



**EASY ACCESS TO
ENGLISH LEARNING RESOURCES**

LEARNING ENGLISH TOOLKIT

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WHAT MAKES THIS THE PERFECT GUIDE?

With an experience of more than 80 years in over 100 different countries, the British Council is a world authority in English language teaching and assessment. We bring to you an expansive array of online resources to help users learn English in an entertaining and engaging manner.

These resources are in the form of interactive apps, websites, videos and podcasts and are aimed at a variety of audiences. Using commonplace situations, prominent celebrities and socially relevant stories, every resource seeks to engage users while teaching them English.

This guide is a catalogue of our materials for learning and teaching English, equipping users with effective tools to improve everyday English language skills.

Any candidate preparing for Aptis, a test which accurately assesses English language skills, would benefit immensely from the vast number of easily available materials. In fact, these resources would be valuable for every student of the English language, from a young child to an adult learner.

LEARN ENGLISH ON THE GO WITH MOBILE APPS

Mobile apps for English language learning have enabled easier access to effective learning tools and more interactive content. You can download these apps from the App Store or Google Play and improve your English skills even when you're on the move.

LEARNING TOOLS



LearnEnglish Grammar (US & UK editions)

Improve and perfect your grammar accuracy with over 1000 practice questions.



MyWordBook

Improve your vocabulary using flashcards with this interactive app for English learners.



Sounds Right

This app comes with a pronunciation chart to enable you to improve your pronunciation.



British Council: Idioms (Korean)

Learn idioms and their appropriate usage with this fun and interactive app.



British Council: Verbs (Korean)

Learn how to use verbs with a sequential progression of understanding and difficulty.



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British Council: Words (English, Japanese, Korean)

1500 essential English words for everyday life with authentic pronunciation.



Language Learning Aptitude Test

Check your aptitude for learning languages, and share the results with your friends.



IELTS Word Power

Get ready for IELTS with over 100 questions that help test and improve your vocabulary.



LISTENING TOOLS



LearnEnglish Podcasts

Boost your listening skills with this entertaining podcast about everyday life in the UK.



LearnEnglish GREAT Videos

Practise your listening skills while learning about culture in the UK.



LearnEnglish Audio & Video

Watch our most popular content and follow along with the script to improve your listening skills.



LEARNING WITH FUN FOR KIDS



Johnny Grammar's Word Challenge

A race against the clock to answer as many grammar and spelling questions as possible.



LearnEnglish Kids: Videos

This app helps children learn English with classic video stories like Little Red Riding Hood and many more.



Learning Time with Timmy

Teach your children about numbers, shapes and more in a fun and exciting manner.



Learning Time with Timmy 2

Help your child learn words, phrases, and cognitive skills such as identifying and sorting with these games.



LearnEnglish Kids: Playtime

Build confidence and practise listening skills with this app for 6-11 year-olds using animated songs and stories.



LearnEnglish Kids: Phonics Stories

A phonics-based storybook app that features audio narration and fun games.



LEARNING WITH GAMES AND SPORTS



LearnEnglish: Sports World

Learn hundreds of sports-related words in this app with 'hidden object and word' games!



Premier Skills International

This interactive vocabulary app combines the fun of football with English learning.



Whether you're learning English or looking for resources to teach English, access our YouTube channels at <https://www.youtube.com/britishcouncil> to find the most engaging video content that helps you explore the language and its various facets. With tips, peer learning opportunities, video lessons and so much more on offer, make the most of our multiple channels to boost your English language skills.

LEARN AND TEACH ENGLISH WITH INTERACTIVE AND EASY-TO-NAVIGATE WEBSITES

Our web presence allows us to offer specialised content that benefits learners and engages with them using relevant and real settings. Use the links mentioned in the descriptions to access some of our most popular web pages.

LEARN ENGLISH

The LearnEnglish website contains a large number of high-quality video and podcasts, along with interactive exercises to help you with your English language skills. You can get started by testing your skill level at learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/content and find pages aimed at learners like you.



LearnEnglish for Adults

Improve your English language skills with easy access to high-quality resources covering the whole gamut of English usage occasions.

Website: learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/



LearnEnglish for Business

Find videos, podcasts, and activities on relevant topics across professions and develop English skills that take you closer to achieving your professional aspirations.

