

The UK Adult ESOL Core Curriculum

What is the UK Adult ESOL Core Curriculum?

The UK Adult ESOL Core Curriculum is the curriculum introduced by the Department of Education and Skills for learners of English in England. ('ESOL' means 'English for Speakers of Other Languages'.) It is part of a national strategy to improve the literacy, language and numeracy skills of adults in England, and it is based on national standards for speaking, listening, reading and writing. There are three levels of these standards: Entry level, Level 1 and Level 2. Entry level is divided into three further levels: Entry 1, Entry 2 and Entry 3.

What is a 'map'?

A map is a table showing how a course covers the skills and grammatical structures listed in *The UK Adult ESOL Core Curriculum*.

For each level of **face2face** there are three maps:

- **Student's Book Map**

This has a detailed lesson-by-lesson list of the skills covered by each activity/exercise.

- **Grammatical Structures Map**

This lists the grammatical structures for the relevant level/s of *The UK Adult ESOL Core Curriculum* with cross-references to pages in the Student's Book or the Reading and Writing Portfolio in the Workbook which present or practise them.

- **Workbook Reading and Writing Portfolio Map**

This has a similarly detailed lesson-by-lesson list of the skills practised in the Reading and Writing Portfolio pages at the back of the Workbook.

The code for, and description of, each skill in the curriculum is given.

What does 'code' mean?

A code on a map describes the skill and the level it is being practised at. The first letter of the code shows the skill area (S: Speaking, L: Listening, R: Reading, W: Writing). The second letter shows the particular aspect of the skill that is being practised, as follows:

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| Sc | Speak to communicate |
| Sd | Engage in discussion |
| Lr | Listen and respond |
| Rt | Text focus: reading comprehension |
| Rs | Sentence focus: grammar and punctuation |
| Rw | Word focus: vocabulary, word recognition and phonics |
| Wt | Text focus: writing composition |
| Ws | Sentence focus: grammar and punctuation |
| Ww | Word focus: vocabulary, spelling and handwriting |

The code then gives the level (e.g. E3 = Entry 3), and the particular skill. For example, **Sc/E3.3a** is the code for the 'Speak to communicate' skill 3a, at Entry 3 (i.e. 'make requests').

How can I use these maps?

You can either find activities that present and practise particular language or skills from the curriculum, or you can use the skill codes in the maps to complete your lesson plans or schemes of work.

Where can I get a copy of *The UK Adult ESOL Core Curriculum*?

Copies of the curriculum which gives all the details of each level are available from:

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