



The Global Scale of English

What it is and how it can be used to inform our teaching

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Session aims

1 What is the Global Scale of English?

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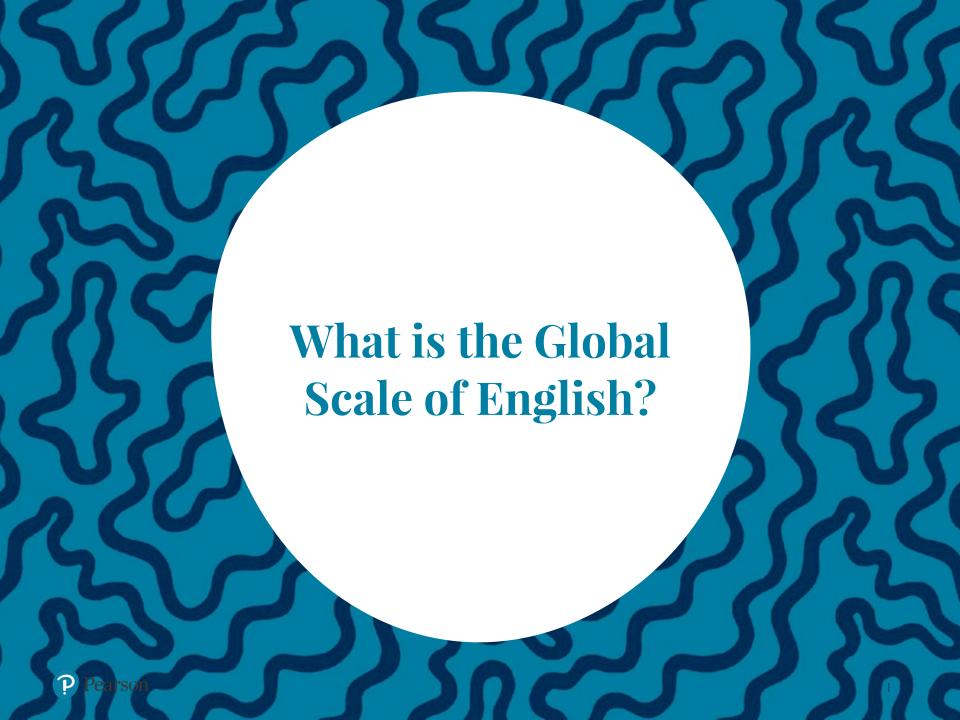
The GSE vs the CEFR

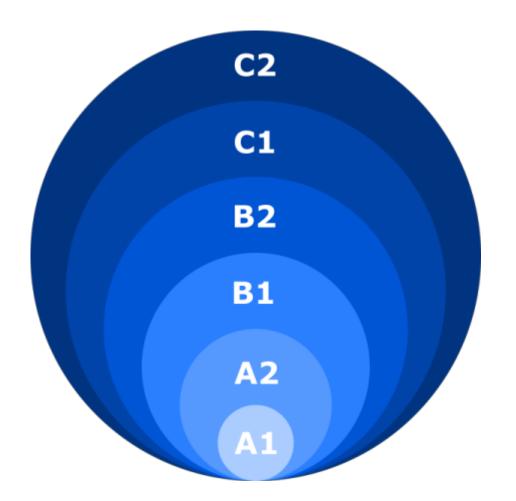
Benefits for teachers and students

The GSE Teacher Toolkit















Two questions:

- 1.What is a 'can-do' descriptor?
- 2.Can you give an example of a 'can-do' descriptor?







Can-do descriptors: A1, A2, B1 or B2?

- 1.Can enter unprepared into conversation on familiar topics (e.g. family, hobbies, work).
- 2.Can use fixed expressions to keep a conversation going (e.g. 'I see.', 'Right'.)
- 3. Can describe future plans and intentions using fixed expressions.
- 4. Can give detailed accounts of experiences, describing feelings and reactions.





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B1

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- **B1**
- 3. Can describe future plans and intentions using fixed expressions.
- **B1**

4. Can give detailed accounts of experiences, describing feelings and reactions.

B1

Can you put these descriptors in order of difficulty?



Learning objectives on the GSE

- 1.Can describe future plans and intentions using fixed expressions. **GSE 43**
- 2.Can use fixed expressions to keep a conversation going (e.g. 'I see.', 'Right'.) **GSE 44**
- 3.Can enter unprepared into conversation on familiar topics (e.g. family, hobbies, work). **GSE 47**
- 4.Can give detailed accounts of experiences, describing feelings and reactions. **GSE 49**





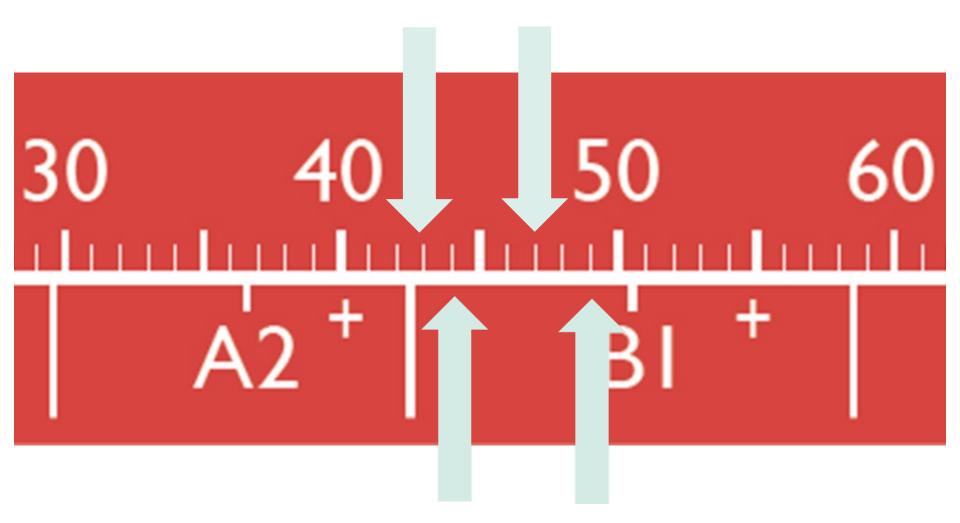


In other words....

Global Scale of English CEFR	10 20	3(0 40	20	nulini	60 70	80	90
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What is the Global Scale of English?



The Global Scale of English (GSE) is the first truly global English Language standard, allowing teachers to more accurately and easily measure learner progress.

Based on research involving over 6,000 teachers from more than 50 countries, it **expands on the CEFR** by pinpointing on a scale from 10 to 90 what needs to be mastered for the four skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing within a CEFR level, using a more **granular** approach.

