

## Premier Skills English Lesson Plan Competition: Terms and Conditions

The Premier Skills English Lesson Plan competition is subject to the following terms and conditions. By entering this competition entrants are deemed to accept these terms and conditions.

1. The Premier Skills English Lesson Plan competition is open to all teachers who have registered on the Premier Skills English website, other than employees of the British Council and the Premier League, and their relatives, family, or household members. The Competition Organiser reserves the right to require proof of eligibility.
2. An Entry is a complete Lesson Plan submitted on the Lesson Plan competition page that includes a title, goals, a level and a procedure.
3. Entries must be submitted online using the form on the Lesson Plan competition page.
4. An Entry will only be published if it follows the Premier Skills English House Rules. At the discretion of the Competition Organiser, defamatory or illegal entries or those that break the house rules will be deleted. The website house rules can be found here: <http://premierskillsenglish.britishcouncil.org/house-rules> A copy of the house rules can be found at the end of this document.
5. Submitted Lesson Plans will be evaluated and published until 1700 GMT on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
6. Teachers may submit up to three lesson plans. After three entries, subsequent entries will be deleted. Only one lesson plan per teacher, the most shared (see point 9), will be eligible for inclusion in the prize giving; that is, a teacher can win a maximum of one prize.
7. The British Council will not accept responsibility for any entries that are corrupt, damaged, lost or inaccessible.
8. Winners will be selected according to the number of social shares recorded on the Premier Skills English website.
9. A social share is a recorded on the Premier Skills English website when a user shares a lesson plan using the social media share buttons on the Submitted Lesson Plan Entry page.
10. The teacher whose lesson plan receives the highest number of shares will be awarded a Lenovo Flex laptop and a copy of Microsoft Office. The winner will also win a place on one of the moderated teacher development courses on TeachingEnglish (<http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/moderated-courses>).
11. The teacher whose lesson plan receives the second highest number of shares will be awarded a Lenovo 10" Tablet and a place on one of the moderated teacher development courses on TeachingEnglish (<http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/moderated-courses>).

12. The teacher whose lesson plan receives the third highest number of shares will be awarded a Lenovo 10" Tablet and a place on one of the moderated teacher development courses on TeachingEnglish (<http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/moderated-courses>).
13. The teachers whose lesson plans receive the fourth to the tenth highest numbers of shares will be awarded a self-access course on TeachingEnglish (<http://www.teachingenglish.org.uk/self-access-courses>).
14. Any evidence of vote manipulation or cheating to gain extra votes for a lesson plan, including suspicious numbers of votes originating from a single IP address, will disqualify that lesson plan from the competition.
15. The teacher development course enrolment will be awarded subject to the availability of spaces on the upcoming courses. Every attempt will be made to accommodate the wishes of the winner, but the acceptance onto an individual course will be at the discretion of the course administrator. Should the course administrator refuse enrolment, no alternative will be offered.
16. Winners will be notified by email at the address associated with the entrant's user account on Premier Skills English.
17. Winners will be required to provide a valid address for the prize to be delivered.
18. The First, Second and Third prizes will be delivered using an international delivery company.
19. The Competition Organisers will not accept responsibility for any failure to deliver a prize, either because the address provided by the winner is incomplete or because the company cannot legally operate in the winner's country.
20. The Competition Organisers will not be responsible for any import taxes or customs charges.
21. Prizes are not transferable and cannot be sold. The Competition Organisers reserve the right to substitute, in their reasonable discretion, any prize with a prize of equal value. No cash alternative will be offered for the prize.
22. The Organiser of the Premier Skills English Lesson Plan competition is the British Council, a body incorporated by Royal Charter and registered as a charity in England & Wales (charity number 209131) and in Scotland (charity number SC037733), whose principal office is at 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN. 23. The Premier Skills English Lesson Plan competition is governed by the laws of England, where the competition is hosted.
23. The British Council reserves the right to cancel or amend these terms and conditions without prior notice in the event that unforeseen circumstances make this unavoidable. Any amendments will be published on [www.britishcouncil.org/premierskillenglish](http://www.britishcouncil.org/premierskillenglish)

## Premier Skills English House Rules

The House Rules which appear below are for the following learner and teacher websites:

- British Council Premier Skills English

The House Rules are divided into two sections. Violation of any of the rules in the first section is likely to lead to the immediate suspension of your account and could lead to legal action being taken against you by the authorities or an aggrieved party. Be aware that in exceptional circumstances the British Council could be legally obliged to reveal your registration information and/or IP address to the authorities.

