

**Welcome to the Gateway to ASL** (Assessment of Speaking and Listening Skills) in Secondary and Senior Secondary Classes in all CBSE-affiliated schools in India and outside.

As a prestigious national board, CBSE essentially desires its students to acquire proficiency in communicative skills of English language by the time they leave the portals of the school. In order to achieve this, the provision of assessment of speaking and listening skills has been made compulsory in Summative as well as Formative assessments in Secondary classes and in internal assessment and termend examination in Class XI.

Taking cognizance of the comfort level of students, it has been decided to assess students formally in speaking and listening skills in classes IX and XI from the year 2012 onwards. We are pleased to report that we have collaborated with Trinity College, London, to implement this project—CBSE-Trinity-ASL Project (CTAP) 2013 -2018.

Trinity College, London is an established name in English language assessment and in conceptualizing and designing international level proficiency tests and teacher support materials. We recognize the formative role of teacher development in raising standards in communication skills of students through focused classroom activities using appropriate methodology. Thus, an effort has been made to have this online **Gateway to ASL** wherein all relevant support material for practising teachers is available which will be periodically updated.

Any feedback and the suggestions on the materials are welcome. We expect all the teachers to familiarize themselves thoroughly with test objectives, test formats for speaking and listening, assessment criteria, sample listening tests and communicative activities which can be practised in class.

We will be uploading the calendar for two day ASL training for teachers very shortly!

With warm wishes from CBSE-Trinity-ASL Team!

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