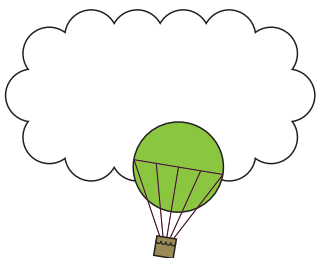


# Cambridge English First *for Schools*

Ready for success in study, work and life



Brief exam guide for exams from 2015



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## Ready for success in study, work and life

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

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### What's next?

Students can take the exam on paper or on computer.

#### 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/firstforschools](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/firstforschools)

## Show 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 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 that take the Cambridge English: First exam.

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

To view the full list of institutions who accept the exam visit [www.cambridgeenglish.org/recognition](http://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 a student can understand texts from publications such as books, newspapers and magazines.
Writing: 1 hour 20 minutes	Shows a student can write different text types, such as a short story, report or a letter.
Listening: 40 minutes	Shows a student can follow a range of spoken materials, such as news and everyday conversations.
Speaking: 14 minutes	Shows a student can communicate effectively in face-to-face situations. Students take the test with one or two other candidates.

The Reading and Use of English paper is worth 40% of the marks, and each of the other papers is worth 20%.

Download sample papers at [www.cambridgeenglish.org/firstforschools](http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/firstforschools)



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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.



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