Specific GSE resources then help teachers select the right learning objectives, grammar and vocabulary required for their learners to move on to the next level.

Why a scale of 10 - 90?

There's not enough language below 10 to measure accurately. Above 90 there are not enough differences to measure (plus, no one is perfect in a language!)

Global Scale of English					60 70		90
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The Global Scale of English

100s of new 'can-do' statements for all learning environments offer learning objectives more evenly across reading, writing, speaking and listening - plus vocabulary and grammar.

New research, empirically validated and greatly extends the CEFR by showing a learners level with unprecedented precision.









Learning Objectives (booklets) for each age and stage





Is GSE for Young Learners a different scale to GSE for Adults?

No. The Global Scale of English is a single proficiency scale. All GSE Learning Objectives (Adult, Professional, Academic, Young Learners) are rated on the same scale and the psychometric (IRT) analysis - carried out before any data is made publicly available - compares all sets of data with each other on that same proficiency scale.





There is, however, a difference in what a Young Learner and an Adult Learner at the same GSE level will be able to do. GSE Learning Objectives describe particular functions that can be performed by a language learner at a particular level of proficiency – but Young Learners and Adults will be exposed to different language due to the differing contexts in which they are operating and different language functions will have differing relevance. Young Learners and Adults will learn different language functions since different age groups naturally have different communicative needs and preferences and operate in different environments.





GSE 30: Speaking

Adult Learners	Young Learners
Can express basic intentions with simple time markers (e.g. tomorrow).	Can ask others if they can do everyday activities using basic language and supported by pictures or prompts.
Can talk about hotel accommodation using simple language.	Can say how they and others get to school every day in a simple way.
Can give a short description of their home, family and job, given some help with vocabulary.	Can describe their daily routines in a simple way.
Can make requests related to immediate needs using basic fixed expressions.	Can make simple requests to have or do something in relation to common everyday activities.





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Therefore, a Young Learner at GSE 30 will not necessarily be able to do the GSE Learning Objectives for Adults that are at or below this level since they may not be of communicative relevance to them. Similarly, there will be GSE Learning Objectives for Young Learners that adults will not necessarily be familiar with since they are not of communicative relevance to them..





COMMON EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK OF REFERENCE FOR LANGUAGES: LEARNING, TEACHING, ASSESSMENT

> COMPANION VOLUME WITH NEW DESCRIPTORS

The Council of Europe wishes to thank the following institutions and projects for kindly making their validated descriptors available:

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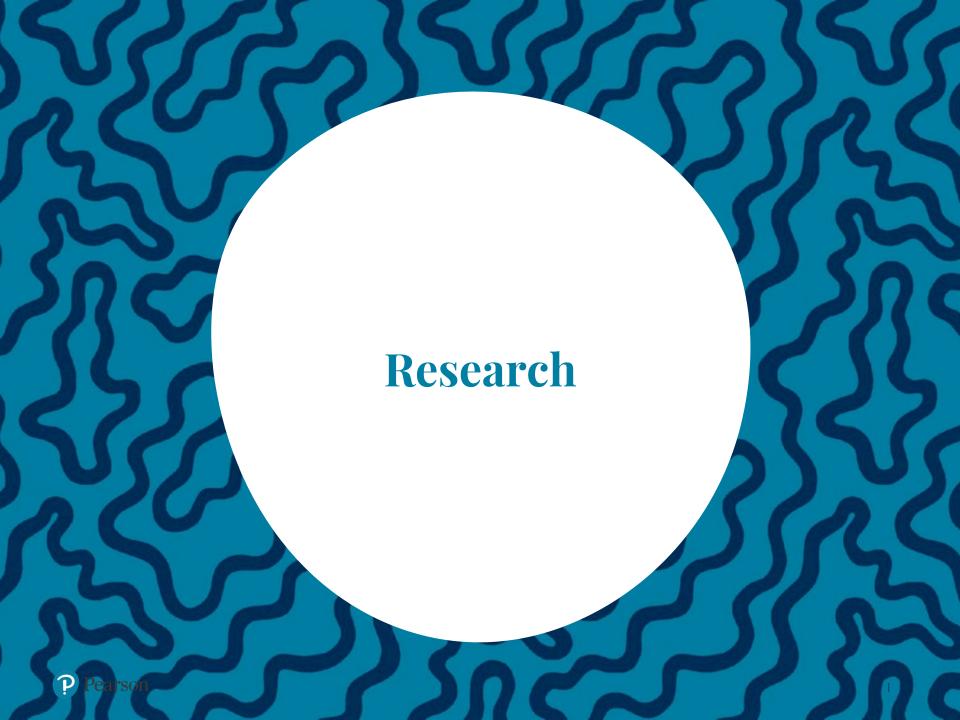
Global Scale of English (GSE)

The Council of Europe would also like to thank Pearson Education for kindly validating some 50 descriptors that were included from non-calibrated sources, principally from the Eaquals' bank and the late John Trim's translation of descriptors for the C levels in Profile Deutsch.









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Global research: over 6,000 teachers from 50 countries







GSE learning objective creation

Teacher Final 2nd Analysis: Gaps Internal Rating: 1st Analysis: qualitative identified: workshops: Thousands of Problematic LOs Psychometricians review: Publication New Learning New LOs are teachers are removed, calibrate the GSE values are Objectives (LOs) reviewed & worldwide rate revised and new LOs to the approved by refined thenew LOs on are written re-rated. GSE content editors. the GSE & CEFR





The Global Scale of English Research Series



https://www.pearsonelt.com/about/gse/research.html







Why not just use the CEFR?



