

## Trinity ISE I – Get to Know the Exam

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Talk to your classmates and find people who can answer these questions about the Trinity ISE I exam. When you find someone, write their name.

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Find someone who knows...

	Name
1. ...where Trinity College is located.	
2. ...when Trinity started doing English language exams.	
3. ...what CEFR is.	
4. ...why Trinity exams are popular.	
5. ...what level the ISE I exam is.	
6. ...what ISE stands for.	
7. ...how many modules there are in the ISE I exam.	
8. ...if you need to pass all the parts of the exam.	
9. ...how long the Reading & Writing lasts.	
10. ...how long the Speaking & Listening lasts.	
11. ...how much time you have for the Writing.	
12. ...how many questions there are in the Reading.	
13. ...how the two writings are different.	
14. ...what types of writings are possible.	
15. ...how many words you have to write.	
16. ...who you do the Speaking & Listening with.	
17. ...what part of the Speaking people normally like.	
18. ...how long the Speaking lasts.	
19. ...how many times you listen to each audio.	
20. ...how you give your answers in the Listening.	

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### TEXT A

The Trinity ISE I exam is organised by Trinity College London, where they have been assessing English language since 1938. In recent years, the ISE I exam has been redesigned and rebranded as a contemporary exam with a focus on the English you will need for academic study or your professional life. The ISE I exam evaluates your English at the B1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), an internationally recognised language achievement scale.

It has become a popular exam because its certifications are accepted by many educational, governmental and professional institutions both in the UK and abroad. One of the main focusses of the Trinity ISE exams is real-life situations. Trinity wants their candidates to finish their exams with the skills necessary to communicate in the real world.



### TEXT B

ISE stands for Integrated Skills in English. The ISE I exam has two different modules, Reading & Writing and Speaking & Listening. There is no grammar section and no vocabulary section. However, these elements are evaluated throughout the exam. The two modules can be taken separately or together at the same time. In order to receive your Trinity ISE I certificate, you must pass both modules. However, if you fail one module and pass the other, you only need to repeat the failed module to receive your full certificate.

The Reading & Writing module lasts 2 hours and consists of 2 reading tasks and 2 writing tasks. The Speaking & Listening module lasts 18 minutes and consists of 2 speaking tasks and 2 listening tasks. The modules generally happen on different days. The Reading & Writing is paper-based and your score is calculated by the number of correct answers in the reading activities and the quality of your writing. The Speaking & Listening is done individually and the examiner gives you marks in both parts based on your performance.



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### TEXT C

You have 2 hours to complete the Reading & Writing module of the ISE I exam. Trinity recommends you spend 20 minutes on each reading task and 40 minutes on each writing task. Each reading task consists of 3 different activities which are designed to assess your ability in different types of reading like reading for a general idea and reading for specific information. Between the two reading tasks there are a total of 30 questions.

The two writing tasks in ISE I are quite different. The first task is called Reading into Writing. In this task you must use the information from the previous reading task and include that information in your writing. The second task is called Extended Writing and you have more freedom to answer the question with your own ideas. They can ask you to write a letter/email, an article, a review or an essay. These writings might be formal or informal in style. The types of text can appear in any combination and you can't choose what you write about. You have to write between 100-130 words for each task.

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### TEXT D

The Speaking and Listening module of the ISE I exam lasts for approximately 18 minutes. Unlike other exams, in Trinity exams you are alone with the examiner. There is no other candidate with you. Many candidates like the first speaking task, the Topic Task, because you are able to prepare a topic that you choose and have a conversation with the examiner about your topic for 4 minutes. The second speaking task is more traditional, where you answer conversation questions for 2 minutes.

During the listening you have 2 separate tasks. For both of these you give your answers orally, not on paper. For both tasks you listen twice. The first task is more structured and the examiner asks you a series of questions to test how much you have understood. In the second task, you listen and take notes, telling the examiner what you have understood of the general idea and details from the audio.