



Parents' guide

ABRIDGE ACADEMY ESL CURRICULUM



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Introduction

We are so excited that your teacher has selected Abridge Academy for your child's English lessons. This guide provides an overview of the curriculum and how to make the most of the resources available to support your child's learning.



Abridge Academy

Designed specifically for **online learning**, the Abridge Academy curriculum provides children aged 5-16 with **highly interactive and engaging** lessons, while following a **structured step-by-step approach**.

Abridge Academy covers multiple learning areas, including:

- **Vocabulary and grammar:** New words, sentence structures and grammar in every core curriculum lesson.
- **Speaking and listening:** Structured dialogues, open-ended discussions and advanced debating classes.
- **Reading and phonics:** From beginners phonics lessons and decodable readers, to interactive stories and guided reading lessons.
- **Writing:** Spelling practice, writing tasks and project-based learning activities.

The curriculum is aligned with the internationally recognised and research-based **CEFR levels**, the basis for most national curricula and international exams such as the **Cambridge English qualifications**.

With interactive activities, games, stories and more, your child will love learning English with Abridge Academy!

I've recently been doing the Phonics course with my little student and she found it extremely engaging, the transformation I've seen from her within 2 classes has been amazing! Abridge is just taking teaching and learning online to a whole new level for me and my students! --Claire



Cambridge English
Young Learners

Starters Movers Flyers

I love it, the kids love it, and the parents love it! The slides are interactive and fun for young learners. --Lucy

Lesson resources



Abridge Academy encourages a flipped learning approach, proven to maximise progress by combining preview tasks and review activities, so lesson time can focus on the application of new language skills.

Lesson previews



Before class, your child can preview the lesson slides to practice new vocabulary, grammar, reading and listening.

- **Listen to and repeat the audio** recordings (available in both British and American English) of new words to practice pronunciation.
- Review the **new grammar points** and example sentences.
- **Read the dialogues or stories** in advance, with time to look up any unfamiliar words and develop a deeper comprehension of the text.

Flashcards

Downloadable PDF flashcards are provided to practice new vocabulary. These make a visual link between images and new words, as well as being useful materials for further practice.

- **Print and cut out** the flashcards before class.
- **Quiz your child** on the new words every week, for continued practice.
- Use these flashcards with **review board games** for fun vocabulary practice at home.



Interactive slides



Bored of textbooks? During class, your child will love learning English with our highly interactive and engaging lesson slides.

- **Interactive activities**, including drag-and-drop matching tasks, drop-down quizzes, and writing gap-fill exercises.
- Engaging **games and songs**.
- Built-in **reward trophies** to celebrate correct answers.
- **Structured, step-by-step approach** to gradually introduce and reinforce new language skills with active learning.
- Integrated end-of-class **personal feedback**.

Workbooks

Printable PDF workbooks (one per unit) can be used in class or as homework tasks:

- **Review** new vocabulary and grammar skills.
- Complete open-ended **writing tasks**.
- Assess new learning with **end-of-unit quizzes**.
- Celebrate success with built-in **certificates**.



Levels overview



Each level of the core curriculum consists of 10 themed units, with six lessons per unit. Teachers may choose to split lessons across multiple class sessions or add supplementary class topics for extra practice.

Level 1

CEFR pre-A1

- **Vocabulary:** 200 new words; numbers 1 – 60.
- **Topics:** Self-introduction, likes and dislikes, fruits, weather, toys, family, school and activities.
- **Grammar:** Present simple tense, questions, articles, plurals, prepositions of place + time, personal + demonstrative pronouns.
- **Skills:** Speaking and listening skills using set sentence structures.

Phonics

CEFR pre-A1

- **Phonemic awareness:** Identify the 44 phonemes (sounds) of English in words; blend and segment individual sounds in simple words.
- **Graphemes:** Identify, sound out and write the 26 letters of the alphabet; use digraphs, trigraphs and blends.
- **Reading:** Decode (sound out) simple CVC and CVCe words; read simple decodable stories.
- **Writing:** Encode (write down) simple CVC and CVCe words.
- **Sight words:** Read and write 20+ common non-decodable words.

