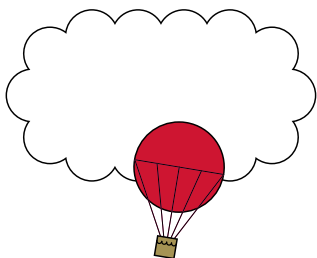


# Cambridge English Preliminary *for Schools*

Brief exam guide



*Practical English for everyday use*



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## What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). It shows that a student can use everyday English at an intermediate level.

## 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 Writing:**  
1 hour 30 minutes

Shows that a student can understand written information, and use structure and vocabulary correctly.

**Listening:**  
30 minutes

Shows that a student can understand a range of spoken materials, including everyday conversations.

**Speaking:**  
10-12 minutes

Shows how well a student can speak English in conversation. Students take the test face-to-face with one or two other candidates.

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

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Students can take the exam on paper or on computer.



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## Where could this exam take students in the future?

“ I studied for Cambridge English: Preliminary. My goal was to progress to the higher-level Cambridge English exams and my exam was a great way to experience Cambridge English. If you want to get a job, you need a good level of English. ”

Josue Garcia Alvarez  
Cambridge English: Preliminary certificate holder  
and trainee industrial engineer



## Practical English for everyday use

- Motivate school-aged learners to improve their English.
- Help them grow in confidence and reward success.
- Measure students' progress using international standards.
- Help students access the best study, work and life opportunities.

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## What's next?

### Step 1 – 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](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/centresearch)

### Step 2 – Get support

Find a wide range of support, including official Cambridge English preparation materials, at

[www.cambridgeenglish.org/preliminaryforschools](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/preliminaryforschools)



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