



# AIM Pre-Certification Requirements

Welcome to the AIM Pre-Certification Assessment. Below you will find a number of questions to help you determine if you are ready to begin AIM Certification.

In order to make sure that you are ready to begin and will be successful with AIM Certification, please briefly review the following questions.

- 1) How long have you used the AIM program and at what grade levels?
- 2) How many AIM workshops have you attended?
- 3) Which AIM kits have you taught?
- 4) Have you successfully implemented the target language-only rule in your classroom?
- 5) Do you consistently use Teacher-led Self-expression when addressing the whole class?
- 6) Have you taught story retelling to your students?
- 7) How confident do you feel with the program in general?

Check your answers to the questions above with the guideline below.

## Your are ready if you meet the following criteria:

- You have used the program for three or more years.
- You have attended several workshops or a Summer Institute.  
(Note: Having used on the Online teacher training site extensively may count as a workshop.)
- You have experience with at least 3 plays of different levels.
- The target language-only rule has been successfully implemented.
- You have modeled story retelling and your students have written stories in partners.
- You feel confident in your ability to use the program and are pleased with the success of your students.
- During whole-class activities, you are absolutely consistent in your gesturing for the whole class to speak, so that students have extensive practice with oral language production.

\*Please send in a two minute video of you, the teacher, implementing AIM. The footage should show you gesturing and the students reading your gestures. Ensure that it is not rehearsed material (no songs, no play). Be sure that some of it includes spontaneous gesturing (giving instructions, commenting on something that is happening in class etc.) The footage does not need to be of a high quality.

## You are not ready to begin if you fall into the level of experience below:

- You have used the program for 1 year or less.
- You have never attended an AIM workshop nor have used the Online teacher training site extensively.
- You have used 2 plays or less.
- The target language-only rule has not been successfully implemented.
- You have never made it to the end of a kit and have therefore not done story retelling. You may also have never made it to partial questions.
- During whole-class activities, you sometimes address the class without gesturing for them to speak.
- You are not yet confident in several areas of the program. Although the results are better than they were pre-AIM, your students are not reaching the full potential of the program.
- You are mixing AIM with other programs and do not use it full time.

If it is clear that you may not meet the AIM Certification requirements to begin, we suggest that you use the [Online Teacher Training](#) site to further your knowledge of the AIM methodology or attend a [Foundations Webinar](#) training course and apply at a later date.

If you feel that you are unsure as to whether you are ready or not to begin AIM Certification, please send us your responses to this questionnaire at: [enquiries@aimlanguagelearning.com](mailto:enquiries@aimlanguagelearning.com) with the subject of 'AIM Certification assessment'

Our Mentor will be happy to review your results and let you know if you meet the standards necessary or what you can do to become ready to begin.