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The Council of Europe released a preliminary version of the Manual for Relating Language Examinations to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) in 2003. Over the next 5 years a wide range of institutions and individuals undertook case studies to pilot this draft version. Towards the close of the piloting phase, a two-day colloquium was held in Cambridge, UK enabling practitioners and academics to reflect on and share their experiences of applying the Manual procedures. Insights from this colloquium informed the Manual revision project during 2008/2009. This volume features selected case studies presented at the Cambridge Colloquium in December 2007. They include the linking of a single test to the CEFR, the CEFR-linking of suites of examinations at different levels and large scale national projects undertaken by examination boards and specialist research institutes. Some studies focus on part of an examination, while others involve all test components. Some apply one or two of the procedures - familiarisation, specification, standardisation, and empirical validation. As well as describing their studies and reporting their findings, contributors reflect and comment on their experience of using the draft Manual. A clear and comprehensive introductory chapter explains the development of the CEFR and the draft Manual for linking tests, and discusses its relevance for the future. The volume will be of interest to examination boards, language test developers and educational policy-makers, as well as academic lecturers, researchers and graduate students interested in the principles and practice of aligning tests to the CEFR.

First Certificate Avenues has been completely revised to

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meet the new 1996 syllabus.

A modular, skills-based course for the Cambridge First Certificate in English (FCE) exam.

The conference papers presented in this volume represent a small subset of the many excellent presentations made at that event.

"The tests offer practice in all four papers of the exam : reading and use of English, writing, listening and speaking"--
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This volume includes selected papers from the 28th Language Testing Research Colloquium, held at the University of Melbourne (Australia) in July 2006. The papers selected for this volume share a common theme - that of 'performance'. Not only do they focus on performance assessments of second or foreign language speaking and writing, but they also focus on the performance of the participants - the candidate (or candidates) and the raters - and the construction of that performance through the tasks and the assessment criteria.

Compact First for Schools is a focused, 50 - 60 hour course for Cambridge English: First for Schools, also known as First Certificate in English (FCE). The Teacher's Book supports teachers with lesson preparation ideas and features CLIL extension tasks. It contains full answer keys, with model answers for the writing tasks, and audioscripts for both the Student's Book and Workbook. Photocopiable Progress tests are also included.

Language Testing Reconsidered provides a critical update on major issues that have engaged the field of language testing since its inception. Anyone who is working in, studying or teaching language testing should have a copy of this book. The information, discussions, and reflections offered within the volume address major developments within the field over the past decades, enlivened by current "takes" on these

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issues. The real value of this collection, however, lies in its consideration of the past as a means of defining the future agenda of language testing.

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Cambridge Vocabulary for First Certificate covers all the vocabulary First Certificate candidates need. It provides students with practice of exam tasks from the Reading, Writing, Listening and Use of English papers. It includes useful tips on how to approach exam tasks and learn vocabulary. It is informed by the Cambridge International Corpus and the Cambridge Learner Corpus to ensure that the vocabulary is presented in genuine contexts and covers real learner errors. It is designed to match the updated exam for December 2008.

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Cambridge English B2 First Speaking, previously known as First Certificate in English (FCE) These sample tests have been written to closely replicate the Cambridge FCE Speaking exam experience and so each Speaking test follows the same structure and wording as official B2 First Speaking papers. Because of this, candidates will become familiar with the topics, the structure, the timing and the level by the time they sit their B2 First exam. In addition to the 10 complete practice tests for B2 First Speaking, this book also contains B2 Speaking model answers with examiner comments, ready-to-use speaking mark sheets, as well as an in-depth description of the B2 First Speaking paper, thus providing a large bank of high-quality practice material both for students wishing to take the Cambridge B2 First and for teachers preparing students for the exam.

Language testers have generally come to recognize the limitations of traditional statistical methods for validating oral language tests. They have begun to consider more innovative approaches to test validation, approaches that promise to illuminate the assessment process itself, rather than just assessment outcomes (i.e., ratings). One such approach is conversation analysis (or CA), a rigorous empirical methodology developed by sociologists, which employs inductive methods in order to discover and describe the recurrent, systematic properties of conversation, including sequential organization, turn-taking, repair, preference structure, and topic management. CA offers a systematic approach for analysing spoken interaction from a qualitative perspective, allowing one to make observations about a stretch of talk while at the same time interacting with it. This book provides language testers with a background in the conversation analytic framework and a fuller understanding of what is entailed in using conversation analysis in the context of oral language test validation.

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Ready-to-go activities for teacher trainers running pre- and in-service training courses. For busy teacher trainers who practise what they preach: trainees will benefit from learning about methodology in training sessions which are in themselves models of good teaching practice.