Benefits:

- Most widely recognised ELT standard
- Flexible framework
- Detailed functional syllabus items

Drawbacks:

- What defines 'at a level'?
- Little detail at low levels none below A1
- Adult-centric no primary information
- Uneven coverage of skills
- The levels are too wide so not a clear reflection of ability





Accuracy is key to proficiency





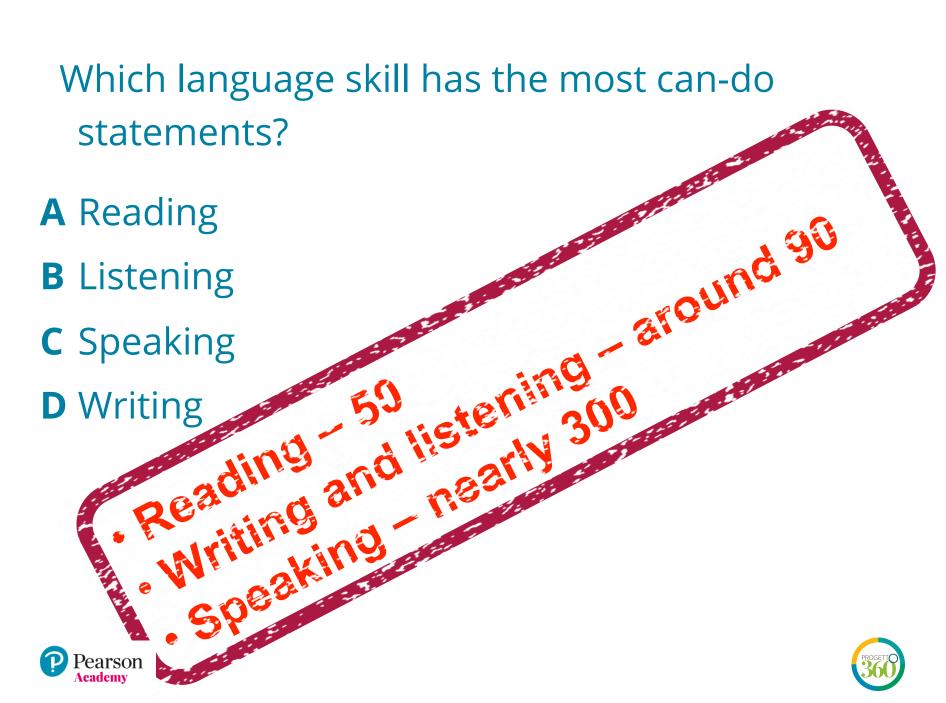


Which language skill has the most can-do statements?

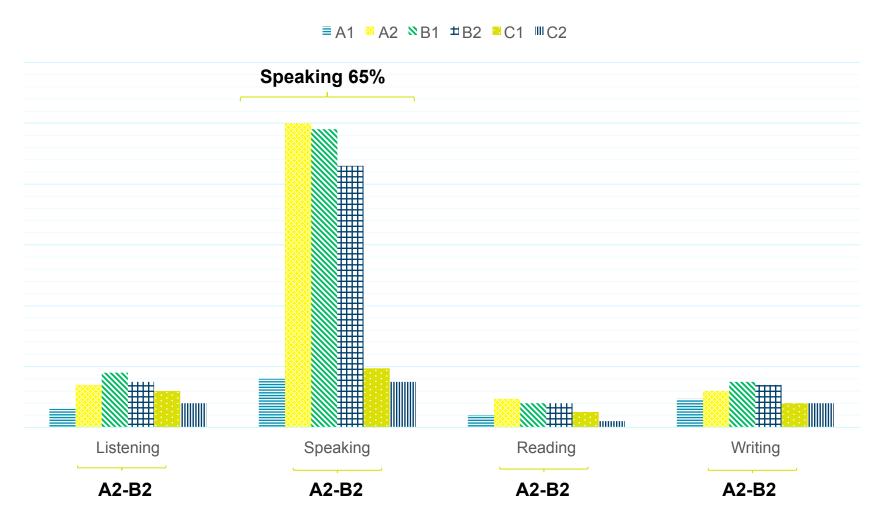
- **A** Reading
- **B** Listening
- **C** Speaking
- **D** Writing







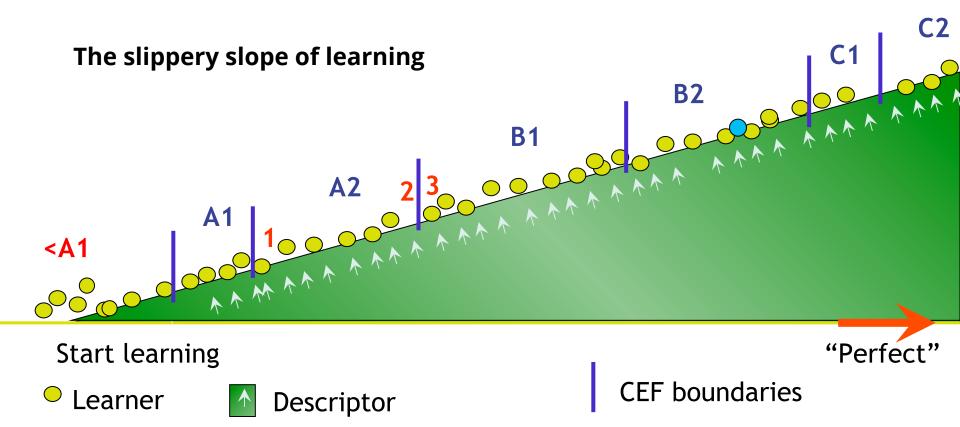
The CEFR: An uneven distribution of can-do statements





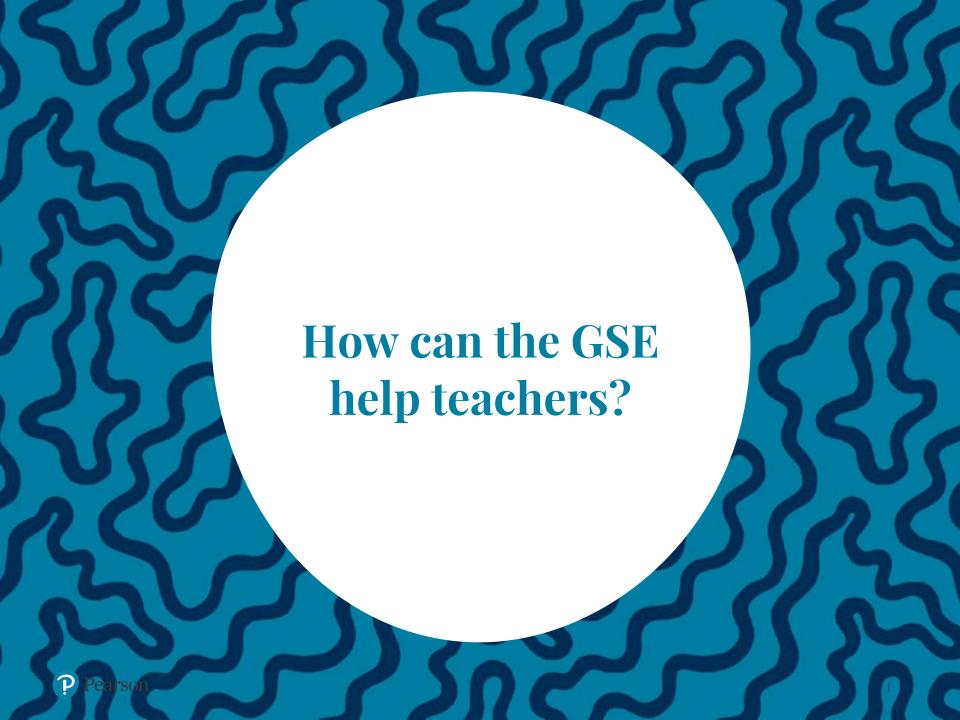


CEFR level boundaries – losing the details of progress









Teachers can...

