

Syllabus update: issued January 2015

IGCSE First Language English 0500/0522* (for examination in 2015)

*This syllabus is approved for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate (QN: 500/5782/0).

We have updated this syllabus for 2015. The latest version of the syllabus is Version 3, published January 2015.

Changes made in Versions 2 and 3 of the syllabus for 2015 are as follows.

Page 21 Section 6.5 Component 5 Speaking and Listening Test

The following text has been added after the fifth paragraph:

‘Candidates must take the speaking and listening test **once** only.’

Page 36 Section 7.2.2 Administrative arrangements

The fifth bullet under ‘7 Recording of candidates’ has been amended and separated to read as follows:

- Once a test has begun, **do not interrupt or repeat the recording**. On no account should you stop and re-start the recording during a test.
- The speaking and listening test cannot be repeated in the same examination series. If a Centre has a specific query about this, they should contact Cambridge at **info@cie.org.uk**
- The contents of each CD must be clearly labelled. Before the set of recordings is sent to Cambridge, make spot checks to ensure every candidate can be clearly heard.

The third sentence of the final bullet under ‘7 Recording of candidates’ now reads:

‘Both sides of each cassette should be used before beginning a new cassette and the contents of each should be clearly labelled.’

Page 49 Section 9 Additional information for England, Wales and Northern Ireland

The Key Skills information has been removed.

Page 50 Appendices

The Section ‘Forms for Components 4, 5 and 6’ from Version 1 of the syllabus has been renumbered as Section 10.2. References to the forms ‘in the Appendix’ have been updated to read ‘in the Appendix (Section 10.2)’.

A new Section 10.1 has been inserted showing changes previously made in Version 1 of the syllabus for 2015. Some changes are significant and you are advised to read the whole of the syllabus.

Page 8 Availability (from paragraph 3 onwards)

Please also note the following changes for 2015, announced in a previous update notice:

For First Language English there are two syllabuses, **0500** (IGCSE) and **0522** (Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate).

Syllabus **0500** (Cambridge IGCSE) has optional Speaking and Listening components which do not contribute to the overall grade candidates receive. Instead the certificate records performance in Speaking and Listening as an endorsement (Grade 1–5) on the certificate.

Syllabus **0522** includes compulsory Speaking and Listening which contribute to the overall grade candidates receive.

0522 appears on the Register of Regulated Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate. This is the official title for all Cambridge IGCSEs approved by Ofqual.

0522 is also available in administrative Zone 3. Schools outside Zone 3 should contact Cambridge if they wish to enter candidates for syllabus 0522 instead of syllabus 0500. If you are uncertain about whether you are in this zone, please refer to **Timetabling exams at www.cie.org.uk/profiles/exams_officers/guide/preparation/timetabling_exams/adminzones/index.html**

Specific components on 0500 and 0522 are available to private candidates. Private candidates can opt for either Paper 1 or Paper 2 and must opt for Paper 3. For 0522, private candidates must also opt for Component 05.

Only the **0522** syllabus counts towards school performance tables in England.

To access the latest information regarding performance tables Centres should consult the Department for Education website **www.education.gov.uk**