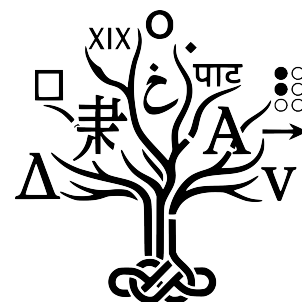


Final Round Information



1 Final Round

Students who perform well in the Pre-Final Round advance to the Final Round: a timed online examination with 20 multiple-choice questions.

The exam covers diverse linguistic topics, including concepts from the Qualification and Pre-Final Rounds. You have 60 seconds per question. Each question has four answer options, with exactly one correct choice. Correct answers earn 1 point, with no penalty for incorrect answers.

Final placements, honors, and prizes are determined primarily by Final Round performance. Tied scores are broken using Pre-Final Round results (and if needed, Qualification Round results).

2 Exam Format and Points

The Final Round consists of a single online exam with 20 multiple-choice questions:

- Finalists have 60 seconds to read and answer each question.
- Each question has four possible answers (only one is correct).
- A correct answer gives you one point. There are no negative points for wrong answers.
- The exam can be taken on a computer, laptop, or phone.
- It is not possible to go back to any question.
- Participants can attempt the exam only once.

The awards and prizes are given to the finalists with the most points in the Final Round. In case of equal points between participants, we consider the results of the previous rounds (Pre-Final and Qualification Round).

Final Exam Information Video

We strongly recommend watching our information video in preparation for the exam. The video explains the procedure and shows you what to expect. You can watch the video here: [XXXX](#)

The Final Round questions will cover various linguistic topics:

- Foundational concepts (syntax, phonetics, morphology)
- Advanced topics (semantics, pragmatics, discourse analysis, language typology)
- Research-inspired questions (contemporary linguistic research, similar to the Pre-Final Round)

Please find below two example questions:

3 Final Round Supervision

Finalists take the exam through a secure online portal: <https://lingchallenge.org/exam>. The exam should be supervised by a teacher at your school. Finalists must nominate a teacher who agrees to oversee the 20-minute exam session. Instructions and guidelines will be provided to the supervising teacher.

The supervising teacher ensures academic integrity by confirming that the finalist does not access unauthorized materials, websites, or applications during the exam. Alternatively, participants can self-record their session by capturing both screen and webcam activity throughout the exam and uploading the recording for verification. This option does not require a teacher supervisor.

3.1 Teacher Supervision Requirements

All finalists must select a teacher who agrees to supervise the final exam and meets the following criteria:

- Must be employed at an officially recognized school or university (no private tutors).
- Must be an active teacher or professor (not retired).
- Must not be related to you (no family members).

The teacher must ensure that the finalist does not cheat, use any external help, or open other windows during the exam.

The following actions are considered as cheating:

- Use of other electronic devices (e.g., phone, calculator)
- Use of any information sources (internet, notes, books)
- Opening other tabs, websites, or applications
- Receiving help from the teacher or other students

In addition to teacher supervision, we use automated methods to detect cheating, time violations, or unauthorized tool usage. Cheating will result in immediate disqualification.

3.2 Self-Recording Option

For situations in which no teacher is available, you may take the exam without a teacher supervising you. In this case, you or another person (e.g., family or household member) must record you during the exam:

- The person must not be a participant of ILC.
- The person must film the entire exam (start to finish).
- You may stop and restart the video to create multiple short clips if needed.
- The video must clearly show:
 - (a) yourself in front of the computer/laptop/phone
 - (b) the exam content on the screen
- The video must include sound (from surroundings or voices).
- Ensure the camera is fully charged and has sufficient storage.

After the exam, upload the video to a cloud service (e.g., Google Drive, Dropbox), and send the link through your participant login page.

We do not accept videos that:

- Do not cover the full exam session
- Do not show both you and the screen
- Are of poor quality and do not clearly show the exam conditions

Invalid or incomplete recordings will result in disqualification. Importantly, you must not publish or share the video with others. Doing so will also result in immediate disqualification.

To select the self-recording option, you do not need to register beforehand. During the exam time window, open <https://lingchallenge.org/exam>, choose the recording option, and provide details of the person filming.

4 Exam Procedure

The Final Round procedure takes place in six steps:

1. All finalists have to ask a teacher who agrees to supervise the final exam.
(Note: A single teacher can supervise the exam of multiple participants at the same time.)

2. Your teacher has to register online. Please send your teacher this link: <https://lingchallenge.org/teacher-registration>
3. We will review and approve or reject the teacher (within a few days).
4. After approval, the teacher can supervise the final exam with you on the following date and time: Thursday, 12 March 2026, 6–7 pm (your local time)
5. Under the supervision of your teacher, you can start the exam on a computer, laptop, or phone by opening the official exam website: <https://lingchallenge.org/exam> (Note: Participants can open the exam website on either a school or personal computer.)
6. During the exam, your teacher has to take a photo of the exam setting. The picture must clearly show both participant and screen.

4.1 System Requirements

- Please use the latest version of Google Chrome or Firefox to open the exam page.
- Ensure a working internet connection during the exam.
- Enable JavaScript and cookies for the exam page to function correctly.

4.2 Technical Issues (Internet or Device Failures)

- Contact your supervising teacher.
- Reopen the exam page and (if needed) log in again to continue.
- Take screenshots/photos of any technical problems.
- If we detect irregularities, we will contact you.

The results of the Final Round will be announced on Wednesday, 18 March 2026.

5 Questions and Answers

What topics will be covered in the Final Round?

The Final Round includes:

- Foundational linguistics (syntax, phonetics, morphology)
- Advanced linguistic analysis (semantics, pragmatics, discourse)
- Research-inspired challenges from contemporary linguistic topics

How can I prepare for the Final Round?

By strengthening your conceptual understanding of linguistics, practicing analytical problem solving, and reviewing materials from earlier ILC rounds. Visit: <https://lingchallenge.org/login>

Who can supervise my exam?

Teachers or professors from recognized educational institutions. In special cases, tutors or school staff may be approved.

What tools can I use during the exam?

You may use:

- The official online exam website in a browser
- A blank sheet of paper and a pencil/pen for notes

How can my teacher register?

They can register here: <https://lingchallenge.org/teacher-registration> They must upload proof of eligibility (e.g., teaching license or school website profile) and submit a signed teacher form.

What if my teacher is rejected?

Ask another eligible teacher or try to resolve the reason for rejection (e.g., missing documents).

Can ILC refer me to teachers?

No. Please contact teachers from your school or region.

What if two participants have the same score?

The Pre-Final Round score (and if needed, Qualification Round) will be used to determine the winner.

How do I start the exam with the recording option?

Just go to <https://lingchallenge.org/exam> at the designated time and follow the instructions.

Can multiple students at the same school share a teacher?

Yes! A teacher can supervise multiple students at once during the Final Round.

I had technical issues. Can I retake the exam?

No. Ensure a reliable internet connection and working setup. It is not possible to pause, restart, or retake the exam after starting.