

Briefing Notes for Teachers

Teacher's Resources

This section of the website consists of a range of supplementary resource material to support the Gateway to English course. The downloadable worksheets are closely linked to the units in Gateway to English and can be photocopied for use with students. There are a number of original poems and stories which reflect the topical content of the Gateway to English series. Selected reading texts from the textbooks, and tapescripts of the recorded material are provided in a downloadable format. Full length PMB practice exam papers will help with exam practice.

Worksheets

The downloadable worksheets are directly related to the teaching units in the Student's Books. They provide supplementary skills and language practice at both a revision and extension level.

Each worksheet consists of a cover note for teacher reference, a one or two page worksheet, and an answer key. The worksheets have been designed so that teachers can easily download and photocopy them for use in the classroom or as homework activities. The worksheets can also be used to address the specific needs of students. For example, sheets designed for 'revision' can be used to consolidate and recycle work presented in the book, while 'extension' sheets build upon and extend the coursework material.

Teachers can search for worksheets using a number of criteria. You can select from any of the following: the textbook level; the relevant unit; the language/skill focus; and the purpose, i.e. revision or extension. This will lead you to a specific worksheet, which can then be downloaded and printed. The 'book' option must be chosen, but apart from that you are free to construct your own search criteria. If you want to see all the worksheets in a particular book, select the appropriate book and then click 'submit'.

Poems and Stories

Students need the experience of reading and responding to a range of extended texts in English. These original poems and short stories, based on the themes in the Gateway to English course, will help foster the attitude that reading is an enjoyable and worthwhile activity.

To maximize the enjoyment and understanding of the poems and stories, most students will require the pre reading, during reading and after reading support provided in the teaching notes.

Reading Texts

A range of texts have been selected from the Student's Books. There are several ways teachers can exploit these texts. For example, blanking out words can create gap fill exercises for developing comprehension, vocabulary or grammar skills. Teachers may also have creative ideas for using the texts as language practice in an IT setting.

The reading texts are available as Winzip files which can easily be opened and used by teachers.

Tapescripts

The tapescripts have been reproduced from the respective Teacher's Books for teacher convenience. Teachers should be aware that students should do the listening activities without the support of the texts. However, the tapescripts can be utilized as additional reading material once the listening activities are complete.

The tapescripts are available as Word documents that have been zipped. They can easily be opened and downloaded.

Exam Practice

Full length PMB English Language practice exam papers will be included in this section. They are graded at two levels: Form Two and Form Three. The exam material relates to the themes in Gateway to English. It is suggested that teachers select and use the material from the papers as guided teaching material, and not directly for examination purposes.

Professional Support

In this section of the website there are a number of interesting web links, information about Macmillan the publishers, and CfBT. The most recent news about developments in English Language teaching in Brunei is also to be found in this section.

These web links provide access to a wide range of educational resources and interesting material on teaching methodology along with information about the publishers.

About the course

This provides you with an overview of the Gateway to English course and also contains the three course outlines that accompany the series.

Contact us

If you have any comments or questions about the Gateway to English website, do not hesitate to contact us at: Gateway@GatewaytoEnglish.com

We will endeavor to respond as soon as possible to your query.