

Exam Preparation Courses: TIE

Test of Interactive English

The **Test of Interactive English (TIE)** is an international EFL exam developed in Ireland by a group of Irish English language professionals under the aegis of the Advisory Council for English Language Schools (ACELS) www.acels.ie, a government agency responsible for quality assurance in English language teaching. TIE can be taken by junior and adult students on either short or long courses in Ireland as well as abroad.

What is involved in taking the TIE exam?

Prior to the exam:

You need to do three tasks and record them in a logbook:

- Carry out a short project on a subject of interest to you
- Read a book of your choice in English at your level
- Follow a News Story in the newspapers and/or on TV or radio.

What does the test consist of?

The test is in two parts – a speaking test (OTIE) and a written test (WTIE).

Oral Test (30 minutes): you present your project, talk about either your book or news story and talk to your partner to reach a decision based on some material the examiner will give you.

Writing Test (1 hour): you are required to produce two pieces of writing. You write about either your book or news story for the first task and for the second you write something which you have not prepared.

How is the test assessed?

The test is assessed according to the Council of Europe's Common European framework of Language Proficiency. Please refer to the [Mapping your Level / Grade grid \(www.kli.ie/map\)](http://www.kli.ie/map) for a breakdown of the results.

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