Drama activities help develop children’s communication skills.

Primary school teacher
Introducing Trinity Stars: Young Performers in English Award

Trinity Stars is suitable for young learners aged between three and 12 years of age. It is designed for children who are starting to learn English but are not yet ready for individual assessment.

Children learn dialogues, songs, poems, short plays or stories in the English language and prepare to perform them as a class or in a school show.

We provide you with a Teacher’s Guide and online resources, together with lots of ideas for classroom activities.

Learning progression — next steps

Trinity Stars provides an early platform for progression. Young learners can take part in a Trinity Stars performance before or alongside taking a Trinity Graded Examination in Spoken English (GESE).

“I really enjoyed preparing for the award – the performance aspect broke learning barriers.”

Infant school teacher
Drama is the easiest way to teach a foreign language as there is no fear of making mistakes and you are deeply involved in the situation.

— Primary school teacher

My students really enjoyed preparing for the performance. It was a new, interesting way of learning English. They had a lot of fun and they worked together.

— Primary school teacher

Create enthusiasm for learning English

Trinity Stars encourages and celebrates young children’s use of the English language through performance. The award supports you in using drama, music and performance to increase their confidence, motivate them and improve their memory of the words they are learning.

The Trinity Stars approach creates positive experiences for children in the classroom. Each child can show what they know, and every type of learner has the opportunity to contribute to the group.
Benefits for teachers

- Supports learning in the classroom
- Creates engaged and motivated learners
- Improves comprehension and memory of English
- Builds confidence in expression and pronunciation
- Raises awareness of communication skills
- Feedback from a Trinity Stars expert informs teaching and learning in the classroom
- Online teacher resources
- Supports professional development
- Foundation for future progression

What teachers say

100% of teachers in our pilot tests rated performance-related activity as an excellent way to support their English language teaching.

“I absolutely think drama is a key activity in teaching English – children cross boundaries when teachers use these techniques. They stop being passive and they become leaders in the learning process.”

Infant school teacher

“I saw a really big improvement: the relationships between some of the students were a little bit tense before, now they all stay together. Doing the award helped create the group, and brought me closer to my students.”

Primary school teacher
How it works
It is a group award for a group performance in English. The process is simple:

1) You prepare the children’s performance in class through language, drama and music with the help of the Teacher’s Guide and online resources.

2) A Trinity Stars expert visits your school to watch how the groups of children perform and use English.

3) After the performance, the Trinity Stars expert presents each child with an award, and gives feedback which can be used to inform future learning in the classroom.

Stage 1, 2, 3 awards
Schools enrol groups at Stage 1, 2 or 3 depending on the English language capability of the class.

School Show award
Teachers can also enrol their school for a Trinity Stars School Show award, where the expert will come and watch the dress rehearsal of a show and offer feedback. Performance lengths depend on the number of children involved:

- **Stage 1:** 5 to 15 minutes
- **Stage 2:** 10 to 20 minutes
- **Stage 3:** 15 to 30 minutes
- **School Show:** 90 minutes
Why Trinity?

Trinity College London has over 70 years’ experience of assessing English language proficiency, and more than 130 years’ experience in music, drama and performance. We are unique in the way that we can combine and apply our experience in English language and performance-based assessment. We understand how young learners are inspired and motivated to learn through physical engagement and opportunities to express themselves through performance.

Find out more

For information about the Trinity Stars: Young Performers in English Award, visit www.trinitycollege.co.uk/trinitystars

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