

The preferred exam experience



“It’s all advantages
for the students.”

Alex
Teacher

Where your world grows

The path to learning English, **step by step**

Inspire your students to go further with Cambridge English Qualifications



“For my students, achieving their Cambridge English Qualification is some kind of culmination of everything they’ve been working for. It gives them a sense of fulfillment.”

Alex
Teacher

Level-based qualifications help students take control of their future. They develop the vocabulary, skills and confidence to communicate and obtain proof of their language ability. This creates enriching opportunities throughout their lives.

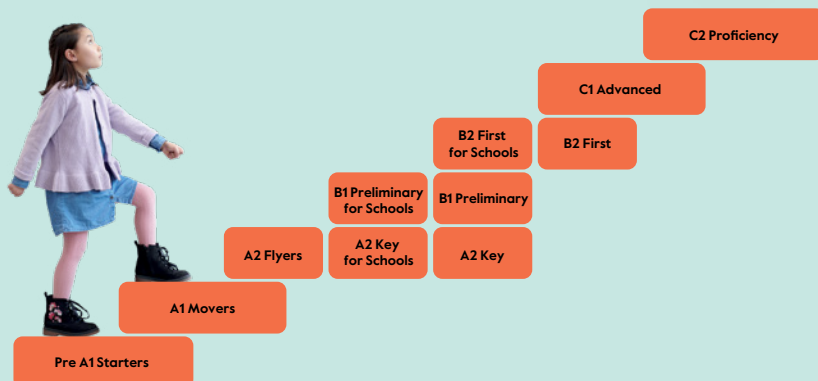
Each exam reinforces the language and life skills students have been learning. Proving their language level through tasks based on authentic, relevant situations makes learning enjoyable, effective and rewarding.

Cambridge English Qualifications open doors around the world. Students can apply to universities and employers that recognise our qualifications as a mark of excellence.

Alignment with Common European Framework of Reference

Learning a language doesn’t just happen over night. It’s an ongoing process, therefore students need an ongoing sense of achievement. Our qualifications provide milestones to aim for and proof of language level, that keeps students motivated to take their next step.

*The Cambridge English Qualifications Schools Survey asked teachers and school leaders their views about the impact Cambridge English Qualifications have on learning and teaching. It received a total of 5,789 responses from 109 countries.



The CEFR is the standard used around the world to benchmark language ability.

95%

of teachers and school leaders

agree that preparing for Cambridge English Qualifications improves students' English.*

“I think that the way Cambridge teaches English is very useful to communicate with other people around the world.”

Valeria
Candidate



Introducing a new way to get a Cambridge English Qualification

The same quality exam, but with digital benefits



“It was actually a really different experience... I think the digital experience was a great choice.”

Hugo
Candidate

Cambridge English Qualifications

are recognised by universities, employers and governments around the world, significantly increasing work and study opportunities.



Hear from
candidates and
teachers

Your students can now get a Cambridge English Qualification in a more flexible way. You have the option to prepare and put your students forward for the traditional, paper-based route, or the new digital route. The qualification at the end is the same, but there are differences in the exam delivery, experience and timing.

Features	Paper-based	Digital
Exam location	At an authorised exam centre, school, or external venue	
Availability	Set dates (Key for Schools and Preliminary for Schools available up to 365 days a year*)	Up to 365 days a year*
Registration	Approximately 4 weeks before exam date	Up to 2 working days before exam date*
Levels	A2 Key–C2 Proficiency	
Exam set up	On paper	Available on PCs, laptops and Macs
Task types	Identical	
Exam content	Same questions for all candidates	Questions randomly allocated
Results	4–6 weeks after exam date	5–10 working days after exam date
Speaking test	Face-to-face	
Listening test	Digital audio player	Headphones with volume control
Reading and Writing test	Paper with pen and pencil	Computer with keyboard, screen and mouse
Certificates	Paper certificate sent to the exam centre 7–10 weeks after the exam date	Paper certificate usually sent to the exam centre within 3–4 weeks

*Talk to your chosen exam centre about their schedule

Empower your students with our digital exams

Faster results and an enhanced exam experience

“Better time management during the exams really makes a difference.”

Nino
Teacher

How much time do your students spend on devices? Given the choice, would they pick up a pen and paper to write with, or type? Technology is a big part of their daily lives, so why not offer them an exam environment they'll thrive in?

Cambridge English Qualifications Digital test the same knowledge and skills as paper-based exams, but through a digital exam experience. Taken on a computer, these exams give students control over elements of the listening, writing and reading, helping them to do their best in their own way. Each candidate receives a randomised set of questions, all equal in terms of task types and difficulty. This means that everyone can focus fully on their own exam and the risk of any answers being copied is minimised.

Cambridge English Qualifications Digital are designed with benefits that maximise preparation time, but minimise waiting time.



Fast

Results will be delivered in 5–10 working days.

Give students the tools they need take to control of their next step sooner.



Flexible

Exam sessions are available up to 365 days a year.

