

Syllabus update: issued January 2015

IGCSE First Language English 0500/0522* (for examination in 2016)

*This syllabus is approved for use in England, Wales and Northern Ireland as a Cambridge International Level 1/Level 2 Certificate (QN: 500/5782/0).

We have updated this syllabus for 2016. The latest version of the syllabus is Version 3, published January 2015.

Changes made in Versions 2 and 3 of the syllabus for 2016 are as follows.

Page 8 Availability: The URL in the seventh paragraph has been updated.

Page 21 Section 6.5 Component 5 Speaking and Listening Test

The text below has been added after the fifth paragraph:

‘Candidates must take the speaking and listening test **once** only.’

Pages 20, 21, 23 and 34

References to forms ‘in the Appendix’ (which appeared in syllabuses pre-2016) have been removed. The forms may now be downloaded from www.cie.org.uk/samples. The database will ask you for the syllabus code (i.e. 0500 or 0522) and your Centre number, after which it will take you to the correct forms. Follow the instructions when completing each form.

Page 26 Section 7.1.1 Component 4 Coursework Portfolio

The information in ‘4 Drafting assignments’ has been clarified as follows:

- In order to allow candidates to demonstrate their abilities to the full, teachers must **not** provide candidates with any kind of template for their coursework.

Page 36 Section 7.2.2 Administrative arrangements

The fifth bullet under ‘7 Recording of candidates’ has been amended and separated to read as follows:

- Once a test has begun, **do not interrupt or repeat the recording**. On no account should you stop and re-start the recording during a test.
- The speaking and listening test cannot be repeated in the same examination series. If a Centre has a specific query about this, they should contact Cambridge at info@cie.org.uk
- The contents of each CD must be clearly labelled. Before the set of recordings is sent to Cambridge, make spot checks to ensure every candidate can be clearly heard.

The third sentence of the final bullet under ‘7 Recording of candidates’ now reads:

‘Both sides of each cassette should be used before beginning a new cassette and the contents of each should be clearly labelled.’

Page 49 Section 9 Additional information for England, Wales and Northern Ireland

The Key Skills information has been removed.

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