

# Testing Children's English with **STYLE**

Saxoncourt Tests *for Young Learners of English*

Your school will shortly be using the STYLE test  
to measure students' English ability.



## What is **STYLE**?

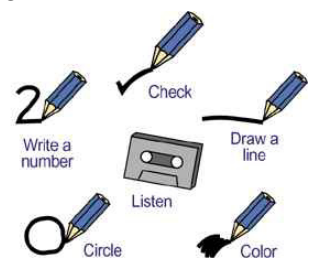
STYLE (Saxoncourt Tests for Young Learners of English) is an international system of achievement tests for children. There are six levels, suitable for students from approximately 6 to 12 years of age, or those attending Primary (Elementary) school and the first year of Secondary (Junior High) school.

Saxoncourt Examinations is an international examining board based in London with a branch office in Tokyo. Our STYLE test responds to the needs of teachers, schools and parents. Students now begin learning English at a young age and parents wish to see that their children are making progress. Developed in 1993, STYLE came about as a direct result of requests from ELT professionals who found that there were no existing objective means of assessing their young students' progress. Saxoncourt has addressed this need with STYLE, bringing a new concept to testing children.



## What makes **STYLE** different?

- ▶ The task-based format reflects the way children learn.
- ▶ It is an international test with fair and independent results.
- ▶ It uses realistic English in North American, British and Australian accents.
- ▶ It is professionally designed in full colour, appealing to children and making testing more fun.
- ▶ Every student receives a certificate of progress within two weeks of taking the test.
- ▶ It introduces the concept of testing children in a friendly and natural way.

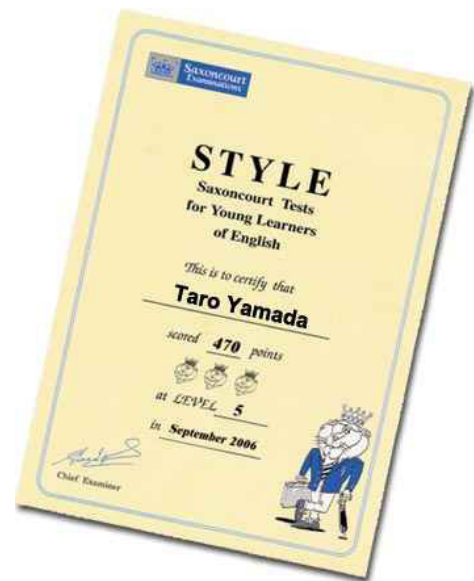




The tests are divided into Listening and Reading sections each comprising several questions. Details about the six levels are as follows:

Level	Age	Hours of Prior Study	English Vocabulary (Words)	Length of Test (Minutes)	Maximum Score (Points)	Colour Pencils Needed?
1	5 - 6	50	90	30	300	○
2	6 - 7	100	140	30	300	○
3	7 - 8	150	230	40	400	○
4	9 - 10	200	350	40	400	X
5	10 - 11	250	450	50	500	X
6	12 - 13	300	640	50	500	X

The certificates for every student and the overall results list are returned your school within 2 weeks. Certificates show results as 3 Lions (Good), 2 Lions (Fair) and 1 Lion (Poor). Students who get only 2 Lions should be encouraged to study more at home and those who get only 1 Lion should be given remedial attention.



Comments teachers and educators have made...

- ▶ *'The syllabus is very comprehensive and seems to include all that I would consider necessary in teaching young learners at the elementary level ...'*  
**(D.C., Cambridge, England)**
- ▶ *'... the emphasis is on encouraging children by showing them what they have learned rather than what they have not learned.'*  
**(EL Gazette)**
- ▶ *'... we must say that the presentation is very good and the activities are fun to do.'*  
**(Jane Cherrill, Mantauban, France)**
- ▶ *'An exciting test to motivate young learners.'*  
**(Dr. Pavinee Thirakupt, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand)**
- ▶ *'... I thought the test was good and clear and tested basic knowledge everyone should have.'*  
**(S.N. Toyama, Japan)**



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