Website: learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/business-and-work/

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LearnEnglish for Parents

Find expert advice to help your child learn English. Make their learning fun with a range of resources including articles, lesson ideas and more.

Website: learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/parents/



LearnEnglish for Teens

A wide array of resources that improve English skills in an engaging manner that is relevant to every teenager.

Website: learnenglishteens.britishcouncil.org/



LearnEnglish with Fun & Games

Play, enjoy and learn! Entertain yourself with games and jokes while actually practising your English and learning its nuances.

Website: learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/fun-and-games/



LearnEnglish: Listen & Watch

Covering topics from Shakespeare to contemporary British culture, find the most engaging learning material here for improving your English language skills.

Website: learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/listen-and-watch/

TEACHING ENGLISH

The TeachingEnglish website contains everything busy teachers need, from classroom materials to ideas for professional development. It includes interactive and multimedia material such as teaching videos, blogs, podcasts, discussion forums and polls.



Teaching Kids

Use the lesson plans, activities, stories and poems, articles and teaching tools to teach children up to 12 years of age in your primary classroom.

Website: www.teachingenglish.org.uk/teaching-kids

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Teaching Teens

Get lesson plans, activities, stories and poems, songs, CLIL course activities and teaching tools to help you teach your teenage students more effectively.

Website: www.teachingenglish.org.uk/teaching-teens



Teaching Adults

Find lesson plans and activities to help you teach Business English students and learners in tertiary education.

Website: www.teachingenglish.org.uk/teaching-adults



Teacher Development

Make the most of training courses, CPD framework, publications, research database and many other resources, designed to help with your professional development.

Website: www.teachingenglish.org.uk/teacher-development

A screenshot of the 'British Council Music' website. The page has a white header with the text 'BRITISH COUNCIL | Music' and a navigation menu. Below the header, there is a large orange banner with the text 'THE SELECTOR RADIO' and a photo of a young man in a colorful shirt. To the right of the banner, there is a blue box with white text describing the radio show.

THE SELECTOR RADIO

An award-winning radio show, The Selector Radio covers the exciting British music scene for a global audience. Featuring a wide variety of genres and artists, it gives listeners an opportunity to improve their spoken English while enjoying the best of modern British culture.

Website: music.britishcouncil.org/the-selector



PREPARING FOR THE TEST

You will find below some valuable tips for improving your chances of success in the test, in addition to links to videos and demo tests. Taking the demo tests will give you a clear idea of what you can expect in the Aptis test.

For the Aptis grammar and vocabulary test:



Visit www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/take/aptis-grammar-and-vocabulary to access the grammar and vocabulary demo test.

For the Aptis writing test:



- Make sure you understand the question fully and respond appropriately.
- Plan what you're going to write before you start.
- Remember to review your writing and correct any errors before moving on.

Visit www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/writing to access the demo writing test and watch a video with helpful information about the test.

For the Aptis reading test:



- Read the question completely and respond appropriately.
- Make sure you read all the options before you proceed to answer.
- Look for clues in the text that show sequence or meaning.

Visit www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/reading to access the demo reading test and watch a video with helpful information about the test.

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For the Aptis speaking test:



- Make sure you understand the question fully and respond appropriately.
- Make sure that you speak clearly into the microphone and monitor time carefully.
- To aid your preparation, you could record yourself speaking. This will help improve your vocabulary, pronunciation and reduce hesitation.

Visit www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/speaking to access the demo speaking test and watch a video with helpful information about the test.

For the Aptis listening test:

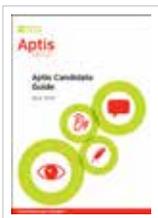


- Read the questions carefully before listening so that you know what you need to listen for.
- While listening, watch out for synonyms of words used in the questions.
- Use the second listening to confirm your answer.

Visit www.britishcouncil.org/exam/aptis/listening to access the demo listening test and watch a video with helpful information about the test.



Aptis Candidate Guide



The Aptis Candidate Guide contains everything you need to know about the Aptis test. You can get a detailed understanding of the test structure, see sample questions and find reference material and useful tips for the exam.

Visit www.britishcouncil.org/sites/default/files/candidate_guide_-_for_web.pdf to access the Aptis Candidate Guide.

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