This book intends to provide a theoretical overview of examining candidates' oral abilities in different examination formats. In particular, it explores specific partner effects on discourse outcomes and proficiency ratings in the framework of paired-task performance. Two investigations, both set in the context of a proposed Hungarian school leaving examination in English, were carried out in order to contribute to a better understanding of the assumed impact of the chosen variables. Study One investigates discourse differences between examiner-to-examinee interaction and peer-to-peer interaction. Study Two explores the impact of the peer partner's proficiency. The results show that partner effects related to this variable cannot be predicted as either harmful or beneficial since no statistically significant difference was found between 30 candidates' scores in different examination conditions.

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Teacher's book to accompany the FCE Listening & Speaking Skills 1, Student's Book, ISBN.9781846795817; contains answers to the exercises included in the Student's Book.

This series consists of three practice test books and provides systematic practice and development of students' reading, use of English and writing skills at intermediate and upper-intermediate level. The series offers excellent preparation for the revised Cambridge First Certificate Examination, as well as any other examinations at the same level.

Complete First Certificate for Spanish Speakers offers the most authentic preparation available for the Cambridge ESOL exam. Complete First Certificate is a course for the 2008 revised FCE exam. Informed by the Cambridge Learner Corpus and providing a complete FCE exam paper specially prepared for publication by Cambridge ESOL, it is the most authentic exam preparation course

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available. This English for Spanish Speakers edition provides specific help for Spanish-speaking candidates. The Teacher's Book contains full teacher's notes with extra teaching ideas, photocopiable material including class activities and progress tests, recording scripts and word lists. The English for Spanish Speakers edition provides specific help on how to exploit the speaking and pronunciation activities designed specially for Spanish-speaking students.

This volume establishes how English language constructs were measured in Cambridge English examinations over the period 1913 to 2012. An addition to the Studies in Language Testing series, this volume provides an overview of English language testing over the last century, with coverage of key theoretical and practical aspects of the assessment of reading, listening, writing and speaking skills. It includes examples of the Cambridge English exams, old and new, and is the first volume to describe in a systematic way the different theoretical influences which have shaped the development of the constructs underlying Cambridge English exams in the last 100 years. In the field of Second Language Studies, shared datasets provide a valuable contribution to second language research as many variables are held constant (e.g., participants, tasks, research context) thus allowing for an evaluation of theoretical and/or

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methodological perspectives that may not otherwise be comparable. This edited volume includes a wide range of studies using a common dataset (the Corpus of Collaborative Oral Tasks). The corpus includes 820 spoken tasks (268,927 words) carried out by dyads of L2 English speakers (primarily Chinese and Arabic learners). Studies included in the book are categorized into three main traditions: learner corpus research, Task-Based Language Teaching, and assessment. Because the corpus contains text and sound files, both lexico-grammatical and phonological analyses are included. Intended for researchers in the field of Second Language Studies with an interest in oral interaction research, this book provides a collection of methodological, pedagogical, and assessment studies using a common dataset.

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Defining the construct of interaction for paired assessment purposes has been difficult, despite the evolution of our view of language to include the social perspective of co-construction, and the fact that such discourse is increasingly taught and assessed. In this volume three sequenced studies define interaction in paired oral assessment through the

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verbal protocols of learners of Spanish and their assessors. Assessors then scale performances from videoed test performance data resulting in the development of an evidence based rating process which includes non-verbal interpersonal communication, interactive listening and interactional management.

The book provides systematic practice and development of students' reading, use of English and writing skills at intermediate and upper-intermediate level. The book offers excellent preparation for the revised Cambridge First Certificate Examination for December 2008, as well as any other examinations at the same level. Key Features: 10 Practice tests (Papers 1, 2 and 3) providing thorough preparation for the Reading, Writing and Use of English papers of the revised Cambridge First Certificate Examination; further practice on word distractors, key word transformation, words often confused, error correction, word formation, open cloze and multiple choice close. Teacher's Book provides a full key to the exercises in both the FCE Practice Exam Papers and the FCE Listening and Speaking Skills, as well as tapescripts of all the Listening sections in the Student's Books and suggested answers for the speaking tests.

This volume reports research that informs the development of reading and listening assessment in IELTS. This volume brings together a set of eight IELTS-related research studies - four on reading and four on listening - conducted between 2005 and 2010. Findings from these studies provide valuable evidence on the validity, reliability, impact and practicality of the IELTS test; they are also instrumental in highlighting aspects needing attention, and thus directly inform the continuing evolution of the IELTS reading and listening tests. The volume reviews and comments on the specific contribution of each study to the ongoing process of IELTS

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reading and listening test design and development.

This new colour edition has been updated to conform to the revised FCE specifications.

