

Functional Skills | Lesson Starter Quizzes

During the Festival of Functionality Keynote Address, Jonathan Kay spoke of an idea for lesson starter quizzes that could form part of ongoing formative feedback on progression. Working with this idea, Pearson has created two quizzes, one for Functional Skills Level 1 maths and one for Functional Skills Level 1 and 2 English.

The basic principle of the idea is that each lesson the learners are given a quiz at the start that looks at elements of the content of the qualification. This is in the form of a grid of nine questions. Over time, these quizzes form an ideal revision template for the learners and provides the tutor with easy to access feedback on areas of strength and weakness. The quiz is a perfect starter activity with groups and can be self marked or grouped marked by the learners. Ideally this activity should take about ten minutes. For this to be truly effective, each quiz should follow the same format with questions of a similar topic always being in the same place. To help with this, Pearson has created two templates.

Level 1 Maths

Below we have a template for Level 1 maths. This covers some of the areas of general weakness for the learners. Using the [Functional Skills Maths Exemplification](#), questions can then be created to check learners understanding of the topics. Obviously, you can create your own template and questions based on learners' needs, changing the level if you wish.

Negative Numbers	Working With Time	Mean, Mode, Median and Range
BIDMAS & Notations	Area, Perimeter and Volume	Percentage Increase/Decrease
Numberless Problem Solving	Fractions, Decimals and Percentages	Providing a Check

Level 1 and 2 English

Here we have the template for Level 1 and 2 English and you can see it covers areas of both the reading and writing. You could easily add in a short Speaking, Listening and Communicating activity if you wish.

Punctuation	Text Formats	Explaining meaning of Specialist Language
Organisational Features	Homophones	Fact and Opinion
Implied Meaning	Formal and Informal Language	Language Features

Resources

You can find copies of the quizzes and templates here:

[Functional Skills Level 1 Maths Quiz](#)

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[Functional Skills Level 1/2 English Quiz](#)

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