

# **Teaching English as a Foreign Language**

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## Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) involves teaching English to students whose first language is not English. This could be in the UK or overseas. The students may be children or adults, and be at varying levels of ability. Classes are usually taught in English. The term TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) can also be used.

If you are considering working as a teacher of English as a foreign language, either in the UK or abroad, further information is available at:

- The Prospects website has downloadable information on the work of a TEFL teacher, as well as industry insights into education, and country specific information.  
[www.prospects.ac.uk/links/engforlan](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/links/engforlan) (TEFL)  
[www.prospects.ac.uk/links/engseclan](http://www.prospects.ac.uk/links/engseclan) (TESOL)
- The Employability and Careers information room has reference books, such as a Guide to English Language Teaching and Teaching English Abroad.
- A 'Working Abroad' handout, which has a section on Teaching English as a foreign language, can be downloaded from the Careers and Employability website, [www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides](http://www.mmu.ac.uk/careers/guides) or collected from the information room.

## Qualifications

Two of the main accredited routes into English Language Teaching for Speakers of other Languages are:

Trinity College London – Trinity Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (CertTESOL)  
[www.trinitycollege.co.uk](http://www.trinitycollege.co.uk)

and

University of Cambridge – Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA)  
[www.cambridgeesol.org/training](http://www.cambridgeesol.org/training)

Both are equally acceptable for Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) jobs.

## **Local course providers**

The following local colleges offer courses. Contact them directly for course costs, duration, location and entry requirements.

### **The Manchester College**

<http://www.themanchestercollege.ac.uk>

Email: [enquiries@themanchestercollege.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@themanchestercollege.ac.uk)

Tel: 0800 068 8585

Offer TESOL Certificate (Trinity College).

Also offer Teaching in the Lifelong Learning Sector – English ESOL (Trinity College), which requires certificate in TESOL.

### **The Manchester Academy of English**

<http://www.manacad.co.uk>

Email: [info@manacad.co.uk](mailto:info@manacad.co.uk)

Tel: 0161 237 5619

Offer Cambridge CELTA certificate and one day CELTA taster courses.

### **MMU, Salford University and University of Manchester**

All offer MA TEFL or TESOL.

<http://www.mmu.ac.uk/study/postgraduate>

<http://www.salford.ac.uk/course-finder/course/1398>

<http://www.manchester.ac.uk/postgraduate>

## **‘TEFL’ Opportunities**

Opportunities are advertised in the Education Guardian, Times Educational Supplement, EL Gazette or on TEFL websites. Jobs are typically in private language schools or state schools and are available across the globe. It is also possible to look for a job in your chosen country while there, but if you plan to do this outside Europe, check the visa situation first.

The Careers and Employability Service at MMU are regularly contacted by agencies and language schools offering opportunities for graduates to Teach English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), and contain details of these in the Information Room.

Unfortunately there is no way that we can vet these organisations so information regarding a school/agency within the Information Room is not a recommendation by MMU Careers Service. It can though act as a starting point for your research.

As part of your research you may find the following sites useful:

[www.cactustefl.com](http://www.cactustefl.com)

[www.eslcafe.com](http://www.eslcafe.com)

[www.eslbase.com](http://www.eslbase.com)

Some well known and established organisations offering opportunities include:

British Council

[www.languageassistant.co.uk](http://www.languageassistant.co.uk)

Global locations including Austria, Belgium, Canada (Quebec), China, France, Germany, Italy, Latin America, Senegal, Spain and Switzerland.

BUNAC

[www.bunac.org](http://www.bunac.org)

TEFL course with a teaching placement in China plus global volunteering opportunities.

Jet Programme

[www.jet-uk.org](http://www.jet-uk.org)

Opportunities in Japan