- make more **informed choices**about what course content and
 resources to use
- **develop** targeted additional materials at the right level
- better **assess** where their learners are
- better **plan** and **deliver** lessons
- improve motivation in their classes by demonstrating regular, small steps of progress





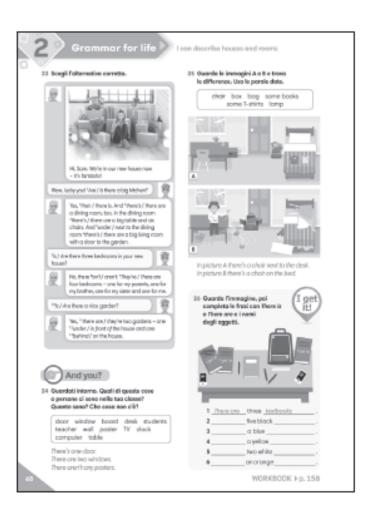
Informing teaching materials

Authors, editors and teachers are increasingly aware of the need to be learner-focused and to create syllabuses and courses that reflect learner needs and expectations. The GSE Learning Objectives for Young Learners constitute a detailed and graded model of student target performance across a range of skills and domains.

Pearson content writers are using the GSE Learning Objectives for Young Learners as the foundation for the development of all new teaching and learning materials. In the example below, from unit 2 of *Get it* Level 1, the following GSE Learning Objectives for Young Learners have been used to inform the objective of the lesson and the activities:

- 23 Can understand basic phrases in short simple texts.
- 24 Can understand basic statements about where things or people are, if spoken slowly and clearly and supported by pictures or gestures.

Teacher's Book for Get it!







La Global Scale of English (GSE) è un sistema di valutazione della conoscenza della lingua inglese messo a punto da Pearson per permettere a tutti gli studenti (e non solo) di misurare accuratamente i progressi nell'apprendimento della lingua.

I descrittori della GSE si basano su quelli del Quadro Comune Europeo di Riferimento per le Lingue, il documento elaborato dal Consiglio d'Europa per descrivere i diversi livelli dell'apprendimento linguistico, affinché ogni studente europeo possa documentare la sua conoscenza della lingua secondo parametri chiari e condivisi, compresi da qualunque istituzione scolastica in Europa.

Mentre i descrittori del QCER sono raggruppati in 6 livelli (da A1 a C2), il punteggio della GSE è espresso in una scala numerica che va da 10 a 90. La parte di scala che interessa gli anni della Scuola Secondaria di Primo Grado va da 21 a 42 circa. La GSE risulta quindi più dettagliata e permette di valutare in modo più puntuale i progressi all'interno dei livelli di riferimento del QCER. Si può vedere una correlazione tra la GSE e il QCER nell'immagine qui sotto.

Global Scale of English							
QCER	<a1< td=""><td>A1</td><td>A2</td><td>B1</td><td>B2</td><td>C1</td><td>Ω</td></a1<>	A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	Ω

Nelle pagine che seguono troverete delle tabelle che contengono i descrittori della GSE per i gradi da 10 a 42, corrispondenti cioè ai livelli QCER da <A1 a A2+.







GSE Learning Objectives Listening

GSE 10-21/Below A1

10 Can respond to a request for a simple evaluation with a gesture (e.g. thumbs up).

Can understand the letters of the alphabet by their names.

Can recognise the letters of the alphabet by their sounds.

Can recognise cardinal numbers up to 10 in short phrases and sentences spoken slowly and clearly.

- 12 Can understand a simple evaluation (e.g. 'yes/no', 'good/bad').
- 13 Can follow short, basic classroom instructions, if supported by pictures or gestures.

Can understand basic expressions for greeting and leave-taking, if supported by gestures.

16 Can recognise isolated words related to familiar topics, if spoken slowly and clearly and supported by pictures or gestures.

Can understand simple negative instructions related to everyday situations (e.g. 'Don't nur'). If supported by gestures.

- 17 Can recognise familiar expressions used to signal the beginning and end of activities in the classroom.
- 18 Can understand simple spoken commands as part of a game.

Can understand the time of day when expressed in full hours.

Can recognise familiar words and phrases in short, simple songs or chants.

19 Can recognise familiar words in short phrases and sentences spoken slowly and clearly. If supported by pictures or gestures.

Can understand the main information when people introduce themselves (e.g. name, age, where they are from).

Can identify everyday objects, people or animals in their immediate surroundings or in pictures from short, basic descriptions (e.g. colour, size), if spoken slowly and clearly.

21 Can understand simple questions asking for basic information about objects in their immediate surroundings or in pictures (e.g. colour, size), if addressed slowly and clearly.

Can understand simple language related to naming and describing family members.

GSE 22-29/A1

- 22 Can understand basic questions about what things are in their immediate surroundings or in pictures (e.g. "Wher's this?").
- 23 Can understand the time of day when expressed to within five minutes.

Can understand short, simple questions related to basic personal information, if spoken slowly and clearly.

Can understand simple feedback from a teacher.

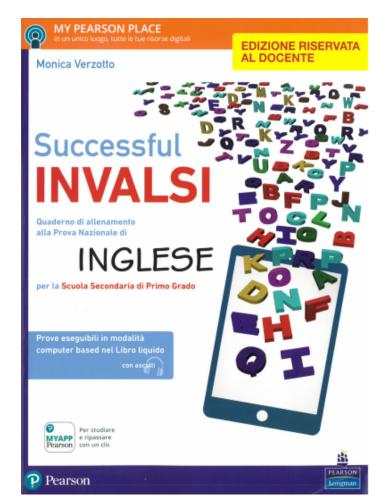
Can understand the time of day when expressed to the quarter hour.

24 Can recognise familiar words and basic phrases in short illustrated stories, if read out slowly and clearly.

Can understand basic phrases about the weather, if spoken slowly and clearly.

