

Cambridge English Proficiency

Brief exam guide
for exams from 2015



Proof of exceptional English ability



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Demonstrate exceptional English

With *Cambridge English: Proficiency* you show the world that you have the English to study or work at the highest levels. It shows that you can communicate with fluency and sophistication like a native speaker.

Show universities and employers that you are the best

The exam is accepted by thousands of leading businesses and educational institutions worldwide, including Nestle, Pilsner and University of British Columbia (Canada).

Take pride in your achievement

Passing this exam gives you one of the most valuable English qualifications in the world. It is an achievement to be really proud of.

What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level C2 – the highest level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

What's in the exam?

The exam is designed to be fair to people of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds, and is supported by a dedicated research programme.

It covers all four language skills (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

Reading and Use of English: 1 hour 30 minutes	Shows that you can deal with different types of text and demonstrate knowledge and control of the English language.
Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes	Shows that you can write a variety of text types, such as essays and proposals.
Listening: 40 minutes	Shows that you can follow a range of spoken materials, such as lectures and interviews.
Speaking: 16 minutes	Shows that you can communicate in a real-life context. You take the test face-to-face with one or two other candidates.

Your overall performance is calculated by averaging the scores you achieve in Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking and Use of English. The weighting of each of the four skills and Use of English is equal.

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You can take the exam on paper or on computer.



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Cambridge English: Proficiency helped me get into my dream drama school and gave me the confidence to perform in English in front of thousands of people.

Alberto Prandini
Cambridge English: Proficiency certificate holder,
actor and director

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- Demonstrate an extremely high level of English language skills.
- Prove that you have the fluency and confidence to function at the very highest levels of academic and professional life.
- Gain a valuable qualification that is accepted worldwide.

Over

20,000

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What's next?

Step 1 – Test your level

See if *Cambridge English: Proficiency* is the right exam for you – take our free online test at www.cambridgeenglish.org/testyourenglish

Step 2 – Contact your local exam centre

Your local centre can give you details of dates, costs, how to prepare and how to register for an exam. Find your nearest centre at www.cambridgeenglish.org/centresearch

Step 3 – Get started on your preparation

Find a wide range of support, including official Cambridge English preparation materials, at www.cambridgeenglish.org/proficiency



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