

Show your advantage with Spoken English for Work

A Trinity Spoken English for Work (SEW) certificate shows employers what you can do. Whether you are preparing for employment or want to improve your work-related English language skills, a Trinity certificate will help you stand out from the crowd.

Who is it for?

It is suitable for anyone aged 16 years or above who is preparing for work or already has some experience of work. It is for people who want to develop and show their language communication skills in a work-related context.

SEW is available at four levels of proficiency – B1, B2, B2+ and C1, which correspond to levels on the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

What is it like?

The Spoken English for Work exam is a one-to-one speaking and listening test with an examiner who will assess your work-related communication skills. There are three types of tasks in the test:

- Telephone
- Topic presentation
- Discussion

Preparing for the test will allow you to practise valuable skills and help build your confidence – not just for the exam, but also for employment!

Watch the videos:

www.trinitycollege.co.uk/SEW

What type of work?

People usually prefer talking about the type of work that they are interested in, even if they are not yet employed in that area. So we let you select from a list of 12 wide-ranging industry categories on which to base your topic presentation.

The category that you choose will appear on your certificate along with the proficiency level and the grade you achieved.

Find out more

- Visit our website to look at example videos and exam specifications: www.trinitycollege.co.uk/SEW
- Ask your tutors about preparing for Trinity Spoken English for Work (SEW) oral speaking and listening tests.
- Tutors and training centres should contact their local country representative. Contact details are listed on the Trinity Worldwide pages of our website.

Trinity College London is an international exams board, operating in over 60 countries. Our qualifications are widely recognised by employers, universities and higher education and government institutions worldwide.

Assessing English language proficiency since 1938

SEW exam format and levels

Levels are defined by increasing demands on language and communication skills, together with the need to demonstrate greater degrees of independence. All Spoken English for Work levels map to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

SEW B1 13 minutes

Telephone task

Telephone task (3 mins)



Presentation

Interactive topic presentation (5 mins)



Discussion

Discussion – work-based topic (4 mins)



SEW B2 20 minutes

Telephone task 1 (3 mins)



Telephone task 2

(4 mins)

Topic presentation (3 mins)



Topic discussion
– examiner led
(4 mins)



Discussion – work-based topic (5 mins)



SEW B2+ 23 minutes

Telephone task 1 (3 mins)



Telephone task 2 (4 mins)



Topic presentation (5 mins)



Topic discussion
– examiner led
(5 mins)



Discussion – work-based topic (5 mins)



SEW C1 27 minutes Telephone task 1 (4 mins)



Telephone task 2 (4 mins)



Formal topic presentation (8 mins)



Topic discussion – candidate led (5 mins)



Discussion work-based topic (5 mins)

