

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMME

We offer

- creative and computer-based workshops
- a team of highly qualified foreign language teachers specially trained to teach preschoolers
- twenty years of experience gained cooperating with state-owned kindergartens in Novi Beograd and Vozdovac Municipalities which enabled us to have over 1,000 pre-school students per year
- European language portfolio

Advantages of learning a foreign language at preschool age

Pre-school children have no fear of making mistakes - they tend to imitate and mimic, and approach foreign language learning in a game-like fashion and without pressure. In addition, thanks to the abundance of games and play-like activities within our programme, in the basis of which is the repetition of certain phrases, children easily acquire entire sentence and complete structures. In line with their fairy-tale-like nature the content of games, stories, fairy tales, and traditional songs and rhymes is extremely rich so that the wealth of vocabulary that children acquire at preschool age is rarely seen within the higher levels of foreign language learning. The structure and pace of children's games which are based on repetition are a good basis for drilling exercises, which are necessary in foreign language learning, but which students at higher levels find hard, as opposed to preschool age students when they are enwrapped in the play-like activity, and rhythmically or melodically shaped into songs and rhymes. The advantage of learning a language at an early age is best seen on higher, primary school levels of language learning (e.g. A1b, A1a) when children who have continuously been studying a foreign language most frequently skip some of the primary school levels.

Levels of language courses at our school are in line with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages of the Council of Europe (CEFR levels).

Teaching methodology, management, premises and administrative services at Studio Oskar Foreign Language School are in accordance with the EU standards. This is certified annually through organized YALS inspections.

Foreign Language School Studio Oskar is a founder of YALS (Association of Language Schools of Serbia). YALS is an Associate Member of EAQUALS (The European Association for Quality Language Services).

Studio Oskar is a partner school (a member) of the British Council's Advantage programme as a British Council supplier institution for Cambridge ESOL examinations.

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FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOOL



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ABOUT OUR FOREIGN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Languages: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Greek, Serbian for Foreigners

Levels: all levels and age groups

Course types:

- general
- specialized (Business, Banking and Finance, Medicine, Travel and Tourism Industry...)

Preparation courses for the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations

- KEY ENGLISH TEST (KET)
- PRELIMINARY ENGLISH TEST (PET)
- FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH (FCE)
- CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED ENGLISH (CAE)
- CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH (CPE)
- INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM (IELTS)
- TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE (TOEFL)

Our strengths:

- Courses of high quality in line with international standards, with the application of latest methodologies;
- Communication-based and skill-based learning;
- Grading, progress monitoring and assessment systems in line with internationally recognized levels;
- Small classes (2-8 candidates) and tutored classes;
- 'Custom-made' programmes according to candidates' needs
- A team of highly-qualified foreign language teachers trained for the application of up-to-date teaching methodologies; continuous teacher staff development/professional learning – Studio Oskar foreign language teachers also organize and hold teacher training courses and seminars;
- Computer-based language learning;
- Free access to school library, computer classroom, paper-based, audio and video materials;
- European language portfolio

- Possible organization of:
 - one-to-one classes;
 - combined one-to-one and group-based classes;
 - intensive courses;
 - courses at the premises of business entities; or for the purposes of embassy staff.

Expected effects:

- insight into clearly and precisely structured course of studies (specification of course contents, topics and vocabulary, grammatical structures and functions) helps students estimate their knowledge and plan further process of learning.
- students who start attending our courses at pre-school/first grade of primary school age and continually and consistently attend clearly defined course levels are ready to take the FCE exam at the age of 16/17.

General course name	CEFR levels	Cambridge ESOL examinations
Pre-school	Ec	
	Eb	
	Ea	
Primary	A1c	Straters Movers
	A1b	
	A1a	
	A2c	
Secondary	A2b	Flyers
	A2a	
	B1b	
	B1a	FCE
	B2b	
Young adult	B2a	CAE
	C1b	
	C1a	
	C1a	

Beginner	Ea	
Elementary b	A1b	
Elementary a	A1a	
Pre-Intermediate b	A2b	
Pre-Intermediate a	A2a	KET
Intermediate b	B1b	
Intermediate a	B1a	PET/BEC1
Upper-Intermediate b	B2b	
Upper-Intermediate a	B2a	FCE/BEC2
Advanced b	C1b	
Advanced a	C1a	CAE/BEC3
Proficiency b	C2b	
Proficiency a	C2a	CPE

YALS levels - courses for children

YALS levels - courses for adults

CEFR levels:

A1 - Breakthrough, A2 - Waystage, B1 - Threshold, B2 - Vantage, C1 - Effectiveness, C2 - Mastery

Tests:

- Entrance (Placement) Test – to establish a candidate's level of knowledge before the start of a language course
- Progress Tests – to monitor a candidate's progress during a language course
- Final Test - to establish a candidate's level of knowledge after the end of a language course (incl. all skills - reading, writing, listening, speaking - and grammar and vocabulary)

Certificates:

- On the completion of a course a candidate is issued a Certificate of Attendance and provided he/she passes the Final Test a Certificate of Achievement is issued.
- All certificates are issued for the level of a specific language course. Levels are in line with the levels of the Council of Europe – they are recognized abroad and can be used as evidence of a language level when applying for a job or professional training.
- All certificates have a YALS (Association of Language Schools of Serbia), an associate member of EAQUALS (The European Association for Quality Language Services) logo.
- On the basis of passing a Final Test for a certain level, Studio Oskar can issue a Certificate specifying an individual's language level, although he/she has not attended a course.

No level high enough

