

English — Syllabus Guide for Parents

LKG to Class 10 · What your child will be tested on, and how

What This Olympiad Tests

The iThinkers English Olympiad checks whether your child can **use** English in real life — reading a notice, following a story, telling fact from opinion, spotting a biased claim — not just recite grammar rules. Grammar is always tested inside a sentence or passage, never as a standalone rule to memorise. Every topic is drawn from what your child is already taught in school (NCERT / CBSE / major state boards); iThinkers simply asks about it in a more real-life way.

Exam Format at a Glance

Format	30 to 45 Multiple Choice Questions, 1 mark each, depending on class
Duration	45 minutes (LKG–UKG MiniVerse: 25 minutes, pictorial paper)
Negative marking	None — every attempt counts, so children can try every question with confidence
Answer sheet	OMR sheet, filled with a 2B pencil
Youngest learners	LKG–UKG papers are fully pictorial; the invigilator may read questions aloud

The Skill Areas Your Child Will Build

Every question — from LKG to Class 10 — falls under one of these four skill areas. They stay the same every year, so you can watch your child's growth along a single thread as they move up the classes.

Skill Area	Starts as (early years)	Grows into (by Class 10)
Word & Sentence Craft	Recognising letters and sounds	Precise word choice, tone and grammar used correctly in context
Locate Information	Pointing to the right picture	Searching and selecting the right detail across two or more texts
Understand	Following a simple picture story	Integrating ideas across a passage; reading tone and implied meaning
Evaluate & Reflect	Spotting which picture doesn't belong, and why	Judging credibility, spotting bias, and weighing conflicting sources

How We Ask Questions

iThinkers questions are not about memorising facts. Each question is designed to check one of these four thinking abilities:

How questions are asked	What it means for your child
Word & Grammar in Use	Choose the right word or grammar form to complete a real sentence — never a bare grammar-rule question.
Find It	Search a text, notice or table for a specific detail, filtering out distractions.
Understand It	Grasp the main idea, follow a sequence, or work out what a character means or feels.
Judge It	Decide if something is fact or opinion, spot the purpose of a text, or weigh which source to trust.

What Your Child Will Learn, Class by Class

Find your child's class below to see exactly which topics are covered. These are the same topics your child's school already teaches (NCERT/CBSE/state-board common core) — iThinkers simply asks about them in a more thoughtful, real-life way.

LKG		iThinkers MiniVerse · age ~4–5
Word & Sentence Craft		Capital letters A–Z, beginning sounds of familiar objects, everyday vocabulary (fruits, animals, colours, body parts, family)
Locate Information		Matching a letter sound to a picture, finding a named object in a scene
Understand		Picture reading (who/what/where), rhyme awareness
Evaluate & Reflect		Odd one out, what happens next in a 2-picture story

UKG		iThinkers MiniVerse · age ~5–6
Word & Sentence Craft		Small letters, capital–small matching, vowel sounds, simple 3-letter words (cat, pen, sun), one/many, this/that
Locate Information		Finding the word that names a picture, first sight words (the, is, my, a)
Understand		Sequencing a 2–3 picture story, following a simple spoken sentence
Evaluate & Reflect		Which caption fits the picture, odd word out by meaning

Class 1		age ~6–7
Word & Sentence Craft		Naming and action words, a/an, one/many, pronouns (I/you/he/she/it), rhyming words, opposites
Locate Information		Finding a stated detail in a short text or labelled picture
Understand		Who/what/where questions on a short story
Evaluate & Reflect		Choosing the right title, sensible vs silly sentence

Class 2		age ~7–8
Word & Sentence Craft		Nouns, verbs, adjectives, a/an/the, position words, is/am/are, singular/plural, capital letters & punctuation basics
Locate Information		Details from a short text, birthday card, or simple notice
Understand		Sequence of events, simple why-questions, following a dialogue
Evaluate & Reflect		Best title, polite/suitable sentences, real vs make-believe

Class 3		age ~8–9
Word & Sentence Craft		Parts of speech, present & past tense, conjunctions (and/but/or), punctuation, synonyms & antonyms, compound words
Locate Information		Facts from a paragraph, poster, or timetable-style text
Understand		Main idea of a short passage, simple inference (feelings, causes), pronoun reference
Evaluate & Reflect		Purpose of a poster, fact vs make-believe, ordering jumbled sentences

Class 4 age ~9–10	
Word & Sentence Craft	Simple & continuous tenses, subject-verb agreement, adverbs, prepositions, prefixes & suffixes, homophones, apostrophes
Locate Information	Details across two paragraphs, reading a letter/invitation/label
Understand	Deeper inference (motive, what happens next), word meaning from context
Evaluate & Reflect	Who a text is written for, fact vs opinion introduced, does the title suit the passage?

