Exam day tips: paper-based exams

(Not including Pre A1 Starters, A1 Movers and A2 Flyers)

Before the exam

Register for the Online Results Service using your Candidate ID and Candidate Reference Number from your Confirmation of Entry.

Check the date, time and address of your exam. Your centre will send you this information. If you have any questions, contact your centre before the exam day.

Remember to check how long it will take you to travel to the exam.

Get to the exam early. Follow the directions to find the exam room or go to reception and ask for directions.

What to bring to the exam

Bring your identification (ID), for example a passport or national ID card. It must be the original document with your photo and it must be valid on the day of your exam.

Bring pens and pencils with erasers. Your centre will give you extra pens and pencils if you need them.

Do not bring food or drink to your desk in the exam room (apart from a clear plastic bottle of water).

You cannot bring your bag to your desk or keep your mobile phone/electronic items inside the exam room. Your centre will tell you what to do with your belongings.

On the exam day

Your centre will tell you where to put your bags, mobile phones, etc. There will be a clock or timer in the exam room. Have your photo ID ready for checking.

You cannot access your mobile phone/electronic items for the duration of the exam.

Your centre will take your photo for B2 First, C1 Advanced and C2 Proficiency exams.

Listen carefully to the instructions which the invigilator will read out and make sure you follow them. If you have any questions, need help or want to leave the room, raise your hand to ask for help.

Do not talk to other people, or try to see what they are writing during the exam.

For your Listening test, raise your hand immediately if you cannot hear the recording.

At the end of each test

Stop writing immediately when the invigilator tells you to do so.

Give all papers to the invigilator, including question papers, answer sheets, notes, etc.

Stay in your seat until the invigilator tells you to leave the room.

If you have any questions or problems, tell the invigilator immediately.

Remember you will not be able to access your mobile phone/electronic items during the breaks.

If you have registered for our Online Results Service we will email you as soon as your results are released.

Good luck with your exam!