



Pearson Edexcel

International Advanced Level

English

(XENO1/YENO1 Language, XET01/YET01 Literature)

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Introduction

Welcome to Pearson

Onboarding Guide

For any queries about International GCSE English qualifications, please contact our Subject Advisors here at teachingenglish@pearson.com

You can also stay in touch with us here:

Facebook :

[-GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)

[-International GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)

[-A level Facebook group for teachers](#)

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Step 1: Find our qualifications webpage

The screenshot shows the Pearson website header with navigation links: SUBJECTS | QUALIFICATIONS | SUPPORT | ABOUT US | CONTACT US. Below the header, there are two tabs: 'Subjects A-Z' and 'About Edexcel IALs'. A blue arrow labeled 'Step 1' points to the 'About Edexcel IALs' tab. Below the tabs, there is a breadcrumb trail: Home > Our qualifications > International Advanced Levels. The main heading is 'International Advanced Levels'. Below this, there is a section titled 'Find an International Advanced Levels subject' with a link 'EXPAND ALL'. A row of letters A through Z is displayed, with 'S' highlighted. Below the letters, there is a paragraph about Pearson Edexcel International AS/A Levels (IAL) and a button that says 'Sign up to receive the latest news'.

This is located [here](#).

There are two tabs at the top.

The first tab, “Subject A–Z” can be used to access the webpages for all subjects that we offer

The second tab “About Edexcel IALs” provides an FAQ about the qualification including details on university recognition, progression and the use of bilingual dictionaries.

N.B. At this point, you may wish to simultaneously get setup on [Edexcel Online](#) (see step 9) which is a portal to a range of services as this can take a while to process. Your Exams officer should be able to set this up for you.

Step 2: Locate the subject webpage

From the “Subjects A-Z” tab you will be able to select the subject you are interested in. For example, click **E** for English and then English Literature.

The screenshot shows the Pearson website's navigation bar with links for SUBJECTS, QUALIFICATIONS, SUPPORT, ABOUT US, and CONTACT US. Below the navigation bar, the 'Subjects A-Z' tab is selected, and the 'About Edexcel IALs' link is visible. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: Home > Our qualifications > International Advanced Levels. The main heading is 'International Advanced Levels'. Below this, there is a search bar with the text 'Find an International Advanced Levels subject' and a link to 'EXPAND ALL'. A horizontal bar contains letters A through Z, with 'E' highlighted. Under the 'E' tab, the following subjects are listed: Economics, Economics sector - view all, English Language, English Literature, and English sector - view all.

For convenience, the subject pages for all IAL Science qualifications are provided below.

[Edexcel International Advanced Level English Language \(2015\) | Pearson qualifications](#)

[Edexcel International Advanced Level English Literature \(2015\) | Pearson qualifications](#)

Step 3: Download the specification

The specification can be found on the top left corner of the respective subject webpages linked in the table on the previous page. This is the key document which you should use to find out what your students need to learn, what they will be examined on including practical and mathematical skills and how they will be examined. Examination authors make use of this (**not the textbook**) when creating exam questions. Use it to plan your lesson content.

International Advanced Levels English Literature (2015)

[Switch to US](#) Designed for international students wanting a worldwide recognised qualification [Learn more](#)

Specification



First teaching: **September 2015**
First external assessment: **2016**

Our International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level English Literature has been developed to be engaging for International learners and to give them the necessary skills to support progression to higher education or further study in English Literature, as well as to a wide range of other subjects

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PDF | 647.6 KB

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Course materials

- Specification and sample assessments (5)
- Exam materials (222)
- Teaching and learning materials (42)



Teaching support and training

- Training sessions
- Results support
- Grade boundaries



Useful links

- NEW!** Onscreen assessment available from May/June 2024

Published resources

To support effective classroom delivery, we've developed a range of published resources for the new Edexcel International Advanced Level (IAL), with a strong focus on progression, recognition and transferable skills – allowing learning in a local context to a global standard.

[Learn more](#)

News and updates

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May 2025 teaching English update | **24 February 2026**

February 2026 teaching English update | **30 January 2026**

January 2026 teaching English update | **19 December 2025**

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Useful documents

-  IAL English Literature Qualification Outline (PDF | 1.1 KB)
-  International AS/A Level Guide to English Literature (PDF | 1.6 MB)
-  Pearson Edexcel International Welcome Pack (PDF | 4.5 MB)

Step 3

Step 4

Step 5

Step 6

You may find it useful to refer to past paper questions, mark schemes and examiner reports **to gain clarity on the depth** required for each specification point by clicking on **Exam materials** in the “Course materials”.

Step 4: Know how to get advice & sign up to subject updates and network

The contact details of Stephen Gillespie, our International Sciences Subject Partner, is located below the specification.

It is highly recommended that you [sign up](#) for the monthly subject updates so that you can be the first to know about any new support materials or important updates. While you are here you might as well catch up with the most recent update which can be found in the “News and updates” box on the right.

You can [email](#) regarding any queries you have in relation to the scientific content of our specifications, resources or administration of the qualification.

You can also [book](#) an appointment with him or Subject Advisor Clare Haviland.

You may also find it helpful to discuss issues or share resources with fellow teachers in your community using our Facebook groups:

- [-GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)
- [-International GCSE Facebook group for teachers](#)
- [-A level Facebook group for teachers](#)

Step 5: Review useful documents

There is a box located at the bottom right or left (depending on the qualification) called “Useful documents”.

If you are a subject teacher, it would be a good idea to review the [International Advanced Level Subject Guide](#). This provides the breakdown of the topics covered in each unit and an overview of the support we provide.

If you are a Head of Department or Exams officer, you may also wish to review the [Pearson Edexcel International welcome pack](#). For further information specific to carrying out our examinations, please click [here](#).