Class 5 age ~10–11	
Word & Sentence Craft	Perfect tenses introduced, modals (can/may/must/should), comparisons, phrasal verbs, simple idioms, direct speech punctuation
Locate Information	Selecting the right detail among competing details, reading ads/labels/short reports
Understand	Multi-paragraph passages, summary vs supporting detail, word meaning in context
Evaluate & Reflect	Fact vs opinion (formal), purpose & audience, is this an advertisement or information?

Class 6 age ~11–12	
Word & Sentence Craft	All parts of speech, full tense system, subject-verb agreement, modals, active/passive introduced, synonyms/antonyms/idioms, error spotting
Locate Information	Searching longer texts, notices and schedules, filtering competing details
Understand	Integrating across paragraphs, inferring tone, character motive, pronoun chains
Evaluate & Reflect	Author's purpose, advert vs information, does the evidence support the claim?

Class 7 age ~12–13	
Word & Sentence Craft	Determiners, question tags, reported speech introduced, active/passive extended, clauses, advanced conjunctions, word families
Locate Information	Searching across a text and its sidebar, or two short related texts
Understand	Tone & attitude, implied meaning, summarising an argument, basic figurative language
Evaluate & Reflect	Comparing two short sources on one topic, an introduction to writer's bias

Class 8 age ~13–14	
Word & Sentence Craft	Reported speech (questions/commands), conditionals introduced, full passive range, clause types, precise connectors, register, figures of speech
Locate Information	Multi-text search, locating in dense text with distractor details
Understand	Argument structure (claim-reason-example), irony/humour, condensing a paragraph
Evaluate & Reflect	Evaluating an argument's strength, detecting bias & loaded words, comparing disagreeing texts

Class 9		age ~14–15
Word & Sentence Craft	Tenses, modals, subject-verb concord, reported speech, determiners — all in context; transformation & editing tasks; nuanced vocabulary	
Locate Information	Searching a discursive text plus a data box or graphic	
Understand	Discursive & literary passages, inference chains, author's tone, integrating text with a table or graphic	
Evaluate & Reflect	Credibility of sources, distinguishing evidence from assertion, reflecting on why a writer chose a structure	

Class 10		age ~15–16
Word & Sentence Craft	Full grammar consolidation through editing, omission and transformation tasks; precision of word choice and cohesion	
Locate Information	Multi-source search across an article, review and comment, with partly conflicting details	
Understand	Full-length discursive/literary comprehension, synthesis across sources, nuance and implied stance	
Evaluate & Reflect	Full credibility work — corroborating claims across sources, rating reliability, detecting bias, judging what the combined evidence supports	

A Sample Question

Class 5 example: Which of these is an **opinion**?

(a) “Amul is an Indian brand.” (b) “Milk contains calcium.” (c) **“Mango ice-cream is the tastiest flavour.”** ✓ (d) “This cup holds 200 ml.”

This checks a skill that matters well beyond the exam hall — telling a stated fact apart from someone's personal opinion, the first rung on the credibility ladder that continues right up to Class 10.

What Makes iThinkers Different

- Real-life, application-based questions that build thinking, not just recall — “Questions that build minds, not just test memory.”
- A free practice portal for every registered child — no extra books to buy, instant feedback, works on any device.
- Deep, question-level reports for parents and teachers — beyond a rank, showing genuine strengths and gaps.
- Children are benchmarked, not ranked against each other — the focus stays on each child's own growth.
- Zero parent contact data collected — only basic student information is used, ever.

This guide is a parent-friendly summary. It does not change or add to what your child's school teaches — every topic here sits inside your child's regular curriculum.