



UNIVERSITY *of* CAMBRIDGE
ESOL Examinations

Cambridge English **Preliminary** *for Schools*

Preliminary English Test (PET) for Schools
CEFR Level B1



Practical English for everyday use

International English – an important life skill

Teachers and parents want what is best for children. The world that today's children are growing up in may look very different from the world you knew as a child. They will have opportunities to live, work and study anywhere in the world and will experience a much more international environment in their own country.

Their world will also be much more demanding and competitive. Helping children to learn English gives them an important skill for school and beyond.

English vastly increases the number of opportunities they will have in life and makes sure they stand out from the crowd in today's global marketplace.

Children are never too young to start learning English – they have the potential to learn quickly and make fast progress. *Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools*, also known as *Preliminary English Test (PET) for Schools*, allows you to motivate children and measure their progress, while helping them build confidence and rewarding their efforts.



Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools

Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools is an international English exam for school-aged learners.

It shows that a learner can deal with everyday written and spoken English at an intermediate level.

Preparing for the exam helps learners:

- develop skills to communicate in English
- gain an internationally recognised certificate
- build confidence in learning English
- move on to higher-level qualifications.

An internationally recognised certificate – within the reach of younger learners

Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools is a version of the internationally accepted exam *Cambridge English: Preliminary*, also known as *Preliminary English Test (PET)*.

It has been developed with exam content aimed at the interests and experience of school-aged learners.

Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools

- is exactly the same format and level as *Cambridge English: Preliminary*
- leads to the same internationally recognised Cambridge English certificate as *Cambridge English: Preliminary*
- is a first step for learners wishing to move on to *Cambridge English: First (FCE) for Schools*.

www.CambridgeESOL.org/PreliminaryForSchools





"I decided to take the Cambridge English: Preliminary exam because I want to go to the USA when I've finished school. And I think it's good for my working career."

Daniel Butz, Germany

Why choose Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools?

Real everyday English

- Helps children communicate naturally in English
- Children have the opportunity to read, write, listen to and speak English based on realistic everyday situations

An international test

- *Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools* is developed according to international standards
- Children taking this test will join more than 3 million people worldwide that take Cambridge English tests each year
- Linked to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) – the international way to describe language ability

High quality testing

- A high quality test that is fair and reliable
- Reading and Writing, and Listening papers are marked in the UK and subject to rigorous quality procedures

Popular with teachers

- Teachers can see exactly what level of English a child has and how their English is improving
- Teachers can focus on developing real language for communication
- The face-to-face Speaking test means teachers can encourage learners to speak English in classroom activities
- Teachers get lots of support as they prepare children for their test www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach

Internationally accepted

- Children can achieve an English qualification that improves their prospects for international study and work
- Children who pass the exam receive the same certificate as someone taking *Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)* – the same exam, but for older learners
- The *Cambridge English: Preliminary* certificate is accepted by colleges, universities and governments around the world
- This exam is accredited by Ofqual, the regulator of qualifications, examinations and assessments in England

Real-life language skills

Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools is set at CEFR Level B1. At this level, learners can:

- understand the main points of straightforward instructions or public announcements
- understand instructions on classes and homework given by a teacher
- ask simple questions and take part in factual conversations in school and study environments
- write a description of an event, for example a school trip.



Exam results

Each learner that successfully completes *Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools* receives two documents – a certificate and a Statement of Results.

Certificate

The certificate indicates the language level they achieved:

Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools – Level B2

Introduced September 2011

Pass with Distinction

Exceptional students sometimes show ability beyond B1 level. If a student achieves Pass with Distinction in their exam, they will receive the *Preliminary English Test* certificate stating that they demonstrated ability at Level B2.

Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools – Level B1

Pass with Merit or Pass

If a student achieves Pass with Merit or Pass in their exam, they will be awarded the *Preliminary English Test* certificate at Level B1.

Level A2 certificate

It is important to recognise students' achievements, even if they do not reach Level B1. If a student's performance falls within Level A2, they will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that they demonstrated ability at A2 level.

The Common European Framework of Reference

**Cambridge English:
Preliminary**

C Proficient user	C2		
	C1		
B Independent user	B2	Pass with Distinction*	
	B1	Pass with Merit Pass	Practical English for everyday use
A Basic user	A2	Level A2	
	A1		

* Pass with Distinction was introduced in September 2011

Statement of Results

This shows three pieces of information:

- the level achieved by the learner
- their score indicated as a number between 0-100
- a profile showing their performance on each paper.
This information helps candidates and their teachers understand the learner's strengths and weaknesses.

