

**There are many websites that offer free resources to help you with your English and some of them are more helpful than others. Here are some sites we recommend to build your language skills for the BULATS test.**

### **Sites to help with test practice**

#### **Exam English**

<http://www.examenglish.com/BULATS/index.php>

This section has a description of the BULATS pen and paper test and it also has a few BULATS practice questions.

<http://www.examenglish.com/BEC/index.html>

These are BEC practice questions. BEC is another Cambridge exam that is similar to BULATS, though it has a stronger business focus. The Preliminary level is B1 (intermediate) and the Vantage level is B2 (upper intermediate).

<http://www.examenglish.com/CEFR/cefr.php>

Here you can look for practice questions by CEFR level. These will be from a range of exams but it can help you if you want to use exams targeting the level you need. For example, if your target is A2 you can practice some exam questions at that level.

#### **Using English**

<http://www.usingenglish.com/comprehension/business+english+certificate+preliminary.html>

Five reading practice questions for BEC Preliminary (but the same as the BULATS longer reading question). This is an intermediate level test. If you want to try some more difficult questions you can go to:

<http://www.usingenglish.com/comprehension/business+english+certificate+vantage.html>

### **Sites to help you build your Workplace/Business English ability**

#### **BBC**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/englishatwork/index.shtml>

A collection of English learning resources. A large range of resources with many based on listenings. All listening activities are all downloadable and they have the scripts available as a PDF.

#### **English at Work**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/englishatwork/>

This is a lively drama series focused on a woman working in a company and it has a very good range of language focused on what happens in a company. It also includes regular activities such as placing orders, meetings, etc.

#### **Business Language to Go**

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/talkaboutenglish/2009/02/090211\\_tae\\_bltg.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/talkaboutenglish/2009/02/090211_tae_bltg.shtml)

Talks about Business English combined with

Talking Business

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/business/talkingbusiness/>

A good range of business language and phrases used for spoken English business skills such as meetings, phoning and presentations

6 Minute English

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/general/sixminute/>

More general English listenings

**Linguarama**

<http://www.linguarama.com/ps/themes.htm>

A very good range of Business English texts and exercises. These are divided into topic areas, such as sales, finance, retailing and marketing, or you can look for materials based on the language skill you want to develop (vocabulary, reading, grammar, etc).

**Business English**

<http://www.businessenglishsite.com>

A big range of business reading, listening, grammar and vocabulary exercises. Easy to use.

**British Council**

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/professionals-work-skills-homepage.htm>

Good range of activities for both Reading and Listening. Click on the link then go to the tab for Professional English or Work English.

**Your Business English**

<http://www.yourbusinessenglish.com>

Hungarian site and not very large. However, does have good video interviews with good language activities.

**Randal's ESL Cyber Listening Lab**

<http://www.esl-lab.com/index.htm>

A popular site with listening activities on many topics including Workplace English, and divided into Easy, Medium and Difficult levels.

**The Business (Macmillan)**

<http://www.businessenglishonline.net/resources/podcasts/>

Good podcast listenings graded into Pre-Intermediate, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate and Advanced. All have worksheets and recording scripts.

**About.com**

[http://esl.about.com/od/englishforbusinesswork/English\\_for\\_Business\\_Work\\_and\\_other\\_Special\\_Purposes.htm](http://esl.about.com/od/englishforbusinesswork/English_for_Business_Work_and_other_Special_Purposes.htm)

A large number of activities though the site is a little difficult to use.

**Down to Business**

<http://www.speakeasytokyo.net/downtobusinessenglish/wordpress/>

A podcast for students on business topics. The site is from Japan and the United Arab Emirates. Accents are American and British.