

## ESL Acronyms for the Uninitiated

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### Assessment Terminology

<b>CELBAN</b>	<b>Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment for Nurses.</b> A CLB language assessment developed specifically for nurses, required by nursing professional bodies. <a href="http://CELBAN.org">CELBAN.org</a>	
<b>CELPPIP</b>	<b>Canadian English Language Proficiency Index Program.</b> A computer-delivered, CLB-based test used for immigration, citizenship, and admission to educational institutions in Canada. <a href="http://celpip.ca">celpip.ca</a>	
<b>CLB</b>	<b>Canadian Language Benchmarks.</b> A national, 12-level descriptive scale of language ability in listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Used for planning instruction, curricula, and assessment. <a href="http://www.language.ca">www.language.ca</a>	
<b>CLBPT</b>	<b>Canadian Language Benchmarks Placement Test.</b> An assessment instrument used by CLB-approved assessment centres.	
<b>IELTS</b>	<b>International English Language Testing System.</b> Developed in the UK.	The two internationally recognized tests accepted as proof of language competency by educational institutions and for immigration and citizenship purposes. Both were originally developed to assess language proficiency of international students wishing to enter their respective universities.
<b>TOEFL</b>	<b>Test of English as a Foreign Language.</b> Developed in the US.	

### Program Terminology

<b>EAL</b>	<b>English as an Additional Language.</b> A term used interchangeably with ESL. For many immigrants to Canada, English is not a second language, but rather a third or even fourth. EAL was the term devised to better reflect the learners.
<b>EAP</b>	<b>English for Academic Purposes.</b> Refers to language training that focuses on the language skills required for success in English-speaking academic contexts.
<b>EFL</b>	<b>English as a Foreign Language.</b> Refers to English language training or learning that occurs in non-English speaking settings.
<b>ELL</b>	<b>English Language Learning/Learner.</b> A term used interchangeably with ESL. As with EAL, it was felt that new terminology was needed since many immigrants coming to Canada are multilingual.
<b>ES</b>	<b>Essential Skills.</b> Refers to the nine essential skills required for work, community, and home. <a href="https://www.skillscompetencescanada.com/en/essential-skills/resources/">https://www.skillscompetencescanada.com/en/essential-skills/resources/</a>
<b>ESL</b>	<b>English as a Second Language.</b> A general term used to refer to English language training or learning that occurs in English-speaking settings.
<b>ESP</b>	<b>English for Specific Purposes.</b> Refers to English language training or learning for specific purposes (e.g., English for Engineers).
<b>EWP</b>	<b>English in the Workplace.</b> Refers to English language training or learning that is specific to, and often occurs in, a particular workplace.
<b>LINC</b>	<b>Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada.</b> Free language training for adult permanent residents funded by the federal government.

### Acronyms for Organizations

<b>ATESL</b>	<b>Alberta Teachers of English as a Second Language.</b> A professional organization for teachers and programs providing ESL services for adult ESL learners in Alberta. <a href="http://www.atesl.ca">www.atesl.ca</a>
<b>CALPs</b>	<b>Adult Learning Programs.</b> Provincially funded organization offering community-based non-profit adult education programs, including classroom-based ESL programming. <a href="https://calp.ca">https://calp.ca</a>
<b>CLN</b>	<b>Community Learning Network.</b> Provincial non-profit association that supports CALPs by providing resources and training. <a href="http://www.calp.ca">www.calp.ca</a>
<b>TESL Canada</b>	<b>Teachers of English as a Second Language.</b> Canada's national federation of English as a Second Language teachers, learners, and learner advocates. <a href="http://www.tesl.ca/">www.tesl.ca/</a>

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