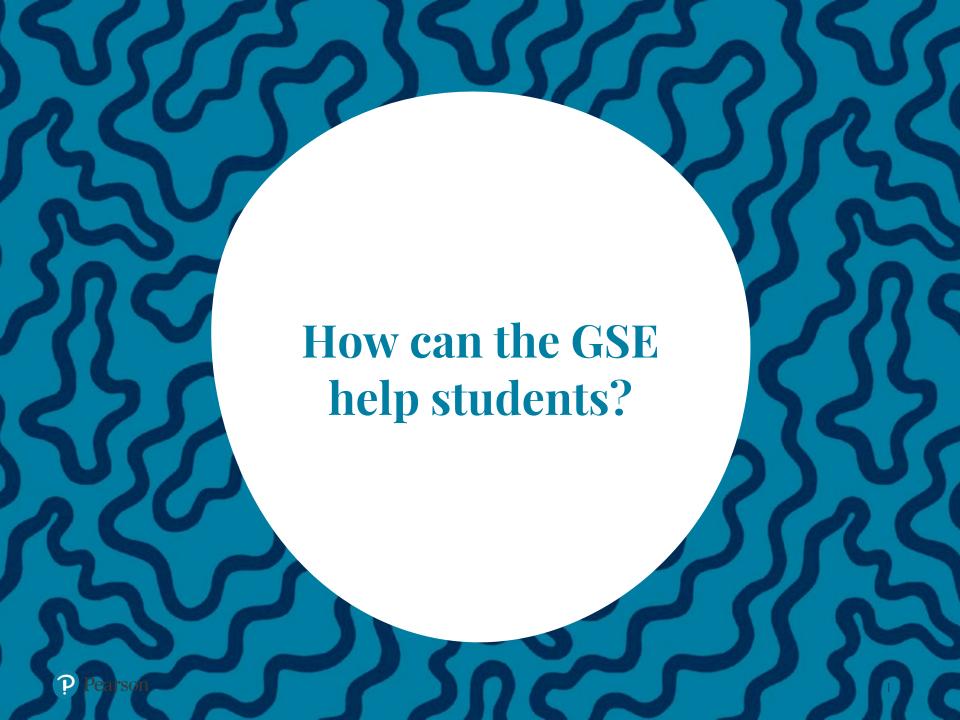
Can understand basic statements about where things or people are, if spoken slowly and clearly and supported by pictures or gestures.

Can recognise familiar key words and phrases in short, basic descriptions (e.g. of objects, people or animals), if spoken slowly and clearly.









Students can...

- experience success as a result of visibility at more granular level
- understand more explicitly what they need to do to make progress towards their goals
- be **motivated** by studying content that is challenging but within reach
- become autonomous learners



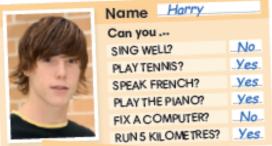




Grammar for life

I can talk about how well I can do things

22 Leggi le informazioni su Harry e Chioe, poi completa le frasi usando la forma corretta di can e un verbo, dove necessario.





1 Harry_	can play the piano
but he	sing very well.
2 Chloe	a computer and
she	French.
3 Harry	French but he
	a computer.

26 Scegli l'alternativa corretta.

Sam: Let's do this online quiz.

Jas: Yes, OK. Ready You read the first question.

Sam: 2You can / Can you swim?

Jas: Yes, I 3swim / can. I can 4swim very well / very well swim.

Sam: Can you 5 to run / run two kilometres?

Jas: No, I ⁶can / can't. I'm not very good at running.

Sam: What about your hobbies? Are you musical?

Jas: Er ... yes, I am. I can play the piano ⁷quite well / at all but I ⁸can / can't sing very well.

Sam: °Can / Can't you cook?

Jas: No, I ¹⁰don't / can't. I can't cook

¹¹at all / quite well. But my brother's
a fantastic cook. He ¹²can / can't
make great pizzas!





Communication 4

Let's do something fun!



Lucas: Hey, guys, let's do

something fun.

I agree. Any ideas? Jen:

We can go to the Alex:

park.

Again? It's not a Jen:

good idea.

Llan: Let's go ice skating.

Great idea! Jen: Lucas: I'm not sure ... I can't skate very

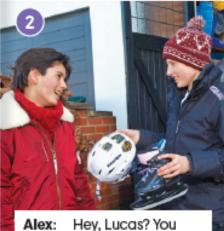
well.

No problem. I can Llan:

teach you.

Lucas: OK, cool! Let's do

that!



can wear these.

Lucas: Ha, ha! You're so

funny!

Communication

Suggestions

28 🗅 🗽 👩 077 Guarda e ascolta. Che cosa decidono di fare i ragazzi?







I can understand texts and conversations about technology and describe what gadgets can do



HOWI

earn

Listening

32 145 Guarda le foto e leggi i testi. Riesci a indovinare quali sono i tre apparecchi tecnologici più usati da questi ragazzi? Poi ascolta e controlla.



Speaking

Too, also

Too e also si usano quando si aggiunge un'informazione. In genere too si mette in fondo alla frase e also si mette prima del verbo.

I speak German. I speak French, too. I like Taylor Swift. I also like Adele.

34 PAIR WORK Scegli un apparecchio tecnologico ed elenca tutto quello che si può fare con esso. Il compagno deve indovinare che cos'è.

A: You can text your friends.
You can take photos, too. You can also ...

B: Is it a mobile phone?

Writing

35 Leggi il tema di Jake. Quali sono gli apparecchi tecnologici che preferisce?

> How I use technology JAKE WILLIAMS

I love using technology. I've got a new mobile







What does the GSE Teacher Toolkit contain?

The GSE Teacher Toolkit is a free tool which contains a global standard of reference developed by Pearson over a number of years in collaboration with teachers, ELT authors and language experts from around the world. This online, searchable database includes:

