camels and giraffes. I knew they wouldn't think of enough There is one extra option which you do not need to use the language in a recipe for something they like. festivals was really interesting. But I wanted the The recording from the coursebook about the Mark the correct letter (A - H) on your answer sheet. how it is made and not about the history of things to make a very complete diagram. Teachers' problems chocolate making. really interesting. 52 74 25 56 7 23 27

Sample paper

For questions $\bf 35 - 41$, match the teacher classroom language in the examples with the strategies for scaffolding children's understanding and language use listed $\bf A - H$.

Mark the correct letter (A - H) on your answer sheet.

There is one extra option which you do not need to use.

Strategies for scaffolding children's understanding and language use

asking an open question giving an example echo correcting demonstrating reformulating ignoring error prompting defining ⋖ 8 I ပ ۵ ш ш G

Teacher classroom language

What does 'animal' mean? Cats and horses are animals. Teacher: Child: 35

Child: Teacher: 36

This Martin's pen. OK. Well can you give it back to him, please.

Child: Teacher:

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Last Saturday my auntie take me to the cinema.

Sorry. I don't understand. Put your chair like this. Then you can't see Sam's picture. Child: Teacher:

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This dinosaur is more big. OK, this dinosaur's bigger.

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Child: Teacher:

Child:

It's an animal with six legs. What's an insect? Teacher: 4

can't remember the name of the colour. Child: Teacher: Child: 41

For questions 42 - 48, match the examples of what fast finishers do in class with the scaffolding strategies for challenging them listed A, B and C. Mark the correct letter (A, B or C) on your answer sheet.

Scaffolding strategies for challenging fast finishers

Children check their own work.

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Children help other children who have not finished yet. Ш

Children do an extension activity.

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What fast finishers do

Write the name of five objects which are usually red.

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Compare their answers to a comprehension task about a story with the answer key at the back of their coursebook.

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Explain in L1 how to do a sequencing task to a group having problems doing the task. 4

Proofread their short description of a typical day in their life before they give it to the teacher. 46

Draw a picture to illustrate the chant they have written.

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Choose a graded reader from a reading box the teacher keeps in the classroom.

Answer another child's questions about the meaning of some words in a survey the class are preparing. 48

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For questions 49 - 54, match the descriptions of activities with the types of practice activity listed

Mark the correct letter (A - G) on your answer sheet.

There is one extra option which you do not need to use.

Types of practice activity



Descriptions of activities

Children close their eyes while the teacher removes one of the story sentences from the board. They open their eyes, then say which one is missing.

The teacher says the sentence 'I gave her a banana', then shows pictures of, e.g. a little girl, a man, a mother and father, a cat. Children have to say the sentence with the correct pronoun for each.

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After reading the story, the teacher chooses different children to act it out.

The teacher tells the children they are going to travel in a spaceship to another planet. In groups, they make a list of things they want to take with them.

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Each child has a different version of a picture from their partner. Without looking at each other's picture, they take turns to describe what they see in order to find five differences. 53

The teacher asks the children a series of questions about an imaginary day out such as, "Where are you going?, Who's with you? What's the weather like?' Children sit quietly with their eyes closed, thinking about the answers.

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For questions **55 – 60**, look at the statements about the uses of classroom practice activities and choose the option (**A, B** or **C**) which completes each statement.

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Mark the correct letter (A, B or C) on your answer sheet.

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Brainstorming vocabulary before a task

makes use of children's own experience and memories of the topic. helps children deduce meaning from context. creates an information-gap activity. A B O

Role-play can provide children with the opportunity to

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consolidate language chunks. practise writing skills. do jigsaw listening.

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Settling activities aim to

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create a competitive classroom atmosphere.

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calm and focus children after a period of activity, provide group practice of target language.

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Visualisation activities involve children in

using mind maps to record vocabulary. closing their eyes and listening to the teacher. looking at pictures in groups.

