



English Qualifications

Your path to learning English, step by step

Discover our qualifications for general and higher education





Our qualifications

Cambridge English Qualifications for general and higher education include the following exams:

- A2 Key
- B1 Preliminary
- B2 First
- C1 Advanced
- C2 Proficiency

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A2 Key

This qualification is a great starting point if you are new to learning English. It helps to develop basic language skills.

Exam format	
CEFR level	Reading and Writing 60 mins
Test format CB or PB*	Listening 30 mins
Number of papers 3	Speaking 8–10 mins
Total exam length 98–100 mins	

*CB: computer-based; PB: paper-based



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B1 Preliminary

This is an intermediate-level qualification for those who have mastered the basics of English and now have practical language skills for everyday use and improved fluency.

Exam format	
CEFR level B1	Reading 45 mins
Test format CB or PB	Writing 45 mins
Number of papers 4	Listening 30 mins
Total exam length 132 mins	Speaking 12 mins



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B2 First

This qualification shows you have the language skills needed to communicate confidently in an English-speaking environment.

Exam format	
CEFR level B2	Reading and Use of English 75 mins
Test format CB or PB	Writing 80 mins
Number of papers 4	Listening 40 mins
Total exam length 209 mins	Speaking 14 mins



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C1 Advanced

This is proof of high-level achievement in English and the ideal qualification to prepare you for university or professional life.

Exam format	
CEFR level C1	Reading and Use of English 90 mins
Test format CB or PB	Writing 90 mins
Number of papers 4	Listening 40 mins
Total exam length 235 mins	Speaking 15 mins

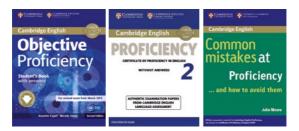


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C2 Proficiency

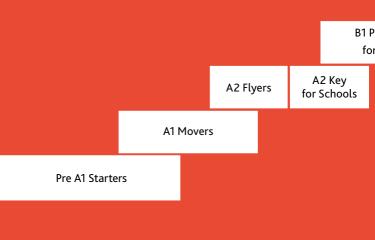
This is our highest level qualification and it shows the world you have mastered English to an exceptional level.

Exam format	
CEFR level	Reading and Use of English 90 mins
Test format CB or PB	Writing 90 mins
Number of papers 4	Listening 40 mins
Total exam length 236 mins	Speaking 16 mins

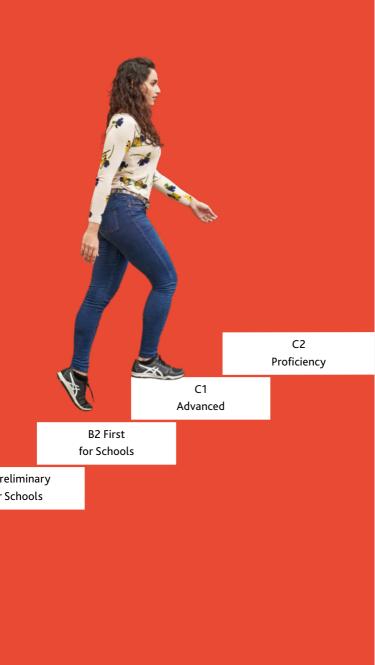


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For every learner, every step of the way









We are Cambridge Assessment English.

Part of the University of Cambridge, we help millions of people learn English and prove their skills to the world.

For us, learning English is more than just exams and grades. It's about having the confidence to communicate and access a lifetime of enriching experiences and opportunities.

With the right support, learning a language is an exhilarating journey. We're with you, every step of the way.

Your path to learning English, step by step

Cambridge English Qualifications are in-depth exams that make learning English enjoyable, effective and rewarding.

Our unique approach encourages continuous progression with a clear path to improving language skills. Each of our qualifications focuses on a level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), enabling you to develop and build speaking, writing, reading and listening skills.

Our qualifications are based on research into effective teaching and learning. They motivate people of all ages and abilities to learn English and develop practical skills for the real world.

Whether you're planning to live, work or study in your own country or abroad, our qualifications can prove you have the English language skills to succeed.

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Why choose Cambridge English Qualifications?

Accepted worldwide

Cambridge English Qualifications are accepted and trusted by thousands of higher education institutions, employers and governments worldwide. Whatever your goals or ambitions, our qualifications are a mark of excellence and will give you the skills to succeed.

Real-life communication

Our qualifications are based on research that shows the importance of real-life conversation and interaction. This means the exams are created using authentic situations, so the skills you need for the exams are the same skills you need to use in the real world.

Develop your speaking skills

The Speaking exam is taken face to face with our expert examiners. As you prepare you will develop the ability to communicate effectively, express your opinions and speak confidently.

Practice materials

We offer a broad range of learning and support materials to sharpen your language skills and help you to communicate with confidence, for life.

Cambridge English Qualifications provide reliable assessment at the CEFR levels above and below the target level. These exams are also reported on the Cambridge English Scale, which provides more detailed information on achievement. Our qualifications for young learners – Pre A1 Starters, A1 Movers and A2 Flyers – report achievement at the target level and the one below.

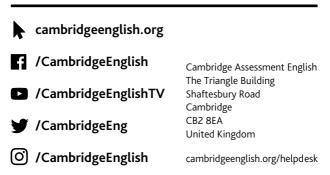
For more information visit: cambridgeenglishscale

A few facts and figures about us:

- 5.5 million assessments taken every year
- Accepted by over 25,000 organisations worldwide
- 2,800 exam centres in 130 countries
- Over 50,000 preparation centres
- Providing English language assessment since 1913

We have Cambridge English Qualifications for schools, general and higher education, and business.

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