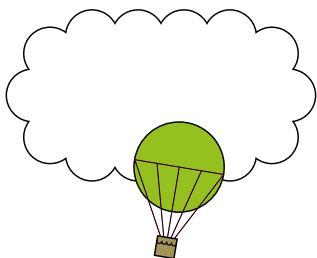


Cambridge English First *for Schools*

Brief exam guide
for exams from 2015



Ready for success in study, work and life



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Show that students are making real progress in English

Cambridge English: First for Schools is specifically designed to motivate school-aged learners. It shows that when students leave school, they are ready to:

- **study** in English at foundation or pathway level
- **work** in an English-speaking environment
- **live** independently in an English-speaking country.

Real everyday language skills

The exam shows that students can:

- **express views, feelings and opinions** effectively in writing and give reasons
- **find relevant information** in texts
- **identify the expression of feelings and attitudes** and ask for factual information and understand the answer
- **keep up conversations** on familiar topics.

An internationally accepted certificate

Students receive the same certificate as adults who take the *Cambridge English: First* exam.

This certificate is accepted by thousands of leading businesses and educational institutions worldwide, as well as the Irish Nationalisation and Immigration Service (INIS).

To view the full list of institutions which accept the exam, visit www.cambridgeenglish.org/recognition



What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – an upper-intermediate level of English.

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 15 minutes	Shows that a student can understand texts from publications such as books, newspapers and magazines.
Writing: 1 hour 20 minutes	Shows that a student can write different text types, such as a short story, report or a letter.
Listening: 40 minutes	Shows that a student can follow a range of spoken materials, such as news and everyday conversations.
Speaking: 14 minutes	Shows that a student can communicate effectively in face-to-face situations. Students take the test with one or two other candidates.

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

Download sample papers at www.cambridgeenglish.org/firstforschools

Students can take the exam on paper or on computer.



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Where could this exam take students in the future?



“Preparing for the exam gave me the confidence and language skills I eventually needed to travel internationally, and get a job at a prestigious biopharmaceutical laboratory.”

Anais Legent
Cambridge English: First certificate holder
and Research Associate at Kymab Ltd.

Ready for success in study, work and life

Help students to:

- develop real-life English skills for work and study
- prove that they can use everyday written and spoken English at an upper-intermediate level
- show that they are ready to work or study in an English-speaking environment
- gain a valuable qualification that is accepted worldwide.

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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

STEP 2 – Get support

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



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