Level 2

CEFR pre-A1

- **Vocabulary:** 250 new words.
- **Topics:** Friends, family, sports, food, clothes, hobbies, animals, and school.
- **Grammar:** Irregular present simple tense, open and closed questions, adjectives, possessives, subject + object pronouns, dates, negatives, modal verbs, and ordinal numbers.
- **Skills:** Speaking and listening skills adapting simple sentence structures.

Level 3

CEFR A1

- **Vocabulary:** 250 new words.
- **Topics:** Places in town, directions, helping others, clothes, school activities, hobbies, home, eating out and travel.
- **Grammar:** Present continuous tense, modal verbs, imperatives, prepositions, gerunds, quantifiers and connectives.
- **Skills:** Speaking and listening skills using extended sentences.

Level 4

CEFR A1

- **Vocabulary:** 250 new words.
- **Topics:** Daily activities, sports, travel, competitions, shopping, health, family, town and nature.
- **Grammar:** Past simple tense, extended sentences, comparatives, superlatives, sequencing adverbs, conjunctions, and suggestions.
- **Skills:** Speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

Level 5

CEFR A2

- **Vocabulary:** 250 new words
- **Topics:** Cooking, town, jobs, study abroad, making plans, animals, environment, health, and leisure.
- **Grammar:** Future tense, present continuous tense, conditionals, intensifiers, prepositional phrases, phrasal verbs, modal verbs, adverbs of time / place / frequency.
- **Receptive skills:** Understanding extended texts and audio.
- **Productive skills:** Writing paragraphs, engaging in open-ended conversations.

Level 6

COMING SOON

CEFR A2

- **Vocabulary:** 250 new words.
- **Topics:** travel, celebrities, sports, leisure, history, storytelling, and daily life.
- **Grammar:** past continuous tense, present perfect tense, relative clauses, adverbial phrases, reported and indirect speech
- **Receptive skills:** Interpreting and analysing extended texts and audio.
- **Productive skills:** Writing extended texts, engaging in extended discussion and debate.

Curriculum alignment

The Abridge Academy curriculum is aligned with the **Common European Framework of Reference for languages** (CEFR) - a research-based international standard for measuring language proficiency, from A1 (elementary) to C2 (fluent). Our core curriculum is aimed at beginners (CEFR levels A1-A2).

Students who wish to formally assess their progress may wish to take the **Cambridge young learners English (YLE) exams**, which align with the CEFR levels.



Abridge Academy	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Level 6
CEFR	Pre-A1	Pre-A1	A1	A1	A2	A2
Cambridge English exams		YLE Starters		YLE Movers		YLE Flyers A2 Key (KET)

Extension courses



The Abridge Academy extension courses extend your child's learning **beyond the core lessons** or their school curriculum. Your teacher may incorporate these into your child's learning plan or offer these as optional extra classes.

The extension courses are available for **beginner to advanced levels**. They provide students with additional practice to develop specific English skills or explore their wider interests.



Space explorers has so much interactivity and great design. We loved that course! The "english news" slides are also a big hit. --Liam



Reading



Develop advanced reading comprehension, discussion and analysis skills, with courses including:

- **Traditional stories:** inspire young learners with these fun and engaging reading lessons.
- **Book studies:** engage children in more in-depth discussion and literary analysis.
- **School of magic:** feature in your own magical adventure story while reviewing core English skills.
- **English news:** develop teenagers' advanced reading and discussion skills while exploring current news topics.

Academic English

Improve advanced and academic English skills with:

- **Active grammar:** structured, formal grammar practice aligned with the CEFR levels.
- **Non-fiction writing:** learn to write academic and other formal texts.
- **Debating:** develop advanced speaking, presentation, argumentation and formal debating skills.



Science

Prepare students to study in English-medium schools with:



- **Space explorers:** discover the science of our solar system and beyond, while learning useful scientific vocabulary.
- **Science boost:** learn middle school science topics in English, with subject-specific academic English practice.

Culture

Explore international cultures through fun project-based activities in:



- **Seasonal celebrations:** learn about famous festivals and celebrations from around the world.
- **Travel:** go on a world adventure or put together your own travel plans.



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