



The KGL Contest in English 10th Annual Olympiad 2026

- Deadline for registration : 10-01-2026 (20-10-1404)
- Stage 1 : 13-02-2026 (24-11-1404) Paper Base
- Stage 2 : 14-03-2026 (23-12-1404) online

Organised by:

International Testing Authority



KGL CONTEST
English Olympiad

- The International Testing Authority (ITA) serves the global educational community by providing the opportunity for young people to demonstrate their full potential while aiming to inform and inspire lifelong learning.
- ITA works in partnership with KGL Country Partners, national authorities, and stakeholders to advance world understanding through educational activities and assessment. Our goal is to develop closer links between contestants and teachers internationally through our language contest: The

KGL English Contest Olympiad

- ITA is located at Trinity St. Dublin, Ireland

KGL Contest A3 Stage Contest



A Global Language Contest in English



Offered at the Council of Europe Framework of Reference (CEFR) levels

Pre- A1, A1, A2, B1, B2



Takes place internationally with Global Event being held yearly in Europe



Aims to inspire and reward young people for their achievement and motivate students to show what they can achieve

KGL Contest

A3 Stage Contest

In Stage 1, participants receive a certificate reflecting their overall performance. The top 10-15% of participants at each level advance to Stage 2.

In Stage 2, the top-performing contestants are awarded prizes, certificates, and medals locally by the Country Partner.

Commended contestants receive certificates and medals as recognition of their achievements.

Finalists from each country at levels A1, A2, B1, and B2 participate in the Global Event, which is held in Europe.

KGL Contest English Olympiad

Open to all non-native English learners aged 17 and under.

Schools and teachers register candidates based on their current level.

National winners are awarded prizes by their KGL Country Partner.

Selected Finalists & teachers participate in Global Event

Finalists compete at the Global Event for Global Winner prizes and the title of Overall Global Winner for the year.

KGL Contest English Olympiad

The table below outlines the eligibility for each language level in the KGL contest.

Age	Eligibility Pre-A1	Eligibility A1	Eligibility A2	Eligibility B1	Eligibility B2
9-11	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
12-13	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES
14	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
15	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
16-17	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

Please note that participants who do not meet the entry requirements will not be invited to attend the Global Event. Participants must register at their current level.

KGL Contest English Olympiad

- **1 finalist, 1 teacher, 1 partner: Minimum of 1,000 entries.**
- **2 finalists, 2 teachers, 1 partner: Minimum of 1,500 entries.**
- **3 or 4 finalists, teachers, 1 partner: Minimum of 2,000 entries.**

KGL Contest

What are the benefits for schools?

Constructive preparation for future English assessments

Showcases students current levels through international benchmarking.

The number of high-performing students and those advancing to Stage 2 reflects the efforts and dedication of teachers and schools.

Recognizes and rewards both high-performing and developing students for their achievements, fostering positive responses from parents and students alike.

Awards for 1st place (Finalists), as well as 2nd and 3rd place winners at each level within the country, along with certificates for all participants, serve to inspire and motivate students.

Finalists competing alongside international counterparts at the Global Event significantly enhances the school's reputation.

KGL Contest

What are the
benefits for
schools?

School

A teacher or school representative accompanies finalist to the Global Event.

School

School awarded International School Partner Status Logo (Linked to level of entries).

School

Schools with participants advancing to Stage 2, rank in the top 10% of schools globally and may highlight this achievement in their promotional materials.

Benefit for students

Enables students to showcase their existing knowledge through an international competition

No extra classroom preparation needed (the contest is based on familiar class activities).

Inspires lower-achieving students and gives them the opportunity to showcase their abilities

Encourages higher-achieving students to reach their full potential.

Benefit to students

Recognizes and rewards achievement with certificates, prizes, and the opportunity to participate in the Global Event.

Global Finalists have the chance to secure 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place as Global Winners at levels A1, A2, B1, and B2, with awards and cash prizes presented at the Global Event.

The top-performing finalist at the Global Event receive an additional award, a cash prize, the Global Winner Trophy and the prestigious title of Overall Global Winner for the year.

Who can enter?

Schools may enter any student who meets the minimum entry requirements for levels Pre-A1, A1, A2, B1, and B2.

There are no restrictions on the maximum number of students a school can enter.

Contestants aged 17 and under can participate at their current level.

A contestant who participated in Stage 1 of the previous KGL contest but did not progress to Stage 2 is permitted to sit for the same level in the following contest.

Stage 1 Test Format

Level	Stage 1	No. Questions
Pre A1	45 mins	35
A1	60 mins	40
A2	60 mins	40
B1	60 mins	40
B2	60 mins	40

Level	Stage 2	No. Questions
Pre A1	60 mins	35 (+ 1 writing task)
A1	75 mins	40 (+1 writing task)
A2	80 mins	40 (+1 writing task)
B1	80 mins	40 (+1 writing task)
B2	80 mins	40 (+1 writing task)

Stage 2
Test Format
(includes listening
and 1 writing task)

How the contest is organized

The contest comprises two national stages—Stage 1 and Stage 2—followed by the Global Finals, which take place in Greece.

