

# UK Linguistics Olympiad Round 2

Trinity College, University of Cambridge

31st March - 2nd April 2017

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## **Welcome!**

Congratulations on reaching Round 2 of the UK Linguistics Olympiad! This is an impressive achievement you should be proud of.

These pages will give you some information about what will be happening, who you will meet and where you can go to find out more about language and linguistics.

To keep practising, take a look at the past problems and exercises listed at:  
[www.uklo.org/example-questions](http://www.uklo.org/example-questions)

## **Useful information and emergency contacts**

### **Emergency contact numbers**

Neil Sheldon: 07725 022621

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Elysia Warner: 07415 349002

Ollie Sayeed: 07502 935694

### **College address**

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### **Meals**

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will all be provided.

### **University website**

Department of Theoretical and Applied Linguistics: <https://www.mml.cam.ac.uk/dtal>

### **University map**

<https://map.cam.ac.uk/>

## Timetable

### Friday 31st March

Time	Details
From 16:00 onwards	Arrive at Trinity College
18:30	Meet at porters' lodge on Trinity St Walk to dinner
18:15-18:55	<b>Dinner</b>
19:00-20:00	Linguistics lecture Bert Vaux (King's College)
20:00-20:15	Welcome to Trinity Draško Kaščelan (Trinity College)
20:15 onwards	Introduction to UKLO and the IOL Neil Sheldon

### Saturday 1st April

Time	Details
8:15-8:55	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:00-10:30	Practice based on IOL 2016 individual contest Neil Sheldon
10:30-11:00	Break
11:00-12:30	Practice for individual test Graeme Trousdale
12:30-13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00-13:30	Break/free time
13:30-15:00	Practice for team test Elysia Warner
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	Linguistic explanations Ollie Sayeed
17:00-18:15	Break/free time
18:15-19:15	<b>Dinner</b>
19:15 onwards	Social event (TBC)

## Sunday 2nd April

Time	Details
8:15-8:55	<b>Breakfast</b>
9:00-12:00	Selection test for the International Linguistics Olympiad
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch</b>
13:00-13:30	Break/free time
13:30-14:00	Feedback and farewells

## Tutors

### Neil Sheldon

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Neil worked at Manchester Grammar School for over 40 years, teaching statistics, mathematics, philosophy and computer science. His interest in linguistics goes back to university days with a special interest in the philosophy of language. Neil became involved in Linguistics Olympiads in 2009. Since then he has been a tutor at Round 2 of the UK Linguistics Olympiad and the UK team leader at the International Linguistics Olympiad.



### Graeme Trousdale

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Graeme is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Philosophy, Psychology and Language Sciences at the University of Edinburgh, where he has worked for the last 20 years. His research interests are in English historical linguistics and in cognitive linguistics, especially in construction-based theories of grammar. He also works on outreach for linguistics in schools, and is a UK Linguistics Olympiad committee member.



### Elysia Warner

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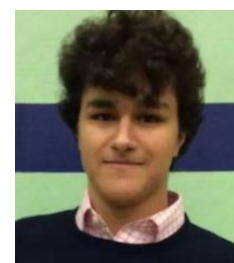
Elysia was on the UK team at the IOL in Manchester (2013) and Beijing (2014), and at the latter, won the UK's first ever gold medal. She is now in her second year reading Linguistics at Clare College, Cambridge, where her quizzing interests have brought her fame from her appearances on University Challenge and Only Connect. She is also a UK team leader at the IOL.



### Ollie Sayeed

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Ollie was also on the UK team at the IOL in Manchester and Beijing, and has tutored at Round 2 for the past two years. He is now in his final year reading Linguistics at Christ's College, Cambridge, and will be starting a PhD at the University of Pennsylvania after graduation.



## Reading on Linguistics

In case you want to read more about any particular topic in linguistics, here is the reading list given to incoming Cambridge undergraduates:

### Sounds and Words

Crystal, D. 1997. *The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language (Chapters 27-29, 40)*. Cambridge University Press.

Ashby, M. & Maidment, J. 2005. *Introducing Phonetic Science*. Cambridge University Press.

Davenport, M. & Hannahs, S.J. 2005. *Introducing Phonetics and Phonology*. Hodder Education.

### Structures and Meanings

Aitchison, J. 2003. *Words in the mind: An introduction to the mental lexicon*. Oxford: Blackwell. Third edition.

Baker, M. 2001. *Atoms of Language*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Elbourne, P. 2011. *Meaning: a slim guide to semantics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Larson, R. 2010. *Grammar as Science Cambridge*. Mass.: MIT Press.

Levinson, S.C. 1983. *Pragmatics*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press

Pinker, S. 2007. *The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature*. New York: Viking

Tallerman, M. 1998/2005. *Understanding syntax*. London: Arnold.

### Language, Brain and Society

Crystal, D. 2004. *The stories of English*. London: Allen Lane (Penguin Books).

Mesthrie, R., Swann, J., Deumert, A., & Leap, W. L. 2000. *Introducing sociolinguistics*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press.

Pinker, S. 1995. *The language instinct*. Penguin.

Smith, N. & Tsimpli, I. M. 1995. *The mind of a savant: Language learning and modularity*. Oxford: Blackwell.

### History and Varieties of English

Crystal, D. 2002. *The English language*. London: Penguin.

Denison, D., & Hogg, Richard. 2006. *A history of the English language*. Cambridge: CUP.

Hughes, A., Trudgill, P. & Watt, D. 2005. *English accents and dialects*. London: Hodder Arnold.

Kortmann, B. & Upton, C. 2008. *Varieties of English: The British Isles*. Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.



## **Linguistics miscellanea**

### **Linguistics Olympiad websites**

UK Linguistics Olympiad: [www.uklo.org/](http://www.uklo.org/)

International Linguistics Olympiad: [www.ioling.org/](http://www.ioling.org/)

### **Languages and linguistics in the world**

Word Atlas of Language Structures: [wals.info/](http://wals.info/)

Linguist List information for linguists: [www.linguistlist.org/](http://www.linguistlist.org/)

### **Blogs and magazines**

Language Log: [languagelog.ldc.upenn.edu/nll/](http://languagelog.ldc.upenn.edu/nll/)

PhD comics on topics in academia: [phdcomics.com/comics.php](http://phdcomics.com/comics.php)

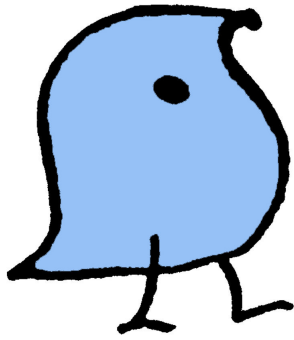
Babel: [www.babelzine.com/](http://www.babelzine.com/)

### **Memes**

Etymology Memes for Reconstructed Phonemes: [www.facebook.com/etymologymemes/](http://www.facebook.com/etymologymemes/)

IOL Memes for Ergative-Absolutive Teens: [www.facebook.com/iolmemes/](http://www.facebook.com/iolmemes/)

lolPhonology: [www.facebook.com/lolphonology/](http://www.facebook.com/lolphonology/)



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