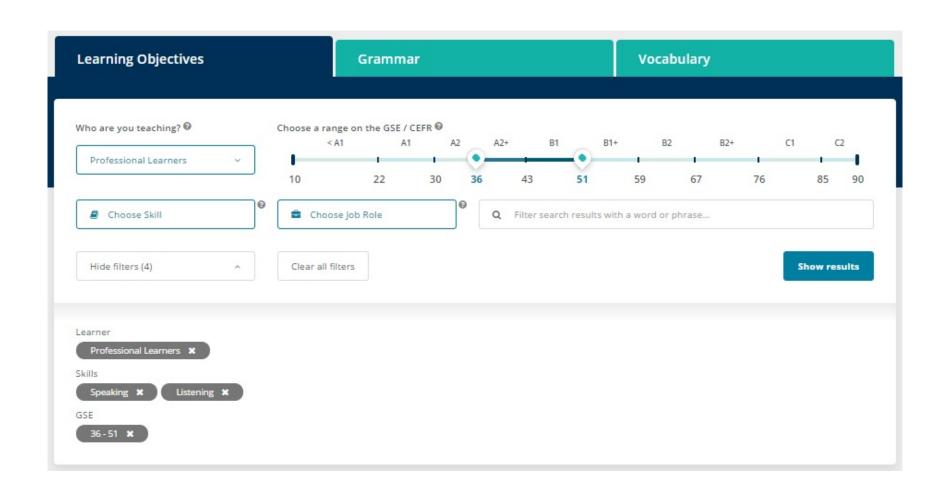
- The Global Scale of English.
- Over 2,000 GSE Learning Objectives: search by learner type, skill or CEFR/GSE level.
- Over 450 GSE Grammar Objectives: search by grammatical category, structure or CEFR/GSE level.
- 39,000 Vocabulary items (including more than 3,000 YL words) and 80,000 collocations: search
 by topic, grammatical category or CEFR/GSE level.
- Over 200 jobs linked to GSE Learning Objectives: search by job family or occupation.







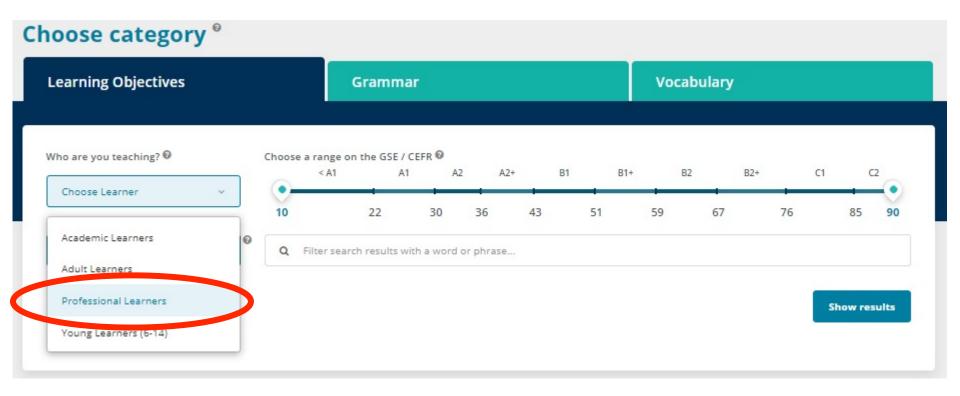
Creating a job profile with the Teacher Toolkit



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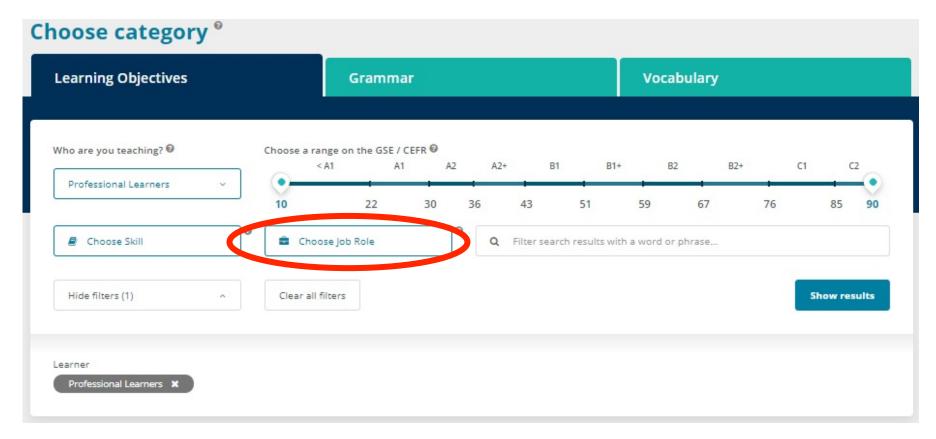




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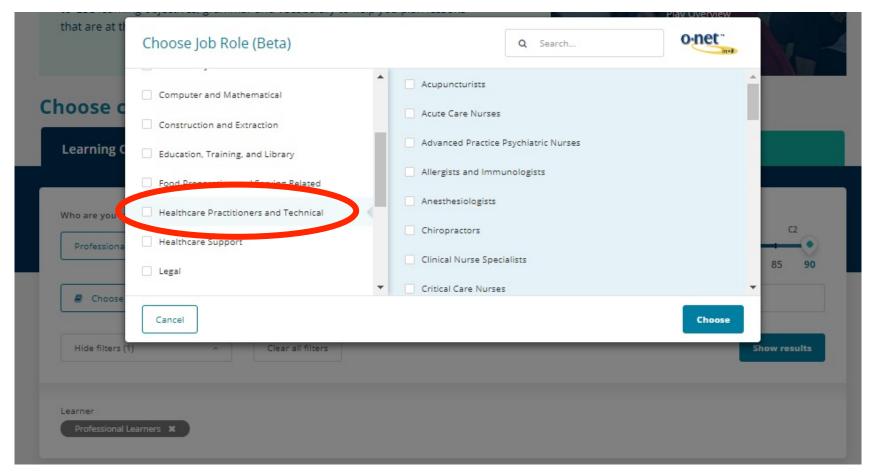




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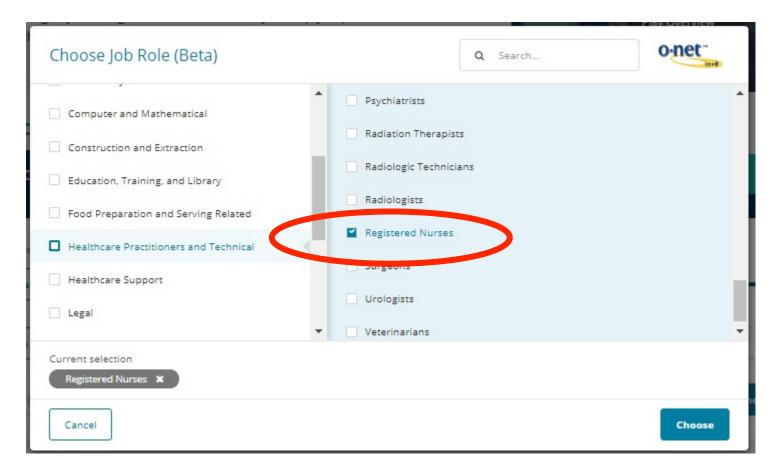




