



Purpose statement

**NCFE Level 2 Certificate in English
QN: 601/1568/3**

Qualification overview

This qualification has been designed to provide you with knowledge and understanding of the 3 main areas of English: speaking and listening, reading, and writing.

Studying this qualification will provide you with:

- communication skills such as speaking, listening and responding to others
- the ability to participate in discussions, improving your own contribution and encouraging others to participate
- reading and writing skills such as an ability to understand and compose texts
- the ability to identify and use different sentence structures
- writing skills to produce effectively written texts both on paper and using technology

It has been mapped to the core curriculum and will develop the underpinning skills and knowledge required to complete a GCSE or a level 2 Functional Skills qualification in English.

Who is this qualification for?

This qualification is suitable for a wide range of learners. It is suitable for you if you are:

- an adult learner who has not achieved GCSE English and you want to develop your knowledge and understanding of English at level 2
- still in education, aged 16–18, and have not achieved a GCSE or a level 2 Functional Skills in English
- under 16 and are not following a traditional GCSE route in education
- undertaking a work-based programme to develop your skills in English
- following a GCSE programme of learning and are not yet ready to take your GCSE in English

Age restrictions

This qualification is suitable for learners aged pre-16 and above.

Entry requirements

There are no entry requirements for this qualification.

Qualification content

This qualification contains **7** mandatory units:

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- Listening and responding to others (Y/505/6674) (2 credits)
- Speaking to others (D/505/6675) (2 credits)
- Participating in discussions (H/505/6676) (1 credit)
- Understanding texts (M/505/6678) (2 credits)
- Responding to creative texts (K/505/6680) (2 credits)
- Constructing sentences (K//505/6677) (2 credits)
- Composing texts (T/505/6679) (2 credits)

What type of qualification is this?

This is a level 2 English qualification. It is useful if you want to gain a qualification that is recognised across the UK, have not studied in a while, are new to the topic, or want to build up your skills and confidence while working towards a higher-level qualification.

Progression opportunities

You may wish to build on the knowledge gained from this qualification by progressing to a higher-level English qualification, such as:

- Functional Skills qualification in English at level 2
- GCSE English

Similar qualifications

This level 2 certificate in English is part of a large suite of qualifications in English.

There are 3 smaller awards in reading and writing. These are made up of small parts of the certificate and are designed for learners who feel they are more confident with some parts than others. For example, you may be confident in your reading skills, but want to do awards in writing.

Further to this, there are smaller single-unit awards. These break down the speaking and listening, reading, and writing components into more specific parts such as spelling or speaking to be understood.

Support for this qualification

This qualification is supported by the following colleges and training providers:

- All Trades Training
- HT Skills
- New College Durham
- Optimum Skills Limited
- Westminster Kingsway College

Further information

For more information about the NCFE Level 2 Certificate in English (601/1568/3) please see the support materials tab on the qualification page on the NCFE website.