A B O

Total Physical Response activities involve mainly

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children's writing skills. **∀** ₪ ∪

children's reading skills. children's listening skills.

Problem-solving activities consolidate children's language learning by

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activating their cognitive skills.

∀ B ∪

presenting new language. highlighting the importance of accurate pronunciation.

For questions 68 - 73, look at the incomplete statements about assessing children in class and the three options for completing them listed **A**, **B** and **C**. For questions 61 - 67, match the teacher's comments with the areas of managing the class to support children's language learning listed A - D.

Mark the correct letter (A - D) on your answer sheet.

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Areas of managing a class

getting children's attention

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- checking understanding ပ m
 - correcting language
- establishing routines to develop responsible behaviour

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Teacher's comments

Very good try Martha, but remember to change the order of the words to make a question.

OK, thank you everyone. Are you ready to move on to the next task now?

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Where should I put usually on our list? Is it nearer to always or to never?

Yes, I can hear a lot of people who know the right answer but if I don't see any hands up, I don't know who to ask

Five seconds to finish, and four, three, two, one excellent. Now let's watch the next part

It's a lovely sunny day, so tell me which of these clothes I don't need to wear – shorts, gloves, a scarf, a T-shirt.

No, he said fifteen chocolates, not fifty. 29

Mark the option (A, B or C) which would NOT be a good teacher decision on your answer sheet.

Two of the options would be good teacher decisions about assessing children in class. One of the options would $\overline{\text{NOI}}$ be a good teacher decision.

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To assess their cognitive skills, the teacher would NOT ask the children to

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answer true/false questions about their favourite types of food.

put pictures of food into two groups: food they like and food they don't like.
sequence the prices of different foods from the cheapest to the most expensive.

To assess their ability to use language creatively, the teacher would NOT ask the children to

▼ B ∪

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listen to and perform a jazz chant in pairs. take part in a role-play in pairs. talk about their last holiday in pairs.

To assess their listening comprehension skills, the teacher would $\overline{\text{NOT}}$ ask the children to listen and 2

A B O

mime the words in a song. follow a text with the words of a song. answer some questions about a song.

To assess their spelling, the teacher would NOT ask the children to look at pictures and

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fill in a crossword puzzle using the pictures as clues.

use the words in a substitution drill. label the items in the space provided.

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To assess their ability to review their learning, the teacher would $\overline{\text{NOT}}$ ask the children to think about the lesson and to 72

decide what things they were good at. list the words they understood. say which activities they liked. **▼ B ∪**

To assess their ability to remember language, the teacher would NOT ask the children to 73

fill in the gaps in a text about different types of clothes. match words relating to clothes to pictures of different clothes. Isten to a song about different clothes. **⋖** 🛭 ∪

For questions 74-80, match the examples of teacher feedback with the main focus of the feedback listed A, B and C. That's interesting: why did you answer the easier story questions first and the harder ones last? It was a really good idea to plan your poster before you started to draw it. This group, you gave everyone a chance to speak. Well done! children's use of learning strategies Yes, sure, it's fine to use the picture dictionary to find words. children's use of language Mark the correct letter (A, B or C) on your answer sheet. children's behaviour Main focus of feedback Thanks for tidying up the desks so quickly. OK: is it he or she for your sister? Examples of teacher feedback That's right, it's a house. ⋖ ပ В 8 75 9/ 78 79 74 77

Sample paper 21

Answer key

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5	С	25	С	45	С	65	А
6	G	26	F	46	А	66	В
7	D	27	E	47	С	67	С
8	В	28	В	48	В	68	А
9	С	29	Α	49	Е	69	Α
10	D	30	С	50	G	70	В
11	А	31	С	51	F	71	В
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Teaching Knowledge Test Candidate Answer Sheet

Instructions

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Use a PENCIL (B or HB).

Rub out any answer you want to change with an eraser.

For Parts 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5:

Mark ONE letter for each answer.

For example: If you think A is the right answer to the question, mark your answer sheet like this:



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