

Cambridge English Preliminary

Brief exam guide



Practical English for everyday use

Preliminary English Test (PET)



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Boost your practical language level

Every year, thousands of people who want to use English to improve their work, study and travel prospects prepare for Cambridge English: Preliminary.

Gain real-life English skills

The exam shows you can:

- **understand the main points** of straightforward instructions or public announcements
- **deal with most of the situations you might meet when travelling** as a tourist in an English-speaking country
- **ask simple questions** and take part in factual conversations in a work environment
- **write letters/emails** or make notes on familiar matters.

Get a certificate that is accepted globally

The exam is accepted by thousands of leading businesses and educational institutions worldwide.



What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level B1 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). It shows you have an 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 Writing:**
1 hour 30 minutes

Shows you understand written information, and use structure and vocabulary correctly.

Listening:
30 minutes

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

Speaking:
10-12 minutes

Shows how good your spoken English is in conversation. You take the test face to face with one or two other candidates.

Reading and Writing is worth 50% of the total marks, and each of the other papers is worth 25%.

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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

- Develop your ability to communicate in English for practical tasks and situations
- Gain a valuable qualification that is accepted worldwide
- Improve your work, study and travel prospects

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Cambridge English exams

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You can take the exam on paper or on computer.

Step 1 – Test your level

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