

Ascentis Level 1 Awards, Extended Award and Certificate

in



English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills)

Overview Specification

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Ofqual Certification Review Date:	31/07/2025

Qualification Overview

This Level 1 suite of Awards in aspects of English is aimed at adults and young people who wish to improve their English skills. The Awards are intended to aid progression, either to further study through the new English Functional Skills or GCSE English qualifications. The individual stand-alone units have been mapped to the Adult Literacy Core Curriculum and reflect the requirements of the reformed English Functional Skills, details of which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/functional-skills-subject-content-english>. A Level 1 Certificate in English is also available. This is suitable for those who wish to improve all aspects of their English skills.

There are several features of these qualifications that make them very appropriate for their target learners:

- Small Award-sized qualifications are available as well as unit certificates
- They include relatively short units, each of 20/30 guided learning hours – bite-sized learning
- They can be delivered either as a classroom-based course or as a blended learning programme
- They are assessed by completion of Ascentis-designed assessments – no portfolio of evidence required
- Verification and certification can be offered throughout the year, allowing maximum flexibility for centres

Aims

The aims of the suite of qualifications are to enable learners:

- To gain underpinning grammar, punctuation and spelling skills
- To develop their reading and/or writing skills
- To improve their communication skills in speaking and listening
- To prepare for Functional Skills in English at Level 2 or GCSE English
- To develop the skills required to move into the world of work or work-based learning

Target Group

These qualifications are aimed at a range of learners, including:

- Adults who wish to develop and demonstrate their skills in English
- Young people aged 14–19 who wish to develop and demonstrate their skills in some aspects of English Language

Regulation Codes

Ofqual Qualification Numbers:

- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Reading – 603/4752/1
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Writing – 603/4753/3
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Grammar & Punctuation – 603/4755/7
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Speaking & Listening – 603/4762/4
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Spelling – 603/4758/2
- Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – 603/4750/8
- Ascentis Level 1 Extended Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – 603/4751/X
- Ascentis Level 1 Certificate in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – 603/4754/5

Assessment Method

Each unit is assessed through an assessment to be taken under supervised conditions. Guide times are provided for each assessment. The assessment is internally assessed and verified by the centre and then externally verified by Ascentis.

Rule of Combination

Rationale for the Rules of Combination

Learners must complete one unit for each Award in Reading and Writing. Learners may achieve a 4-credit Award or a 6-credit Extended Award by combining any of the units below. Certification is given for achieving a pass in the Ascentis-designed assessments.

Learners who achieve all six units may choose to claim a Level 1 Certificate in English Skills.

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Reading				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Reading	1	3	30	H/504/5757

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Writing				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Writing	1	3	30	T/617/6590

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Grammar and Punctuation				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Grammar and Punctuation	1	2	20	A/617/6588

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Speaking and Listening				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Speaking and Listening	1	4	40	F/617/6592

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills) – Spelling				
Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Spelling	1	2	20	K/504/6568

Ascentis Level 1 Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills)

Minimum credits: 4

Maximum credits: 5

Learners may choose 2 optional units from the units below

Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Spelling	1	2	20	K/504/6568
Grammar and Punctuation	1	2	20	A/617/6588
Reading	1	3	30	H/504/5757
Writing	1	3	30	T/617/6590

Ascentis Level 1 Extended Award in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills)

Minimum credits: 6

Maximum credits: 12

Learners may choose 3 optional units from the units below

Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Spelling	1	2	20	K/504/6568
Grammar and Punctuation	1	2	20	A/617/6588
Reading	1	3	30	H/504/5757
Writing	1	3	30	T/617/6590
Speaking and Listening	1	4	40	F/617/6592

Ascentis Level 1 Certificate in English (Stepping Stones to Functional Skills)

Credits: 14

Title	Level	Credit Value	GLH	Unit ref
Spelling	1	2	20	K/504/6568
Grammar and Punctuation	1	2	20	A/617/6588
Reading	1	3	30	H/504/5757
Writing	1	3	30	T/617/6590
Speaking and Listening	1	4	40	F/617/6592

Unit certification is available for any unit.

Guided Learning Hours (GLH)

The recommended guided learning hours for the Award are 40, for the Extended Award 60, for Reading 30, for Writing 30, for Grammar and Punctuation 20, for Speaking and Listening 40, for Spelling 20 and for the Certificate 140.

Total Qualification Time (TQT)

The total qualification time for the Award is 40, for the Extended Award 60, for Reading 30, for Writing 30, for Grammar and Punctuation 20, for Speaking and Listening 40, for Spelling 20 and for the Certificate 140.

Age Range of Qualification

These qualifications are suitable for young people aged 14–19 and adult learners.

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