

# Cambridge English Preliminary

Preliminary English Test (PET)  
CEFR Level B1

## Internationally accepted

*Cambridge English: Preliminary*, also known as *Preliminary English Test (PET)*, is accepted by employers, educational institutions and government departments around the world as proof of your ability to use English at an intermediate level.

The following are just a few of the organisations that accept *Cambridge English: Preliminary*.

AOC International Ltd	Tasmania Polytechnic	Department of Civil
DHL	(Australia)	Aviation (UAE)
Bosch	Gulf University	Geofund
GlaxoSmithKline	(Bahrain)	(Czech Republic)
Zurich Financial	Universidad Central	CERN (Switzerland)
Services	(Chile)	
Saab	University of Venice	
	(Italy)	

For the full list of organisations that accept *Cambridge English: Preliminary*, please visit [www.CambridgeESOL.org/recognition](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/recognition)

## Working and studying in the UK

The UK Border Agency accepts *Cambridge English: Preliminary* as meeting the language requirements for Tier 2 and 4 visa applications.\*

Visit [www.CambridgeESOL.org/UK-immigration](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/UK-immigration) for more details.

## Why take Cambridge English: Preliminary?

### Real-life language skills

Preparing for *Cambridge English: Preliminary* will give you the practical English skills to:

- 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.

### Reliable

Backed by the largest research programme of its kind, Cambridge English exams provide the most reliable reflection of your language skills.

### Choice

*Cambridge English: Preliminary* can be taken at exam centres around the world. You can choose to take your exam on a computer or on paper.

### Fair

All the major varieties of English are accepted in Cambridge English exams. Our exams are designed to be fair to all learners from all parts of the world.

### Support

A wealth of materials are available to help you prepare for your exam.

### A Cambridge English qualification

Once you have earned a Cambridge English certificate, you hold one of the most valuable English qualifications in the world.

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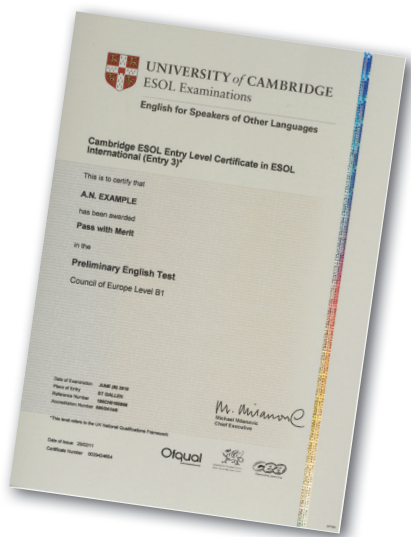
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## Practical English for everyday use

*Cambridge English: Preliminary* is developed using the principles and approaches of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – the internationally accepted system for describing language ability.

*Cambridge English: Preliminary* is at CEFR Level B1. At this level users can understand factual information and show awareness of opinions, attitudes and mood in both spoken and written English. It can be used as proof of your ability to use English to communicate with native speakers for everyday purposes.



## Your results

### Cambridge English: Preliminary – Level B2

*Pass with Distinction*

Exceptional candidates sometimes show ability beyond Level B1. If you achieve a Pass with Distinction, you will receive the *Preliminary English Test* certificate stating that you demonstrated ability at Level B2.

### Cambridge English: Preliminary – Level B1

*Pass with Merit, Pass*

If you achieve a Pass or Pass with Merit in your exam you will be awarded the *Preliminary English Test* certificate at Level B1. Reaching this level shows that you are developing your language abilities and are ready for the next challenge.

### Level A2 certificate

We believe it is important to recognise your achievement, even if you do not reach Level B1.

If your performance falls within Level A2, you will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that you demonstrated ability at Level A2.

The Common European Framework of Reference

**Cambridge English: Preliminary**

C Proficient user	C2
	C1
B Independent user	B2
	<b>B1</b>
A Basic user	A2
	A1

\* Pass with Distinction was introduced in September 2011

Pass with Distinction*
Pass with Merit
Pass
Level A2

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## Format of the exam

*Cambridge English: Preliminary* has three papers:

### Reading and Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes

Shows you can read and understand the main points from signs, journals, newspapers and magazines, and can use vocabulary and structure correctly.

### Listening: 30 minutes (approx)

Requires you to be able to follow and understand a range of spoken materials including announcements and discussions about everyday life.

### Speaking: 10–12 minutes

Tests your ability to take part in conversation; you will be required to ask and answer questions and talk about the things you like and dislike. Your Speaking test will be taken face-to-face with one or two other candidates. This makes your test more realistic and reliable.

Download sample papers at

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/Preliminary](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/Preliminary)

## Internationally accessible

Cambridge English exams can be taken at more than 2,700 centres across 130 countries, throughout the year.

## Comprehensive support

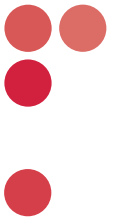
To help you prepare effectively and get the most out of your exam experience, a wealth of exam resources are available, including sample papers, handbooks and exam tips. Find out more about the support we offer at:

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## Flexible test options

You can choose to take your exam on paper or on a computer.

### Why choose a computer-based test?

- more choice of exam dates – take the exam at a time that suits you
- the same certificate – the exam is the same as the paper-based version
- shorter registration – register for the exam as little as a week before taking it
- faster access to results – view results online
- easy to use and no extra preparation required.

## The world's most valued English qualifications

Colleges and employers that accept Cambridge English exams can easily check your result online with our secure online Results Verification Service. We are also introducing exam day photos for added security and to make your certificate even more valued and trusted.

## Join the Cambridge English world

Why not immerse yourself in the Cambridge English community? More than 3.3 million people from all over the world choose Cambridge English exams each year.

## Next steps to taking Cambridge English: Preliminary

### Step 1

#### Find out more

To find out more about *Cambridge English: Preliminary*, go to [www.CambridgeESOL.org/Preliminary](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/Preliminary)

### Step 2

#### Test your level

Take our free online test and see if *Cambridge English: Preliminary* is the right exam for you.

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/testyourenglish](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/testyourenglish)

### Step 3

#### Contact us for information about:

- how to register
- exam dates
- practice materials
- preparation courses.

or go to [www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres) to find a Cambridge ESOL exam centre near you.

### Step 4

#### Pass the exam!

Once you have taken *Cambridge English: Preliminary*, you are one step closer to achieving your dreams and ambitions.

A wide range of support and preparation materials are available to help you get the most out of your exam.

[www.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org)

## About Cambridge ESOL

*Cambridge English: Preliminary* is developed by Cambridge ESOL – one of three major exam boards which form the Cambridge Assessment Group (Cambridge Assessment). Cambridge Assessment, a not-for-profit department of the University of Cambridge, assesses more than 8 million people in 150 countries every year.

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/Key](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/Key)

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