Schools register contestants at their current level through the portal.

Contestants complete a 60-minute test (45 minutes for Pre-A1) on the designated international date. All questions in Stage 1 are multiple-choice

Results are accessible through the portal. Contestants from Stage 1 receive a certificate reflecting their overall score, while those advancing to Stage 2 have the endorsement "Qualifies for Stage 2" on their certificate.

How the contest is organized

Approximately 10-15% of contestants from each level advance to Stage 2.

Schools can also Use of the Rescue Card Scheme to secure qualification for Stage 2.

Qualifying contestants participate in Stage 2 (includes a listening component and one writing task).

After Stage 2, the rankings of contestants can be accessed through the portal. The rankings include 1st place (FINALIST), 2nd place, 3rd place, and commendations.

Participants in Stage 2 receive a Certificate of Achievement

How the contest is organized

Prizes for 2nd, 3rd place awarded by local KGL Country Partner with Certificate from ITA.

Selected finalists and teachers participate in the Global Event (2025 Global Event takes place on 02,03,04 October in Greece).

Selected finalists participate in the Global Event Winners Test, which lasts approximately one hour and is conducted at their respective levels. First, second, and third place winners at levels A1, A2, B1, and B2 are determined based on their performance. Monetary prizes trophies and certificates are awarded to all winners.

How the contest is organized

The candidate with the best overall performance – regardless of level- receives an additional monetary award and Trophy as the Overall Global Winner for the year.

The three-day event provides an excellent opportunity for contestants and teachers to connect with other finalists and educators from around the globe. The programme features a range of events, activities, and excursions designed to immerse participants in the culture of the host country.

Sample Stage 1
Certificate

Qualifies for
Stage 2



CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that

ALEX SAMPLE

**Achieved an overall score of 95% in Stage 1 of
the KGL Contest in English 2021**

Level A2

And has qualified for Stage 2 of the KGL Contest



Caroline Wall
General Secretary ITA

Sample Stage 1
Certificate

Certificate
with Score



CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that

ALEX SAMPLE

**Achieved an overall score of 80 % in Stage 1 of
the KGL Contest in English 2021**

Level A1



Caroline Wall
General Secretary ITA

Sample Stage 1 Certificate

Certificate of Participation

Certificate of Participation is
awarded if a participant's
overall score is below 50%



KGLCONTEST

CERTIFICATE

This Certificate is awarded to

ALEX SAMPLE

In recognition of your successful participation in Stage 1

of the KGL Contest in English 2021

Level B2



Caroline Wall
General Secretary ITA

What Happens after the test?

Finalists and runners-up are presented with prizes by the KGL Country Partner during a local award ceremony.

Schools and teachers of award-winning contestants receive certificates of recognition

Schools are awarded the International School Partner Logo along with a Certificate of Status (Platinum, Gold, Silver) based on the number of entries submitted.

Selected Finalists (accompanied by their teacher) compete with international finalists participating in Global Winner contest

**The Global Event is only open to Finalists, teachers/school representatives and KGL Country Partners. Parents cannot attend.*

Summary of organisation

Step 1

Register at your school for the right level after you have read and agreed to the Rules of the Contest

Step 2

Take test Stage 1. All marking is carried out by ITA.
Results issued with overall score and qualifying contestants for stage 2

Step 3

Stage 1 Certificates with overall score awarded to participants

Step 4

Stage 2 participants take test for selection of national winners. Marking carried out by ITA.
Ranking of participants viewed via the portal. Stage 2 Certificate of Achievement awarded to participants.

Step 5

Local Award ceremony and local prizes for runners up
Selection of ***Finalists** to represent their country in Global Winner Event
*Finalists are selected from the 1st place winners at levels A1, A2, B1 and B2

Awards

- Winners - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, place per level per country
- Prizes awarded by local country KGL partner
- Certificates according to level and overall Performance
- Commended contestants receive certificates/medals
- Schools with finalists awarded place at Global Event
- Finalists Participate in Global Winner Event
- Prize for Winners at each level at Global Event including awards and cash prizes.
- International School Partner Logo and status certificate awarded to qualifying schools



KGL Contest

www.KGLContest.org

Find Out More.
Request Access
to KGL Entries
Portal.

- **Access to Entry Portal from your KGL Country Partner – IRAN**
- **Contact Information:**
- **Instagram:** @Kgl.Iran
- **Website:** Erdos.ir
- **Telgram:** @Erdosh
- 09363069089-09030767438- 04133127000