Exam Essentials is our major British English exam preparation series combining exam preparation, practice, and tips for the revised Cambridge English exams. This effective combination of testing and teaching has proved a popular formula with teachers and students. The first two practice tests in each book are 'walk-through' tests. Students are carefully guided through the tests and shown how they work and what they have to do to succeed in each part of the exam. Additional step-by-step support for the Writing paper is offered in all the tests. All of the tests are written by experts in the field, which means that students preparing for the exams experience material that is appropriate for and at a level at least as high as the actual exams. Candidates internationally find the Speaking test very challenging. To help them deal with this, each Practice Test book comes with a DVD-ROM which includes a bespoke video showing a complete Speaking test interview as well as an examiner talking about this part of the exam and giving students expert guidance on how to approach it. The DVD-ROM also features worksheets to use with the interview and all the Listening test files.

Did you know that, to get a job in Australia, it is important to use the right balance of informal and formal language during the interview? Did you know that student advising in Wu Chinese (spoken around Shanghai) is not a face-threatening activity, contrary to general perceptions about the nature of advice giving? Did you know that the use of minimal eye contact and flat intonation by Japanese speakers is interpreted by native English speakers as a lack of interest and willingness to communicate? Did you know that French and Australian English speakers show a surprising number of similarities in the way they use conversational humour in

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social visits? Think you know how to address your Italian lecturer or tutor? Think again! These are some of the findings arrived at in this exciting new collection of papers from an array of international scholars who represent different theoretical perspectives, but who all study communicative behaviour across languages and cultures, including English, French, Italian, Japanese, Russian and Wu Chinese.

Adopting a comparative or cross-cultural approach, the majority of the contributions draw on authentic examples from a wide range of corpora, including social visits among friends, advising sessions involving recent high school graduates and/or their parents, simulated employment interviews and interactions involving second language learners.

Contributions of a pedagogical approach offer practical assistance to the cross-cultural learner through a range of classroom activities. These include: a cross-linguistic comparison of conceptual metaphors; an applied ethnolinguistics framework; and ethnographic critical cultural awareness and reflexivity exercises. All of these activities are designed to equip the learner to study the communicative behaviours and cultural values of the target language. This edited volume is an important contribution to the growing body of work dedicated to better understanding the linguistic and pragmatic aspects of cross-cultural competence required for successful communication across cultural boundaries. It will appeal to readers interested in linguistics, interactional styles and communicative behaviour, cross-cultural pragmatics and intercultural communication.

This volume examines the nature of second language listening proficiency and how it can be assessed. The book highlights the need for test developers to provide a clear explication of the ability constructs which underpin the tests they offer in the public domain. This is increasingly necessary if claims about the validity of test score interpretation and use

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are to be supported both logically and with empirical evidence. It operationalises a comprehensive test validation framework which adopts a socio-cognitive perspective. The framework embraces six core components, examining and then analysing Cambridge ESOL listening tasks from the following perspectives: Test Taker; Cognitive Validity; Context Validity; Scoring Validity; Criterion-related Validity; and Consequential Validity.

Test developers need to provide a clear explication of the language ability constructs that underpin the tests they offer in the public domain; such an explication is essential for supporting claims about the validity --- or usefulness --- of tests and test scores. This edited volume develops a theoretical framework for validating tests of second language speaking ability. The framework is then applied through an examination of the tasks in Cambridge ESOL speaking tests from a number of different validity perspectives that reflect the socio-cognitive nature of any assessment event. The chapter authors show how an understanding and analysis of the framework and its components can assist test developers to operationalise their tests more effectively, especially in relation to the key criteria that differentiate one proficiency level from another. The volume is a rich source of information on all aspects of examining speaking ability. As such, it will be of considerable interest to examination boards who wish to validate their own speaking tests in a systematic and coherent manner, as well as to

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academic researchers and graduate students in the field of language assessment more generally. This is a companion volume to the previously published titles *Examining Writing* and *Examining Reading*. This book presents papers from the International Conference on Integrating Engineering Education and Humanities for Global Intercultural Perspectives (IEEHGIP 2020), held on 25–27 March 2020. The conference brought together researchers and practitioners from various disciplines within engineering and humanities to offer a range of perspectives. Focusing on, but not limited to, Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) in Russian education the book will appeal to a wide academic audience seeking ways to initiate positive changes in education.

This workbook is designed to help students studying for the FCE (First Certificate Examination). This University of Cambridge exam is taken by over 250,000 people worldwide every year and is one of the most popular English Language Teaching (ELT) exams. It includes a range of activities to help students build and improve their English vocabulary, and it is suitable for both self-study and classroom use.

A comprehensive teacher resource pack from Cambridge ESOL to help teachers who are preparing students to take the Cambridge English: First (FCE) Speaking test.

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