### 1. Keep your contributions civil, tasteful and relevant.

**Please:**

- **Do not post messages that are** unlawful, harassing, defamatory, abusive, threatening, harmful, obscene, profane, sexually oriented, homophobic or racially offensive.
- **No defamatory comments.** A defamatory comment is one that is capable of damaging the reputation of a person or organisation. If successfully sued you could be held liable for considerable damages and costs.
- **Do not incite people to commit any crime**, including incitement of racial hatred.
- **Do not post content which you've copied** from someone else and don't own the copyright.

Although breaking one of the house rules below is less likely to land you in court, the rules are still important for your own safety, the safety of others and to avoid causing offence. Violation of these rules may result in suspension of your membership.

- **No swearing.** Please don't use profanities or other words which might offend other users.
- **No spamming or flooding.** Don't repost the same message, or very similar messages, more than once.
- **No personal information.** It is not acceptable to publicise your or anyone else's contact details including address, place of employment, name of educational establishment, telephone or mobile number, email address, etc. This is for your own safety and that of everyone who uses this service.
- **Keep your posts relevant.** Comments added to a particular article, activity, poll or other content should be connected to the topic of the content. Posts which aren't relevant lower the value of the debate for everyone and may be removed.
- **No advertising, promotion of products or services.** If the editors feel that your content is overtly commercial or for promotional purposes it may be removed.
- **Post in English only.** Posts containing languages other than English may be removed. Common greetings and salutations in languages other than English may be acceptable.
- **No capital letters.** This is internet shorthand for raising your voice. You can make your point perfectly well in lower case so please take the caps lock off.
- **No impersonating.** Impersonating someone (including other members) is unacceptable.

- **No inappropriate usernames** (vulgar, offensive, etc).
- **Abusing the complaints system.** Please don't abuse the complaints system. It exists to enable visitors to alert the moderators about content which breaks the above rules. Please contact us to alert us to multiple postings, spelling mistakes and so on. Anyone who abuses the complaints system repeatedly may have their account suspended.

## 2. Copyright and the law

You own the copyright in your postings, articles and pictures, but you also agree to grant the British Council a perpetual, royalty-free, non-exclusive, sublicenseable right and license to use, reproduce, modify, adapt, publish, translate, create derivative works from, distribute, perform, play, and exercise all copyright and publicity rights with respect to any such work worldwide and/or to incorporate it in other works in any media now known or later developed for the full term of any rights that may exist in such content, consistent with privacy restrictions set forth in the [British Council's](#) privacy policies.

If you do not wish to grant such rights to the British Council, it is suggested that you do not submit your contribution to this site.

By submitting your contribution to this site, you also warrant that such contribution is:

- your own original work and that you have the right to make it available to the British Council and Premier Skills English for all the purposes specified above
- is not defamatory
- does not infringe any law

You also agree to indemnify the British Council against all legal fees, damages and other expenses that may be incurred by the British Council as a result of your breach of the above warranty.

You also agree to waive any moral rights in your contribution for the purposes of its submission to and publication on the British Council and Premier Skills English site and the other purposes specified above.

You may not post any defamatory or illegal material of any nature. This includes text, graphics, video, and/or audio. Posting a message with the intention of committing or condoning an illegal act is strictly prohibited.

You may not violate, plagiarise, or infringe on the rights of third parties including copyright, trademark, trade secret, privacy, personal, publicity, or proprietary rights.

If there is any conflict between these Terms and Conditions and/or specific terms appearing elsewhere on this site relating to specific material then the latter shall prevail.

## 3. About your privacy

If you register with us, our registration process requires you to supply us with your email details, but we will only use this information to validate your access to the discussions and for other service administration purposes. However, from time to time we also contact a small number of contributors to ask them to participate in focus groups or to provide feedback. The British Council complies with the 1998 Data Protection Act.

#### **4. Age restrictions**

The materials on these sites are designed for non-native speakers who are either learners of English or teachers of English working predominantly in secondary education in state schools around the world.

You must be aged 14 and over to become a member of Premier Skills English and anyone under age will not be allowed to submit comments, blogs or interact on these sites.

#### **5. Disciplinary procedure**

Violation of any of the rules above may lead to your membership account being temporarily suspended or terminated. The British Council additionally reserves the right to suspend or terminate any membership account at any time and at its sole discretion. While suspended, returning to the site by creating another account will constitute a further offence and will result in your account being closed permanently. The British Council reserves the right to delete any posting, at any time, for any reason, and is under no obligation to publish any work submitted.

#### **6. External links**

The British Council is not responsible for the content of external links.