

# Prepare for the **CLES** certificate examination: list of online resources

# **ENGLISH**

# **Oral expression**

#### Level B1

- English Online France: False beginner, intermediate. This site gives you free access to numerous resources to in order improve your written and spoken English comprehension: dictations, pronunciation exercises, reconstructing text exercises, grammar practice... Videos and animations with interactive activities (listening and questions; fill in the gaps; scripts). Different texts looking at the different elements of civilisation, with a variety of topics and translations available by clicking on the word in question.
- Learning English: Current affairs videos.
- <u>Learn English Feel Good</u>: Film extracts followed by comprehension questions.
- <u>Ello</u>: Short dialogues followed by comprehension questions.

#### Level B2

- Language Lab: Recorded news articles followed by comprehension exercises.
- BBC Learning English: Online exercises; videos, oral, lexical and written comprehension.
- The Learning Network: New York Times' site made for those learning English. News articles and videos.

#### Level C1

- California Distance Learning Project: Videos and audio files followed by vocabulary exercises.
- Lorraine University English: 7 different modules with recorded segments followed by comprehension exercises.

#### All levels

## Oral Comprehension:

- Breaking News English: Recorded news items with their scripts as well as worksheets with corrections available.
- <u>Esl-lab</u>: Oral comprehension quiz (3 levels: easy, medium and difficult).
- Om personal: Short dialogues followed by oral comprehension exercises (3 levels: elementary, intermediate and advanced).
- <u>Audio Lingua</u>: Collaborative sound bank offering mp3 recordings in several languages. The user can select different criteria (language, level, theme, age, duration...).

### Audio-written comprehension and expression

- E-English: Literary texts in both written and audio format.
- <u>Better at English</u>: Listen and read English conversations with vocabulary sheets to help you.
- <u>Learning English</u>: British Council's site to promote the English language offering learning aids such as texts to read and listen to, activities on a variety of topics and current affairs (culture, science, sport, history...), grammar lessons, exercises, games.



## News

- <u>United Nations Radio</u>: Oral comprehension. A site to follow current world affairs thanks to reports carried out by journalists working for UN Radio. Registration necessary (and is free) in order to download the sound files.
  Scripts are available for download and to print.
- <u>Euronews</u>: Site of the Euronews channel offering online articles and videos on current European affairs. You can select your desired language.
- <u>Online Newspapers</u>: Portal which displays international press outlets. Organised according to the following criteria: continent, geographic sector and country.
- <u>Courrier International</u>: News originating from international media outlets. In the part labelled sources; you can find links to newspapers and reviews from all over the world.

# **Written Expression**

#### Level B1

- Memrise: Memorisation exercises.
- <u>Famous People Lessons</u>: Recordings of famous peoples' mini biographies, oral comprehension questions and several exercises with corrections (vocabulary...) based on the script.

#### Level B2

- <u>Focus English</u>: Dialogues on everyday conversation topics (money, giving directions, shopping, health...) with specific vocabulary focus.
- <u>Literacynet</u>: Video and audio reports followed by oral comprehension exercises.

#### All levels

- <u>Expressions</u>: Finding the equivalent expression in different languages of idiomatic phrases.
- <u>Loud Lit</u> Offering access to English literary works open to the public domain: texts are accompanied with mp3 audio files which can be listened to online or downloaded.
- <u>E-anglais</u>: Reading of the Hound of the Baskervilles by Conan Doyle with each chapter having its own comprehension quiz.
- University of Victoria English Language Centre: <u>Exercises</u> and <u>5 articles</u> with comprehension exercises and vocabulary.
- <u>Using English for Academic Purposes</u>: All the expressions used to introduce a topic, list examples, conclude arguments...
- <u>ETS Global</u>: Training activities for the TOEIC and TOEFL.

# **Pronunciation**

- <u>Emilangues</u>: Selection of sites offering online resources, audio books, media resources, exercises.
- BBC Learning English Pronunciation tips: Site with explanations and practice exercises in order to obtain a solid British pronunciation.
- English online France: Pronunciation Exercises.
- <u>English Online</u>: All levels. English lessons, pronunciation lessons, lessons focused on current affairs and technology. Tests helping to prepare for the exam: KET, PET, FCE, CAE, CPE, TOEFL and IELTS. Extracts of literary works for reading practice.
- <u>Ship or Sheep</u>: This site associates an image to a word and a sound file; training oral English pronunciation skills.