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## **Learn English Connect**

# **PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL**

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<b>Summary of British Council's Education Mission</b>	Education is at the core of British Council work in promoting sustainable human development as an integral part of its cultural relations agenda. The British Council has extensive experience of delivering step-change education programmes in a variety of challenging contexts, and currently manages a contract portfolio of over £220 million in 110 countries on behalf of a variety of governments, donors and agencies.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to outline the British Council proposal to partner with Iraqi Universities in order to deliver Learn English Connect to students.

It is widely recognised that English language is a key employability skill and that there is a thirst for improving English language skills in the Higher Education sector amongst students and government. Learn English Connect provides an affordable solution for institutions that want better English language preparation and recognised assessment for their students.

Learn English Connect is a new English learning and assessment solution. The package provides institutes with resources to support their regular teaching programmes and improve their students' English language skills.

Through Learn English Connect students gain:

- an expanded English vocabulary
- better grammatical competence
- a wider grasp of practical phrases and expressions
- improved listening and reading skills
- more time to focus on speaking skills in face-to-face lessons
- increased confidence in their English ability
- experience of learning online and improved IT skills
- an internationally benchmarked British Council Aptis certificate

There are four components to Learn English Connect

### 1. An entry test

The students first take the British Council's short, user-friendly Online Placement Test. This ensures that they are placed on a course appropriate to their English level.

### 2. The online study materials

Our online study materials support the university's face-to-face English programme by providing students with 60 – 80 hours of engaging interactive exercises that make learning English fun and enjoyable. Students can access the course at any time. Students' progress is monitored and teachers can access regular reports on their development.

### 3. The British Council Aptis English test and certificate

Once the student has completed the study materials, they take the exit test, Aptis. Following the test students are awarded an Aptis certificate stating their CEFR level of English Proficiency (see appendix 1)

### 4. Teacher support and training

Learn English Connect provides a support package for teachers and universities.

Learn English Connect is being delivered across the Middle East and North Africa region. In 2014, Learn English Connect was deployed in six universities in Morocco reaching 20,000 students. Teachers reported the students became more motivated in their English learning and made faster progress. The students also showed increased confidence in using technology as a learning tool and in studying independently. Learn English Connect has also been delivered to Gabes University in Tunisia and students have made significantly more progress than they did when only receiving face-to-face English lessons. Feedback from teachers indicated that not only are students benefitting from the educational value of Learn English Connect but they are now also more motivated to learn and improve their English skills.

As the world's English experts, The British Council has a proven track of delivering effective teaching and assessment in the Middle East and North Africa. We provide support to governments wishing to transform the teaching and learning of English in their education systems and institutions.



## 2. LEARN ENGLISH CONNECT

### Overview

Learn English Connect is a blended learning programme which combines students' regular classroom-based language lessons with online supplementary study materials and provides students with an end-of-course British Council certificate which will record their progress and provide an accurate measurement of their English level.

### Objectives

Learn English Connect aims to improve students' English by placing them on a British Council online study programme which they will complete with support from their teachers and from the British Council. On Learn English Connect they will learn and practice new language, develop their reading, writing and listening skills, and become more confident in using the English they know. It will also develop their ability to study English independently on a self-access basis via computer and other digital methods. At the end of the programme they will receive a British Council certificate with details of their English level based on the Common European Framework for Language Reference (appendix 1)

### Content

Learn English Connect will be organised in three phases:

**1 Entry Test:** students will take the British Council Online Placement Test in order to access study materials at an appropriate level.

**2 Online Study Materials:** students will be given a period of 6 months to complete two sets of study materials online, although this period can be extended or reduced prior to the start of the course upon agreement between the British Council and the University. Students will be required to create a username and password, and then to access and work through the materials in their own time. The materials will provide approximately 60 – 80 hours of online, self-access study. Students will study the materials alongside their regular university English language face-to-face courses. Teachers will be expected to link the content of these courses to the Learn English Connect content and to monitor students' progress.

**3 Aptis test:** students will be required to take a British Council Aptis test. This will assess their knowledge of grammar and vocabulary, and their ability to read English, and will provide their English level based on the Common European Framework for Language Reference. It will show how each student has progressed on the Learn English Online programme and provide them with a British Council certificate including a statement of their English level. Teachers will be provided with a list of all their students' results and English levels.

The university will provide IT facilities to conduct the Entry test and Aptis test securely. This requires a stable internet connection and the installation of the relevant software, which will be provided by the British Council, to run the tests. The British Council will provide initial training to University staff in dealing with routine technical issues and problems, and will also be available to provide support during the delivery of the programme if this is required.

### Administration of placement and Aptis tests

It is important that the Aptis test is administered in a controlled environment to ensure that the results are a valid and reliable reflection of students' actual English levels. The University will be required to organise testing at specific times and on specific dates agreed in advance with