Step 6: Order published resources

There is a box located at the bottom right of the subject webpage with a [link](#) to all the publish resources for the qualification.



The screenshot shows the Pearson website for the International AS/A Level English Language qualification. The header includes the Pearson logo, navigation links for 'Free trials', 'Catalogues & price lists', and a search bar. A teal navigation bar contains links for 'Why Pearson?', 'British curriculum', 'International Baccalaureate curriculum', 'Onscreen assessment', 'For parents', and 'Blog'. Below this is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > British curriculum > Secondary curriculum > International A Level > International A/AS Level English Language'. The main heading is 'Pearson Edexcel International AS/A Level English Language'. A status box indicates 'Available in digital format and publishing November 2024'. Details include 'Curriculum: British' and 'Ages: 16-19 years'. A 'NEW!' announcement states that student books (print and eBook) for the qualification are available. A 'Download your free sample >' button is present. A 'Share this page' link is at the bottom left. On the right, the book cover for 'Pearson Edexcel International AS / A Level ENGLISH LANGUAGE Student Book 1' by David Grant is displayed, featuring a library interior with a spiral staircase.

For English Literature, there is an Online Teacher Resource Pack (including planning, delivery and assessment content). For English Language, there are two Student Books as well as the Online Teacher Resource Park. Student Book One covers IAS and Student Book Two covers IAL.

Step 7: Attend training

- a) Attend the “Getting Ready to Teach English” and Understanding Assessment and Improving Delivery” Live webinar training sessions which are provided free of charge.

You can do this by clicking on the “training sessions link” in the “Teaching support and training” box on the right of the subject webpage and then select “GCSE and A levels, International GCSE and International A Level”.

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Course materials

- Specification and sample assessments (3)
- Exam materials (243)
- Teaching and learning materials (35)



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Step 7b

Step 7a

This will take you to our [Professional Development Academy](#).

Select “Secondary International” and filter by subject and by level (choose Key stage 5)

Whilst in the Professional Development Academy, you may find it helpful to complete the [self-paced online courses](#) such as “Pearson Edexcel Ready! Understanding Pearson Edexcel Exams” and “Pearson Edexcel Ready! Teaching Pearson International GCSE & International A Levels”.

You can also watch past recordings of webinars at your own convenience on our [YouTube channel](#).

b) If none of the live sessions timings work for you, or the self-paced course are too generic, you can access all previous webinars by clicking on “Teaching and learning materials” in the “Course materials” box on the right of the webpage. This will result in the drop-down menu shown **below**. Click on “**Past training content**”. You can access all the presentation materials there.

The screenshot shows the Pearson website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links like 'SUBJECTS', 'QUALIFICATIONS', 'SUPPORT', 'ABOUT US', and 'CONTACT US'. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads: 'Home > Our qualifications > International Advanced Levels > English Language (2015)'. The main heading is 'International Advanced Levels English Language (2015)'. Under 'Course materials', there's a 'FILTERS' section on the left with categories like 'Specification and sample assessments (3)', 'Exam materials (243)', and 'Teaching and learning materials (35)'. The 'Teaching and learning materials (35)' section is expanded, showing a list of materials: 'Case study', 'Exemplar material', 'Guidance', 'Guide', 'Mapping document', 'Past training content', and 'Skills for learning and work'. A blue arrow labeled 'Step 8' points to 'Guidance', and another blue arrow labeled 'Step 7b' points to 'Past training content'.

Step 8: Plan Your Course

Guides

Alongside the resource packs you can purchase, there are also materials available on the qualifications page. These include Teacher Guidance or Notes for specific units.

Mapping Document

If you are switching over from a different awarding organization, we have [mapped](#) our Language and Literature specifications against those of other awarding organizations so that you can see what differences are there between what you used to teach and what you will now need to teach and can either save, discard or edit your old resources as necessary.

Step 9: Ensuring that your students are well-prepared for examinations

Edexcel Online (EOL)

Edexcel Online is our self-service portal for centre staff. It also gives teaching staff access to various services including online booking for training events. Your Edexcel Online username and password will also give you access to locked Exam Materials, Exam Wizard, Access to Scripts and Results Plus. For further information on how to get it setup, click [here](#).

Under the Teaching and Learning materials tab, you will find Exemplar material and Topic Guides. This will help you ascertain the depth that you need to go to for the content listed in the specification.

In Biology, you will also find a “FAQ tab” which has information on how to tackle the pre-release scientific article question and the “Scientific article” tab where you can download articles from all past exam papers.

Exemplar Material

This provides you with marked student work to see what examiners expect of students.

Exam Materials

This can be found on the main subject page in the Course materials box



Or located by using the filter on the left of the page with the Teaching and Learning materials.

Course materials

FILTERS

CATEGORIES

- ☐ Specification and sample assessments (4)
- ☐ Exam materials (162)
- ☒ Teaching and learning materials (59)

Teaching and learning materials (59)

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[EXPAND ALL](#)

Assessment guidance ▼

You will find all previous past exam papers, mark schemes and examiner's reports here. These are very useful when planning lessons to help you identify common errors made by students and to show examples of good vs poor responses for students to learn from.

Results Plus

When your students have sat their examinations, you can tweak your course planning and schemes of work for the following year or plan targeted revision for students taking resits by using our free question level analysis tool called [Results Plus](#).

For further guidance on how to use Exam Wizard and Results Plus, have a look at this [video](#).

Access To Scripts

Results Plus is best used in conjunction with our free [Access To Scripts](#) service where having obtained permission from your students, you may download their marked scripts on results day so that you can see exactly what made them perform less well on certain questions and also select work that is good and poor and use them in lessons.