

## GLOSSARY OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

There are a huge number of abbreviations and acronyms associated with English Language Teaching. Some relate to exams, some to organisations, and some to classroom practice and teaching. For your reference, here is a list of some of the most common:

<b>ALTE</b>	Association of Language Testers in Europe
<b>ARELS</b>	Association of Recognised English Language Services
<b>BC</b>	The British Council
<b>CAE</b>	Certificate of Advanced English
<b>CEFR</b>	Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
<b>Cert TEFLA</b>	Certificate in the Teaching of English Language to Adults
<b>Cert TESOL</b>	Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
<b>CLIL</b>	Content and Language Integrated Learning
<b>CLT</b>	Communicative Language Teaching
<b>CPE</b>	Certificate of Proficiency in English
<b>Dip TESOL</b>	Diploma in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
<b>Dip TEFLA</b>	Diploma in the Teaching of English Language to Adults
<b>DoS</b>	Director of Studies
<b>EAL</b>	English as an Additional Language
<b>EAP</b>	English for Academic Purposes
<b>EAQUALS</b>	Evaluation and Accreditation of Quality Language Services
<b>EFL</b>	English as a Foreign language
<b>ELL</b>	English Language Learner
<b>ELT</b>	English Language Teaching
<b>ESL</b>	English as a Second Language
<b>ESOL</b>	English for Speakers of Other Languages
<b>ESP</b>	English for Specific Purposes
<b>FCE</b>	First Certificate in English
<b>IATEFL</b>	International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language
<b>IELTS</b>	International English Language Testing System
<b>IGCSE</b>	International General Certificate of Secondary Education
<b>JALT</b>	Japanese Association of Language Teachers
<b>JET</b>	Japanese Exchange and Teaching programme
<b>KET</b>	Key English Test
<b>L1</b>	First language
<b>L2</b>	Second language
<b>MFL</b>	Modern Foreign Languages
<b>PET</b>	Preliminary English Test
<b>PGCE</b>	Postgraduate Certificate in Education
<b>PPP</b>	Presentation, Practice, Production
<b>SLA</b>	Second Language Acquisition
<b>STT</b>	Student Talk Time
<b>TEFL</b>	Teaching English as a Foreign Language
<b>TESOL</b>	Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages
<b>TL</b>	Target Language
<b>TOEFL</b>	Test of English as a Foreign Language
<b>TOIEC</b>	Test of English for International Communication
<b>TPR</b>	Total Physical Response
<b>TTT</b>	Teacher Talk Time
<b>YL</b>	Young Learners
<b>YLE</b>	Young Learners Exam

**English Language Exams administered by Cambridge University****IELTS**

International English Language Testing System – a level assessment test, often used by government bodies, universities and employers to check that applicants have the level of English required to cope with their study or work.

**CPE**

Certificate of Proficiency in English. A graded Cambridge exam for students with the highest level of proficiency in English, requiring close to native-speaker competence.

**CAE**

Certificate of Advanced English. A graded Cambridge exam for advanced level learners.

**FCE**

First Certificate in English. A graded Cambridge exam for Upper Intermediate level students.

**PET**

Preliminary English Test. A graded Cambridge exam for Intermediate level students.

**KET**

Key English Test. A graded Cambridge exam for Elementary to Lower Intermediate level students.

**YLE**

Cambridge Young Learners English Exams. A suite of exams for primary level students.

**Exams offered by the US-based, Educational Testing Service****TOEFL**

Test of English as a Foreign Language. Similar in purpose to the IELTS test, often preferred in countries that use American rather than British English.

**TOIEC**

Test of English for International Communication. Similar to IELTS and TOEFL, but more business oriented. Popular in countries like Japan.

**General Education****IGCSE**

International General Certificate of Secondary Education. The international version of GCSEs - usually taught in international schools overseas.