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# Our English language partnership with PISA



In partnership with the OECD, we are developing an assessment of foreign languages, which will be added to the PISA Foreign Language Assessment evaluation in 2025.

## A key partnership which gives the world unprecedented data and insights into what makes effective English language teaching and learning in different school systems.

**PISA - the Programme for International Student Assessment - is a worldwide study carried out every three years which measures 15-year-old school pupils' performance in key subjects. With more than 600,000 students taking part in over 80 countries and economies, it makes it the world's largest comparison of educational outcomes.**

In 2025, the areas assessed will be joined by an optional assessment of foreign language skills, starting with English. It is anticipated that the first cycle of the Foreign Language Assessment (FLA) will see thousands of 15-year-old students from across the world tested in English as a foreign language in reading, listening and speaking. It is then planned to be repeated every two cycles of the main PISA study, so a PISA FLA study will be conducted every six years.

Surveys like PISA offer an expansive view of language skills, needs, and gaps on an unprecedented scale, providing invaluable insights for English teaching communities worldwide.

Cambridge is a natural partner for the OECD as we bring a unique combination of assessment expertise, research capability and extensive portfolio of international benchmarking tools.

We are developing the English language tests for the first PISA FLA which will be a game changer for English language education all over the world. Our assessments are developed to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals, schools, and more widely in society.

## Closing skills gaps and shaping the future of English language teaching with the most up-to-date insights from around the globe

Cambridge has been working with the OECD since 2018, bringing a unique combination of learning and assessment expertise, and extensive experience in frameworks and benchmarking surveys. Cambridge was instrumental in the development of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) including the new companion volume, which has become the gold standard for measuring language ability.

We also led a consortium that delivered the landmark SurveyLang project back in 2011 which measured the language competence of 50,000 pupils across 15 countries in Europe.

By partnering with OECD, we are identifying best practice world-wide, in terms of teaching practices and the use of resources on language learning.

### Countries participating in PISA FLA 2025

Belgium (Flemish community)  
Bulgaria  
Chinese Taipei  
Colombia  
Croatia

Czech Republic  
Denmark  
Dominican Republic  
Finland  
France  
Germany

Greece  
Italy  
Israel  
Netherlands  
Peru  
Portugal

Qatar  
Romania  
Spain  
Sweden  
Ukraine

## We are a partner in the design, delivery and scoring of the PISA Foreign Language Assessment

By leading on the development of the test, Cambridge is looking at the delivery of the test content, scoring of Speaking, input into survey design, platform development, test administration, analysis, reporting against CEFR levels, etc.

At Cambridge, our assessments are developed to make a positive difference in the lives of individuals, schools, and more widely in

society. We are the world's leading experts in delivering fit-for-purpose assessments, ensuring international trust in delivering our customer's needs. Our track record in conducting quality benchmarking and education reform projects speaks for itself, solidifying our reputation for excellence.

○ 2024

Field Trial pre-test in all participating countries

○ 2025

Main survey data collection in all participating countries

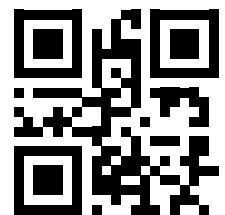
○ 2026-2027

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