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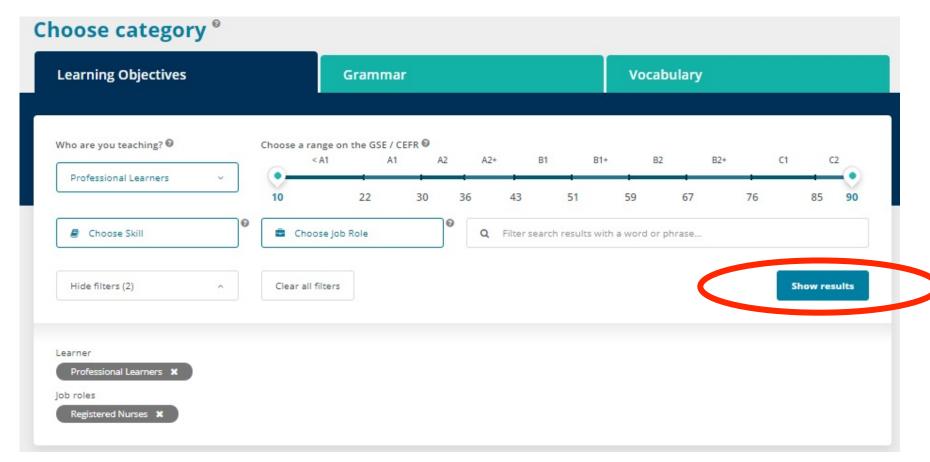




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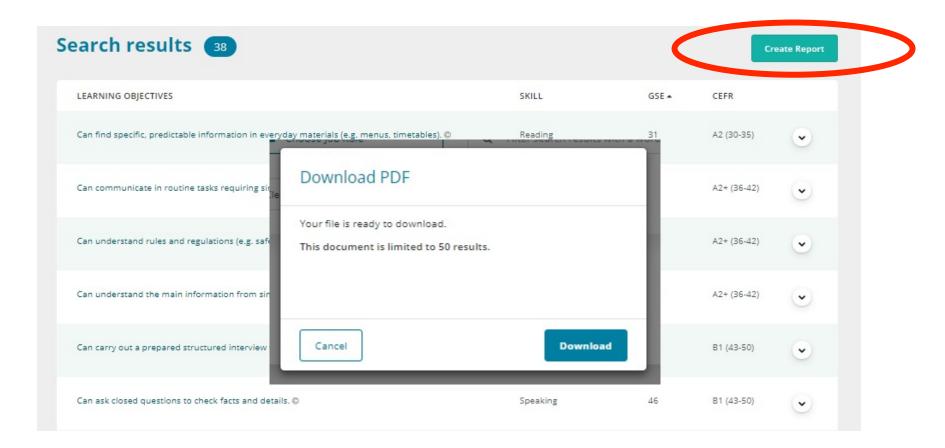




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Have you tried using the GSE Toolkit to audit your school's curriculum? Or to help plan your lessons? Find out more at english.com/blog/tag/the-global-scale-of-english

About GSE: The Global Scale of English (GSE) is a standardised granular scale which measures English language proficiency. The GSE Teacher Toolkit gives you fast access to GSE learning objectives, grammar and vocabulary to help you plan lessons that are at the right level for your students.

Search settings

Descriptors

Search Query: -

Audience: Professional Learners

GSE level: 10-90

Skill: -

Job Role: Registered Nurses

Search results

Descriptors	Skill	GSE	CEFR
Can find specific, predictable information in everyday materials (e.g. menus, timetables).	Reading	31	A2 (30-35)
Can communicate in routine tasks requiring simple, direct exchanges of information.	Speaking	36	A2+ (36-42)
Can understand rules and regulations (e.g. safety) if expressed in simple language.	Reading	37	A2+ (36-42)
Can understand the main information from simple diagrams (e.g. graphs, bar charts).	Reading	42	A2+ (36-42)
Can carry out a prepared structured interview with some spontaneous follow-up questions.	Speaking	45	B1 (43-50)





Descriptors	Skill	GSE	CEFR
Can briefly give reasons and explanations for opinions, plans and actions.	Speaking	51	B1+ (51-58)
Can write a short report on a work-related task or event.	Writing	51	B1+ (51-58)
Can understand the main information in technical work-related documents.	Reading	53	B1+ (51-58)

Expressing and justifying an opinion

I can express and justify an opinion.

1 In pairs, look at three suggested logos for a new eco-school. Which one would you choose? Why?

I think logo 1 is the best logo because it's clever and effective.



SPEAKING FOCUS

Discussing different options

Let's start with this one.

What about this idea?

What do you think?

I think this is a great idea.

I'm not so sure.

You're right.

I completely agree with you.

The problem with that is ...

Choosing an option and justifying the choice

I think the best idea would be ... because ...

I prefer/I'd go for/I'd definitely choose this one because ...

I think those are good ideas, but for me ...

Out of these ideas, I'd go for ...

Personally, I wouldn't go for that idea because ...

The reason I wouldn't choose that idea is because ...





Descriptors		GSE	CEFR	
Can identify key details in work-related documents.	Reading	55	B1+ (51-58)	
Can write an email, giving details of work-related events, facts, or plans.	Writing	57	B1+ (51-58)	
Can collate short pieces of information and summarise them for somebody else.	Writing	58	B1+ (51-58)	

WRITING

LEARN TO LEARN

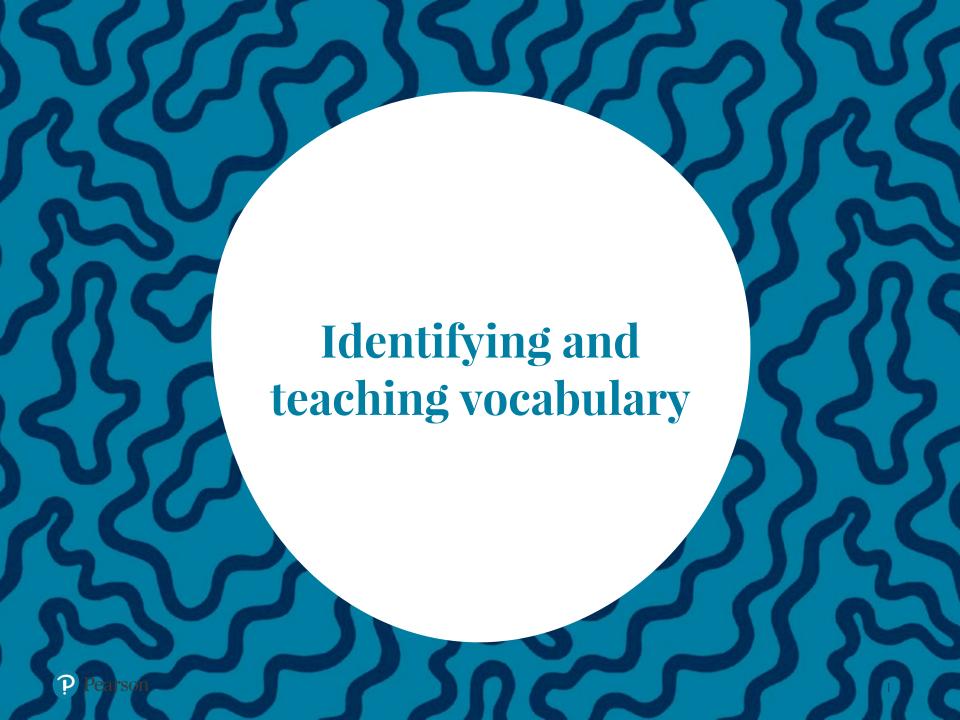
When you talk about a number of things that happen one after another, you need to put them in order. Use linkers like **first**, **next**, **after that** and **finally**. When you want to add information, use words like **and** or **as well**.

