

Trinity's **GESE** | Graded Examinations in Spoken English

What is GESE?

Trinity's GESE exams are one-to-one assessments of speaking and listening skills, available at 12 graded levels from Pre-A1 to C2, aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). Suitable for all ages and abilities, GESE supports learners' progression from beginner to advanced.

Why choose GESE?

- ▶ **Motivational:** Achievable steps inspire learners to progress.
- ▶ **Personalised:** Candidates prepare their own topic for interactive discussion at Grades 4-12.
- ▶ **Expert examiners:** Supportive examiners encourage candidates to perform at their best.
- ▶ **Diagnostic feedback:** Free 30-minute feedback session for in-person exams.
- ▶ **Inclusive:** A grade for every learner, regardless of background or proficiency.
- ▶ **Flexible exam options:** face-to-face in-person or face-to-face video conference.
- ▶ **Early results:** Provisional results are available before certificates are issued.
- ▶ **Free resources:** Clear specifications, sample videos and preparation materials.

Learning progression

As learners move through the grades, they demonstrate:

- ▶ Improved ability to communicate effectively.
- ▶ More advanced language functions, grammar, and vocabulary.
- ▶ Increasing independence in interactions.

Recognised quality

GESE is:

- ▶ Aligned to the CEFR (except Pre-A1).
- ▶ Quality-audited by ALTE.
- ▶ Widely accepted by governments and institutions worldwide.



Stage	Grades	CEFR level	Exam length	Tasks
Initial	1-3	Pre-A1 to A2	5-7 mins	Conversation
Elementary	4-6	A2+ to B1+	10 mins	Conversation, Topic discussion
Intermediate	7-9	B2 to B2++	15 mins	Conversation, Topic discussion, interactive task
Advanced	10-12	C1 to C2	25 mins	Conversation, Topic discussion, interactive task, Listening task, Topic presentation

Personalise the experience:

GESE for School and GESE for Work

From January 2026, new personalisation options help learners prepare for real-life communication in work or school settings.

These flexible options are available for all face-to-face in-person and face-to-face video conference GESE exams at Grades 4-12. They build on GESE's learner-centred design – helping candidates show what they can do in ways that matter to them.

Get started

- Find exam information, guidance and free resources: trinitycollege.com/GESE
- Contact your local Trinity representative: trinitycollege.com/worldwide

Discover how GESE can help learners gain confidence in English communication.



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GESE FOR SCHOOL



Helps younger learners connect language learning to everyday school life by tailoring exam topics and tasks to familiar classroom and social experiences.

GESE FOR WORK



Supports learners to use English with confidence at work. Prepare and perform using work-related topics, vocabulary and contexts.