

The logo for English UK, featuring the words "ENGLISH" and "UK" stacked vertically in a bold, sans-serif font, enclosed within a white rounded square border.

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A photograph of a smiling Black man with glasses and a beard, wearing an orange button-down shirt over a checkered t-shirt. He is holding a tablet and pointing towards the camera. In the foreground, the back of a student's head and a hand raised in the air are visible, suggesting a classroom setting.

Teach English as a foreign language in the UK or abroad

Start a rewarding TEFL career with global opportunities



› High demand for teachers

› Jobs across the UK and the world

› Flexible working hours

Why work in TEFL?

Teaching English as a foreign language (TEFL) is a flexible career with the chance to work in the UK and around the world.

Rewarding and varied

You'll be helping people from all over the world to speak English and achieve their goals. Expect variety and fresh challenges with each class.

Work around the world

Do you want to experience life in another country? TEFL teachers are in demand all over the world, from the UK to Japan and Brazil.

Flexible hours

There are full-time, part-time, flexible and summer English language teaching roles available. You can take up teaching around other projects and commitments.

Gain transferable skills

Working in TEFL, you will develop intercultural communication, presenting and leadership skills, which will look great on your CV.

Job requirements

- Confident, friendly personality
- Clear communication skills
- Strong planning and organisational skills
- A love of learning
- Appreciation and sensitivity to other cultures
- Creative, adaptable approach.



Work at one of 380+ British Council accredited English language centres across the UK.

Where can you teach?

Teach in the UK

There is high demand for newly qualified English language teachers in the UK.

Specialist English language schools need teachers throughout the year to teach students of all ages.

Universities and colleges need teachers to support international students with their English skills.

Summer schools

Residential junior centres offer English and activity courses for under 18s during school holidays. They are often based at boarding schools and staff may live onsite.

Many teachers work in the UK during the summer and teach abroad for the rest of the year.

Teach abroad

The opportunity to work around the world motivates many people to become TEFL teachers.

You can work at publicly-funded schools as a language assistant or for private language schools.

You don't need to speak another language, you just need a high level of proficiency in English.

Most schools abroad will ask for a TEFL qualification and previous teaching experience.

Teachers who train in the UK often work at a UK school first to gain experience before going abroad.

Find a TEFL job

To find a TEFL job in the UK, search job sites or use the English UK language centre directory to find an accredited teaching centre near you:

- uk.indeed.com
- escafe.com
- englishuk.com/member-directory
- tefl.com
- tefluk.com/tefl-jobs

Get started with the right TEFL qualification

There are two ways to qualify as a TEFL teacher in the UK. Choose the best qualification route for you, to have the best start as a new English teacher.

Training courses

To teach at most English language schools in the UK, you will either need a CELTA or CertTESOL, or to be enrolled on AccessTEFL, an on-the-job training programme.

These qualifications will also give you access to the best English language teaching jobs abroad.

Other equivalent university qualifications may also be considered.

In a CELTA, CertTESOL or AccessTEFL programme, you will learn how to:

- plan lessons
- use teaching resources
- understand and explain grammar
- teach reading, listening, speaking and writing skills
- understand diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

Requirements

- 18 years old or over
- level 3 qualifications (e.g. A levels or Scottish Highers)
- advanced (C1) level of English
- no teaching experience is required.



CELTA/ CertTESOL

CELTA and CertTESOL are entry-level teaching qualifications you complete before starting a job. They are recognised worldwide.

Course format

Hours: 120 hours minimum

Duration: four or five weeks full-time, up to a year part-time

Format: face-to-face, online or hybrid options

Assessment: observed teaching practice and written assignments

Pre-requisites: none

Find a course

Find out more and book your CELTA or CertTESOL course online:

- cambridgeenglish.org/CELTA
- trinitycollege.com/CertTESOL

AccessTEFL

AccessTEFL is an on-the-job teaching qualification recognised by British Council accredited schools across the UK.

Course format

Hours: 120 hours

Duration: three to nine months

Format: on-the-job

Assessment: observed teaching practice, classroom-based and desktop research tasks

Pre-requisites: online 'introduction to TEFL' qualification (min. 30 hrs)

Find a course

Look for advertised AccessTEFL jobs or ask a school that interests you if they accept AccessTEFL trainees:

- englishuk.com/member-directory



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