- 41 You are going to take a group of English friends around your town or an interesting town near you. Write an email (50-60 words) telling them your plans for their first day. Tell them about:
 - · where to meet
 - what time
 - what interesting sights to see
 - what arrangements after this.

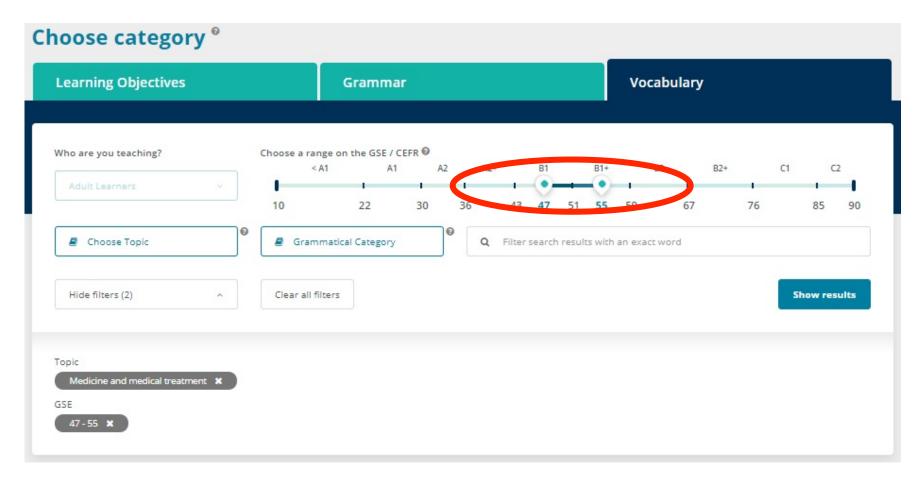
Remember to use linkers.







Vocabulary



Topic: Medicine and medical treatment GSE 47-55 (B1-B1+)





Vocabulary

VOCABULARY	TOPIC	GRAMMATICAL CATEGORY	GSE ▲	CEFR	
care		noun	47	B1 (43-50)	0
private		adjective	48	B1 (43-50)	lacksquare
sb's ter	nperature	phrase	48	B1 (43-50)	•
test		verb	48	B1 (43-50)	•
operate		verb	48	B1 (43-50)	•
pharma	acy	noun	48	B1 (43-50)	•





Vocabulary

VOCABULARY	TOPIC		GRAMMATICAL CATEGORY
care	Medicine a	nd medical treatment	noun
DEFINITION the process of looking after so		TOPIC TREE Body and health → Medicine and medical treatment → Treatments and medicines House, home, and daily life → Everyday activities → Maintenance, services, and DIY → Maintenance and services Interacting with others → Asking for or providing help People, relationships, and family → Family life and childcare Workplace and jobs → Job description and types of work → Things people do at work Hide	COLLOCATIONS in sb's care child care care services patient care home care nursing care under sb's care provide care long-term care care facilities proper care need care receive care constant care specialist care short-term care round-the-clock car





An End-to-End Solution

Personalisation of progress



Online resources



Print resources



Aligned products

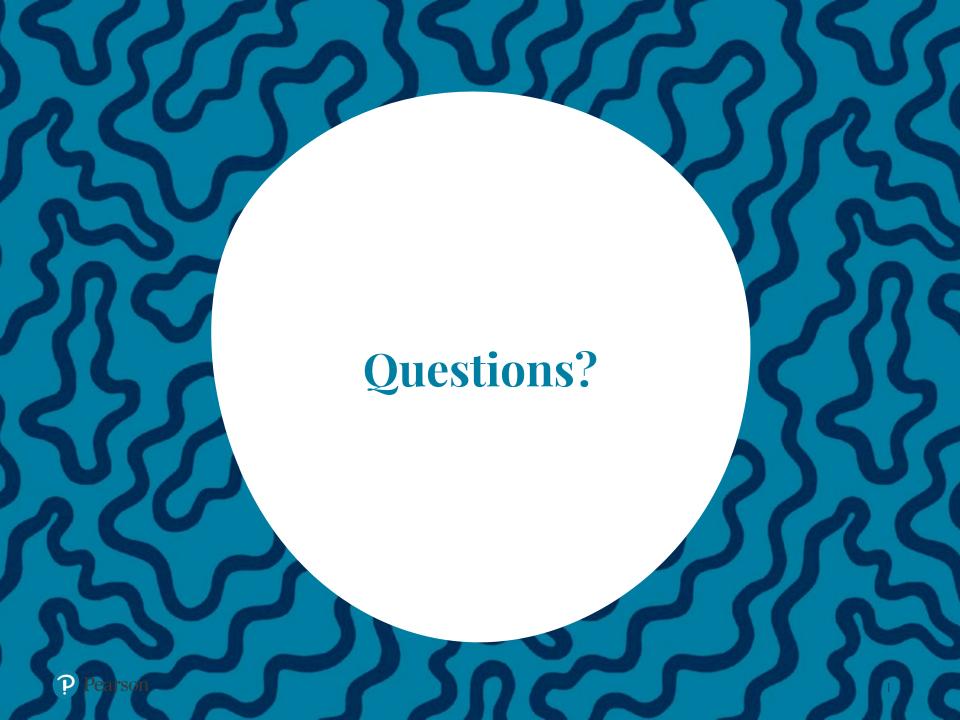


Assessments











1. Certificate of attendance



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Vai su pearson.it/miei-webinar e rispondi ad alcune semplici domande di controllo.

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