



Introducing YCT

1. What is YCT?

YCT is the abbreviation of Youth Chinese Test. It is an international standard test of Chinese language proficiency to assess the ability of overseas young learners to use Chinese in their daily and school lives.

2. How is the new YCT structured?

The new YCT consists of a writing test and a speaking test, which are independent of each other. The writing test is divided into four levels, I to IV; and the speaking test is divided into the Beginner Level and the Intermediate Level.

Writing Test	Speaking Test
YCT (Level IV)	YCT (Intermediate Level)
YCT (Level III)	
YCT (Level II)	YCT (Beginner Level)
YCT (Level I)	

3. How is YCT related to HSK?

The table below shows how new YCT matches the new HSK in language ability:

New HSK	New YCT	Vocabulary
HSK (Level VI)		Over 5,000
HSK (Level V)		2,500
HSK (Level IV)		1,200
HSK (Level III)	YCT (Level IV)	600
HSK (Level II)	YCT (Level III)	300
HSK (Level I)	YCT (Level II)	150
	YCT (Level I)	80

- Individual learners may decide on the appropriate level of test according to their practical command of the language.

4. Why should I take YCT?

As the YCT is intended for young learners whose mother tongue is not Chinese, your competence in Chinese as shown in your scores can serve various purposes:

- It will be a good point of departure from which you can plan your future study.
- It will be a good reference for schools and institutions in language training placement.
- It will give you an additional edge in language innovation programmes.

5. Will I get any recognition after the exam?

Yes. You will receive a certificate issued by the Office Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) within three weeks after the test.

6. When are the exam dates of YCT?

Timetable for Youth Chinese Test (YCT) 2016

No	Date of test		Subject	Registration Deadline
1	Feb	20 (Saturday)	Written Test Level 1-4	20 Jan
2	Mar	19 (Saturday)	Written Test Level 1-4 + Oral Test	19 Feb
3	Oct	15 (Saturday)	Written Test Level 1-4 + Oral Test	15 Sept
4	Nov	19 (Saturday)	Written Test Level 1-4 + Oral Test	19 Oct

7. Are there any exam fees?

	Writing test	Oral test	Enrolment fee
YCT Level I	£5	£10	£10
YCT Level II	£10		
YCT Level III	£20		
YCT Level IV	£25		

8. How do I prepare for it?

We will run training sessions to get you familiar with the test syllabus, the instructions and procedures.

9. How do I register?

We will arrange with your school to register for the test.

10. Who should I contact for further information?

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