

Cambridge English launch fast, accurate online English test in UAE

27 February 2019, Dubai – Cambridge Assessment English, a department of the University of Cambridge, launched its new language test for companies, organisations and educational institutions, at a reception at the British Embassy in Dubai.

Linguaskill is a quick and convenient online test which uses cutting-edge Artificial Intelligence to help organisations check the English levels of individuals and groups of candidates. It tests all four language skills: speaking, writing, reading and listening. It provides accurate results within 48 hours aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), the international standard for describing language ability.

Linguaskill **is already making a difference in the UAE's education system.** Speaking at the event, the English Language Assessment Lead at the Ministry of Education, Neil Armstrong said: “the Ministry of Education has been using Linguaskill as a tool for identifying skills needs in the area of language proficiency for its teachers, delivering in the medium of English, who are non-English native speakers. Being online, adaptive and with instant results feature, Linguaskill proved to be a reliable tool of English assessment”.

The UK's Consul General, Andrew Jackson, at the British Embassy in Dubai hosted the reception. He explained the important role UK institutions such as Cambridge Assessment English do in **sharing expertise and innovation** internationally. “Linguaskill is a great example of the way the UK's educational institutions collaborate with stakeholders and experts in every country to develop solutions that meet local needs,” he said.

Sue Trory, Head of Adult and Higher Education at Cambridge Assessment English explained: “[Linguaskill](#) is our newest test but it's already attracting a great deal of attention around the world. It gives organisations a fantastic tool to measure English language skills quickly and easily, with accurate results linked to international standards.”

“Linguaskill has been developed by the team behind the world-famous Cambridge English Qualifications, and is based on ground-breaking **research**, so users can be confident that the results are accurate and that the skills it includes are relevant to the way English is used at work, in education and in daily life.” said Trory.

Local supporting team

Nassim Abu-Ershaed, Commercial Head for the Middle East, Turkey, South and Central Asia and Russia, explains that “in the UAE, organisations interested in Linguaskill implementation are supported by the specialist team in Cambridge Assessment English’s regional hub, based in Dubai. The team has solid expertise to work with government authorities, academic institutions, and corporations to implement Linguaskill as a solution within their operations for best delivery in their learning and assessment outcomes. For test takers, free practice tests and other learning resources can be found on mea.cambridgeenglish.org website”.

Cambridge Assessment English provides [examinations](#) for more than five million people every year, in over 130 countries. Its mission is to help people learn English and prove their skills to the world, and its examinations are recognised by more than 20,000 universities, governments and employers globally.

The event was attended by more than 100 delegates from many of the UAE’s leading companies and educational institutions.