


Functional Skills English (Level 1)

A calm, structured pathway to a nationally recognised qualification 

FAQs

Here are some of the most common questions about the course. If you need any more information, I'm always happy to help! 



What is Functional Skills English?

Functional Skills English is a nationally recognised qualification that focuses on real-life reading, writing and communication skills. It is widely accepted for college, apprenticeships and employment.



Which exam board is it with?

The qualification is with NCFE, an Ofqual-regulated awarding body.



How does the course work?

The course is completed online through short pre-recorded lessons, so learners can work at their own pace.

Each week, learners:

- watch short lessons
- complete structured tasks
- build skills gradually

There are also regular opportunities to submit work for feedback.



Are there live lessons?

No – there are no live lessons.

This helps keep the course calm, flexible and manageable, especially for home-educated and SEND learners.



How is the course structured?

The course follows a clear pathway across the year:

- Autumn – Reading
- Spring – Writing
- Summer – Speaking & Listening

At the end of each term, there is the option to sit the exam for that subject.

Learners can also sit each exam when they feel ready – no pressure.



Will you offer Level 2?

Yes – Functional Skills Level 2 is planned for the following academic year, providing a clear progression route.



Are exams included in the course fee?

No – exams are not included in the course fee.



How much are the exams?

The total exam cost is **£185**. This can either be paid all at once or split into the three components.



Where are the exams taken?

Exams can be taken:

- from home (online invigilated)
- or at a centre

I also support with booking the exams to make the process simple.



What does the course cost?

- **£295** (pay in full)
- or 3 monthly payments of £105



Are there any discounts available?

Yes – a 10% discount is available for siblings or multi-course enrolments. (Applies to pay in full option only)



Are workbooks included?

Workbooks are not included, but optional printed workbooks will be available from September to support learning.




Who is this course suitable for?

There are no formal entry requirements. The course is best suited to learners working at Functional Skills Level 1, who can engage with reading and writing tasks with some independence.



How do I enrol?


Bookings are now open. Please get in touch or visit the website to secure a place. 




Good to know

- Free resits are included with exam fees
- Access arrangements are available if applicable
- Limited places available

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