

Pearson English Starter Kit: Support Multilingual Learners from PreK to High School

Welcome

Every multilingual learner deserves the opportunity to grow—in confidence, in English, and in their future. This starter kit is designed to help you support that growth. Whether you're teaching in the classroom or shaping district-wide strategy, these tools will help you track progress, personalize instruction, and meet learners where they are.

Inside, you'll find practical resources to align instruction to standards, personalize support, and equip multilingual learners for success from day one.

What's inside:

- Understanding the Global Scale of English
- Connecting the GSE to WIDA and State Standards
- GSE Learning Objective by Level and Skill
- Assessment tools
- Sample Lessons by Grade Band
- Quick-Start Tips
- Bonus Resources

Understanding the Global Scale of English (GSE)

The GSE is a research-backed framework developed by Pearson to help educators support English learners with clarity and precision. With input from over 6,000 educators in more than 50 countries, the GSE outlines specific learning objectives across listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Instead of broad levels like "beginner" or "intermediate," the GSE breaks down English learning into specific, teachable skills making it easier to identify needs, set goals, and guide next steps.

Benefits of the GSE:

- Set clearer, student-specific goals
- Identify which skills to focus on next
- Personalize instruction based on each learner's level
- Track and demonstrate meaningful progress

Connecting the GSE to WIDA and State Standards

Pearson English programs are built on the Global Scale of English (GSE) and align with both the WIDA ELD Standards Framework and ESSA Title III requirements.

This foundation supports educators in planning, delivering, and assessing language development across reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

Whether your state follows WIDA or other standards, Pearson's resources help you:

- Identify student proficiency levels
- Set clear, measurable goals
- Deliver engaging, age-appropriate instruction
- Track progress with a granular 10–90 scale

With flexible tools and a research-based framework, you can confidently support multilingual learners and ensure compliance with state and federal mandates.

WIDA Grade	GSE Range
Kindergarten	14–39
Grade 1	17–50
Grade 2–3	19–56
Grade 4–5	25–63
Grade 6–8	27–66
Grade 9–12	30–73

GSE Learning Objectives by Level and Skills

This kit includes a downloadable list of GSE Learning Objectives, specific "can-do" statements organized by skill and learner level that you can use to:

- Plan lessons around measurable language outcomes
- Differentiate support confidently
- Track individual or group progress over time

Try the **GSE Teacher Toolkit** to search objectives by level and skill or download full list in the ***Bonus Resources*** *section.*

Assessment tools:

Pearson offers flexible, research-based assessment tools designed to evaluate, place, and support multilingual learners at every stage. Each assessment connects directly to the Global Scale of English (GSE), offering granular insight across all four language skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Pearson's available assessments include:

Benchmark Young Learners Test – For ages 6–14, measures all four skills using relatable scenarios and visuals

Benchmark Test – For ages 14+, assesses proficiency across reading, writing, listening, and speaking

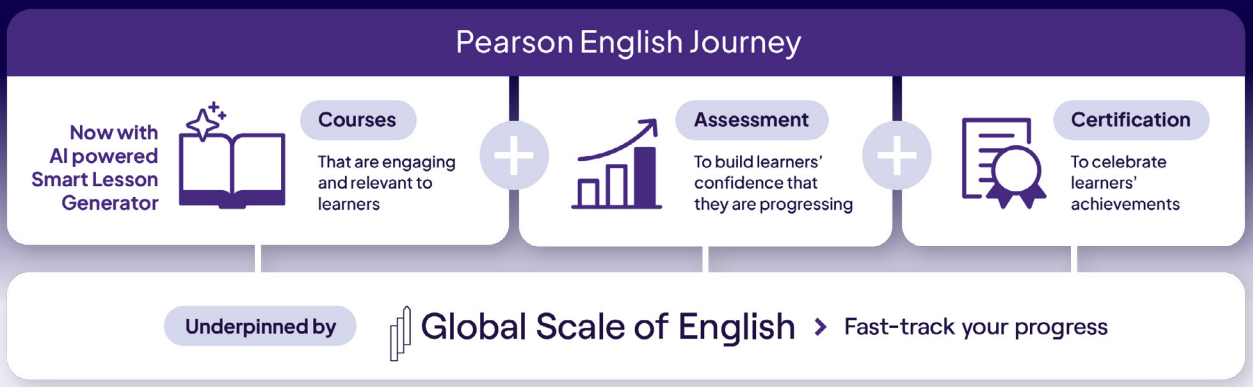
Level Test – Quickly identifies English proficiency level for accurate placement and instructional planning

Not sure which tool fits your learners?
Contact us to explore options.



Pearson English Journey

Pearson's K–12 English resources – such as *My Disney Stars and Heroes, New Keystone, Side by Side Plus and Hazar-Hagen Grammar Series*- are built on the GSE. These programs are part of the **Pearson English Journey**, a connected approach to learning that integrates instruction, assessment, and teacher support to help learners progress with confidence.



Explore Sample Lessons by Grade Band

Grade	Program	How it supports students	Access lesson
Pre K	My Disney Stars and Friends	Builds early English and social-emotional skills through familiar characters, engaging routines, and visual storytelling	Try Lesson
Grades K-5	My Disney Stars and Heroes	Strengthens foundational English through integrated literacy, leveled instruction, and age-appropriate Disney content	Try Lesson
Grades 6-8	New Keystone	Enhances reading comprehension with rich texts, explicit strategies, and genre variety to build academic confidence	Try Lesson
Grades 9-12	Side by Side Plus	Develops everyday English across all four skills with playful, real-life scenarios to boost motivation and fluency	Try Lesson



Quick Start Tips:

Teaching Resource	How it supports students	Access Lesson
Mondly by Pearson	A flexible, gamified language app that helps students build English confidence through short, engaging lessons. Perfect for self-paced practice at home or in class	Download brochure
GSE Learning Objectives Pre-K	Explore skill-by-skill objectives for Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing organized by GSE score bands to help you tailor support to Pre-K student	Download PDF
GSE Learning Objectives K-12	Explore skill-by-skill objectives for Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing organized by GSE score ranges	Download PDF
WIDA/GSE Alignment	Explore alignment between WIDA Can Do Statements and GSE Learning Objectives	Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2–3 Grade 4–5 Grade 6–8 Grade 9–12
Help your Multilingual Learners Develop a Growth Mindset	Learn about fostering a growth mindset in your students, encouraging resilience, persistence and a positive attitude toward learning. Explore tools and strategies to help them embrace challenges and thrive in their language-learning journey	Watch Webinar
Strategies to Achieve Personalized Learning in Secondary Classroom	Discover how to personalize learning by centering students' interests, strengths, and goals. This session includes practical tips for building learner confidence and creating more engaging classroom experiences	Watch Webinar

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