



ESOL Connect
ESOL Without Limits.

INTRODUCTION

Welcome from Ascentis



At Ascentis, we believe that language has the power to transform lives, open doors, and strengthen communities. ESOL Connect has been created to bring together practitioners, providers and sector leaders through shared knowledge, practical resources and inspiring stories. Each quarter, we'll share the latest sector developments, insights, effective practice and opportunities shaping ESOL delivery across the UK. We hope this newsletter becomes a valuable resource and a platform for connection, helping us work together to ensure ESOL is truly without limits.

- **Phil Wilkinson**, CEO of Ascentis

This edition includes:

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Spotlight**



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for ESOL
in the UK

27

Resources on the
ESOL Hub

163

Centres delivering
ESOL qualifications

+98k

ESOL Learners
supported last
academic year

If you want to feature in our next newsletter, or have any brilliant resources or tools you'd love to share with our readers, please contact us at marketing@ascentis.co.uk.

ESOL Skills for Life Updates

✱ Current live assessment sets

Sets 10, 11 and 12 are now available for delivery.

✱ Practice papers

The most up-to-date practice materials are Practice Papers D and E, which are part of our suite of practice papers

✱ Writing mark schemes

Indicative content has been revised, through collaboration with our centres, to support more consistent and straightforward assessor decision-making.

✱ Speaking and Listening mark schemes

Indicative content for Levels 1 and 2 has been refreshed to improve clarity and align with the expectations of Entry Levels.

✱ Presentation task preparation period:

The preparation window for Task 3 (Presentation) within the Speaking component has been reviewed and reduced from four weeks to two weeks.

✱ Level 1 Volunteering Workbooks:

These have been updated to correct a small number of identified spelling errors.

✱ Level 2 Volunteering Workbooks:

Development is underway, with publication planned soon.

NEW! Parnassus guide

A new Parnassus guide on how to find and allocate ESOL papers is now available on the ESOL Hub, within Qualification Documents and Guidance.

Dates for your Diary



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Oct '26

ESOL S&L
E1/E2 Webinar

22

Oct '26

ESOL S&L
E3 Webinar

03

Nov '26

ESOL S&L
L1 Webinar

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Nov '26

ESOL S&L
L2 Webinar

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Nov '26

ESOL Writing
E1/E2 Webinar

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Nov '26

ESOL Writing
E3 Webinar

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ESOL Writing
L1 Webinar

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ESOL Writing
L2 Webinar

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National
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Learner Spotlight



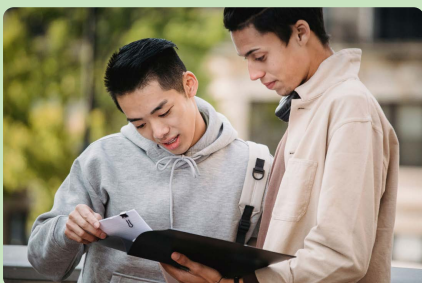
“ We’d love to hear from you!

Submit your learner success stories to
marketing@ascentis.co.uk

Nominated learners will receive a certificate of recognition and there will be a prize at the end of the year for the best learner spotlight!

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Spotlight Resources



ESOL Vocabulary and Lexis COMING SOON

New illustrated resources for ESOL Skills for Life. These resources work both as classroom resources and for self-study. The workbooks build the everyday vocabulary learners need for life in the UK across nine themes.

[Find out more](#)

ESOL Hub

Varied resources covering everything from reading skills to working and academic life — each packed with practical activities to support both learners and tutors.

[Find out more](#)

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