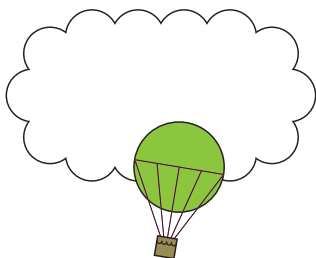


Cambridge English First *for Schools*

Brief exam guide



Ready for success in the real world

First Certificate in English (FCE) for Schools



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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.



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: 1 hour	Shows a student can deal confidently with reading different types of text.
Writing: 1 hour 20 minutes	Shows a student can write different text types, such as a letter, report or short story.
Use of English: 45 minutes	Shows how well a student can control grammar and vocabulary.
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.

Each paper is worth 20% of the total marks.

Download sample papers at
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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 the real world

- 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

13,000+
organisations worldwide trust
Cambridge English exams

What's next?

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

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Get support

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

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