Put students forward when they're ready. Talk to your chosen exam centre about their schedule.



Preferred

Digital features for focus and control.

The same trusted exam, with the digital experience candidates expect.



“You reduce that time frame of stress after the exam.”

Valeria
Candidate



“Candidates can choose to do the test when they're ready, or when the teacher feels they're ready.”

Christopher
Teacher



“Most students are already used to working with computers or a mobile device in class.”

Hafsa
Centre Exams Manager



Digital features to put candidates in control

Listening

Headphones with volume control for comfort and concentration.

Writing

Word count and editable text make typing easier to manage.

Reading

Notes and highlighting on screen for keeping track.

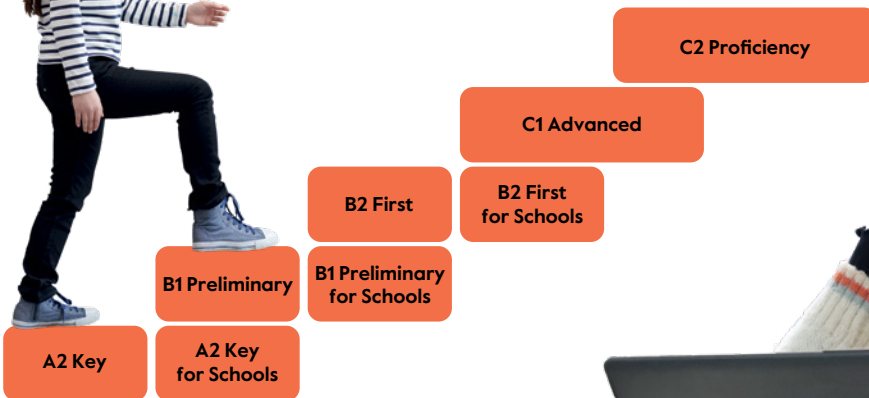
Each part of the exam benefits from colour and font size adjustment for improved accessibility.

Available from A2 Key, our digital exams take students to language proficiency step by step, in a format that they feel most comfortable with.



“Nowadays, we live in a digital society, so we feel very comfortable.”

Marta
Candidate



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No surprises on exam day

How to prepare your students for Cambridge English Qualifications Digital

There's no need to adapt how you teach your classes or use your course material. Students are at ease in their digital world, meaning there's nothing in the digital exam that's likely to be unfamiliar. The way to give your students the best chance of success is to make sure they have preparation resources that get them used to the questions and tasks they'll experience on the day. Whether they want to practise on a computer or their mobile phone, alone or with their friends, in class or at home, we have comprehensive resources to help them walk into their digital exam with confidence.



Learn more

Authentic digital practice tests

The most accurate practice experience. Our digital practice tests go through the same design process as the exams, meaning they're a true representation of the exam experience. Tests are automarked and you'll receive your students' results at the same time as they do. To replicate the exam as closely as possible, we recommend taking these tests on a computer.

Digital sample tests

Questions and answers for each level. Sample tests give students a taste of the questions and tasks that their real exam will be made up of. They're the same length and format as real exams and come with answer keys, so students can see where their strengths are and what they need to work on.

Tutorials

A tour of the digital exam. For each level, a tutorial video will walk you and your students through the exam, so everyone understands how the questions are presented, how the digital features work and what's expected of candidates at each step.

Test & Train

Short, sharp exam workouts! Students can dip in and out of hundreds of exam questions at their own pace, on their mobile, tablet or computer. They'll receive instant feedback on their answers and have unlimited attempts at each question.

Handbooks for teachers

Your ultimate companions. Our handbooks give you an overview of the exam, then go into the detail of tasks, skills, CEFR 'can do statements' and model answers. These comprehensive guides will tell you everything you need to know about every level of the digital exam, so you can be confident that you're preparing your students in the most effective way.

Exam preparation courses

Digital practice is best for a digital exam experience, but your course material will help you develop your students' language skills to the appropriate level. The following courses are official Cambridge exam preparation material.



Your next steps

Putting your students on the path they want

“I will take my next exam on a computer because I think it is the future of taking all exams.”

Ignacio
Candidate

When you prepare and enter students for our exams, your school becomes a Cambridge English preparation centre. Preparation centres receive ongoing support from us, including preparation resources, training and marketing material.

You'll also need to contact an authorised exam centre. They'll give you all the information you need to get set up and take the next steps. Your exam centre will support you with exam dates, results and printed materials to show students they can prepare with you for the exams they want to do.

Take your next step at
cambridge.org/qualifications-digital



“My hope and dream for my children is to see them happy, live wherever they want and have no limits because of the language.”

Patricia
Parent

“I believe it’s good to do the test digitally because of how intuitive it is. And since we’re in a generation where technology has become very apparent in our lives, it makes it a lot easier.”

Valeria
Candidate

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We believe that English can unlock a lifetime of experiences and, together with teachers and our partners, we help people to learn and confidently prove their skills to the world.

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