The exam format

Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools has three papers:

Reading and Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes

50% of the final mark (25% for Reading and 25% for Writing)

Students need to be able to read texts from signs, newspapers and magazines and understand the main points. They need to show they can use vocabulary and structure by completing tasks such as producing a short message, and writing a story or letter of around 100 words.

Listening: 30 minutes (approximately)

25% of the mark

Students need to show they can understand the meaning of a range of recorded spoken material, including announcements, interviews and discussions about everyday life. They also need to be able to understand the attitudes and intentions of the speakers.

Speaking: 10-12 minutes

25% of the mark

Students take part in a conversation, asking and answering questions, and talking freely about their likes and dislikes. They take the Speaking test with another candidate or in a group of three.

Download sample papers at
www.CambridgeESOL.org/PreliminaryForSchools

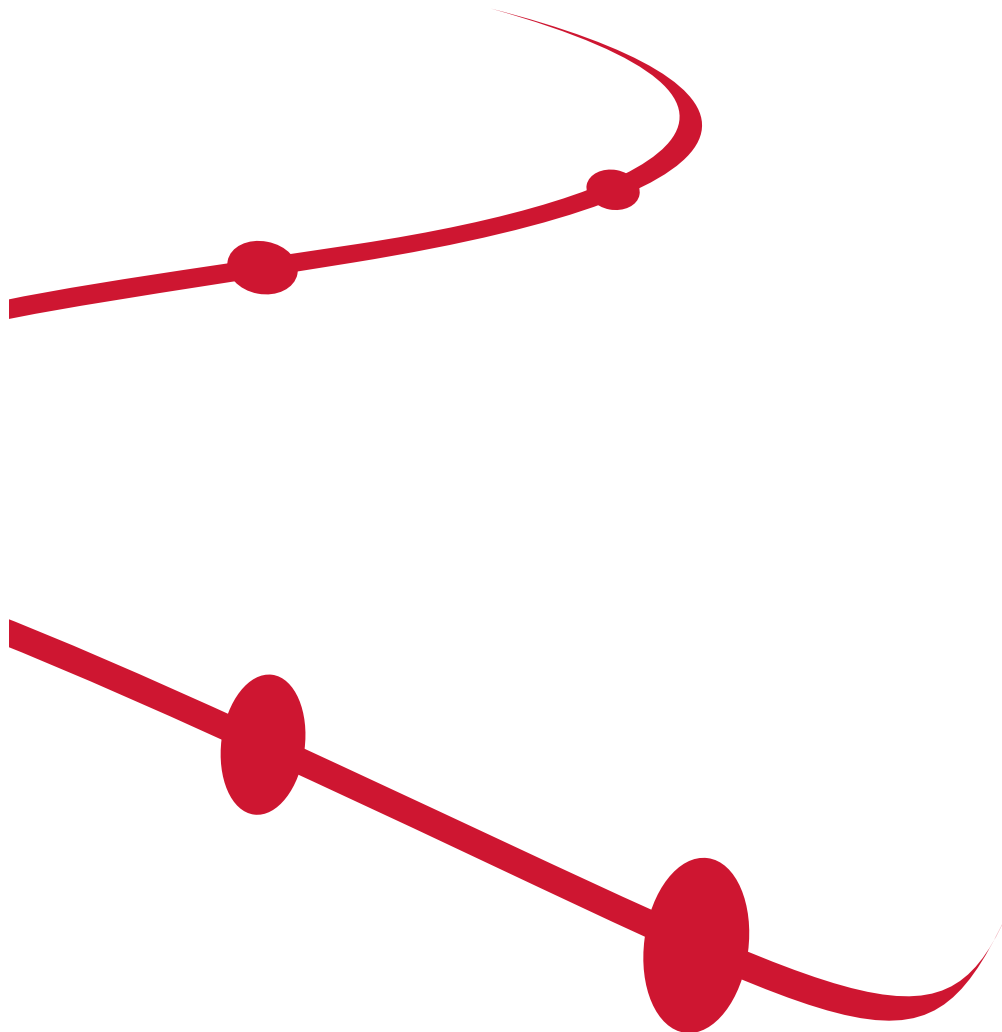
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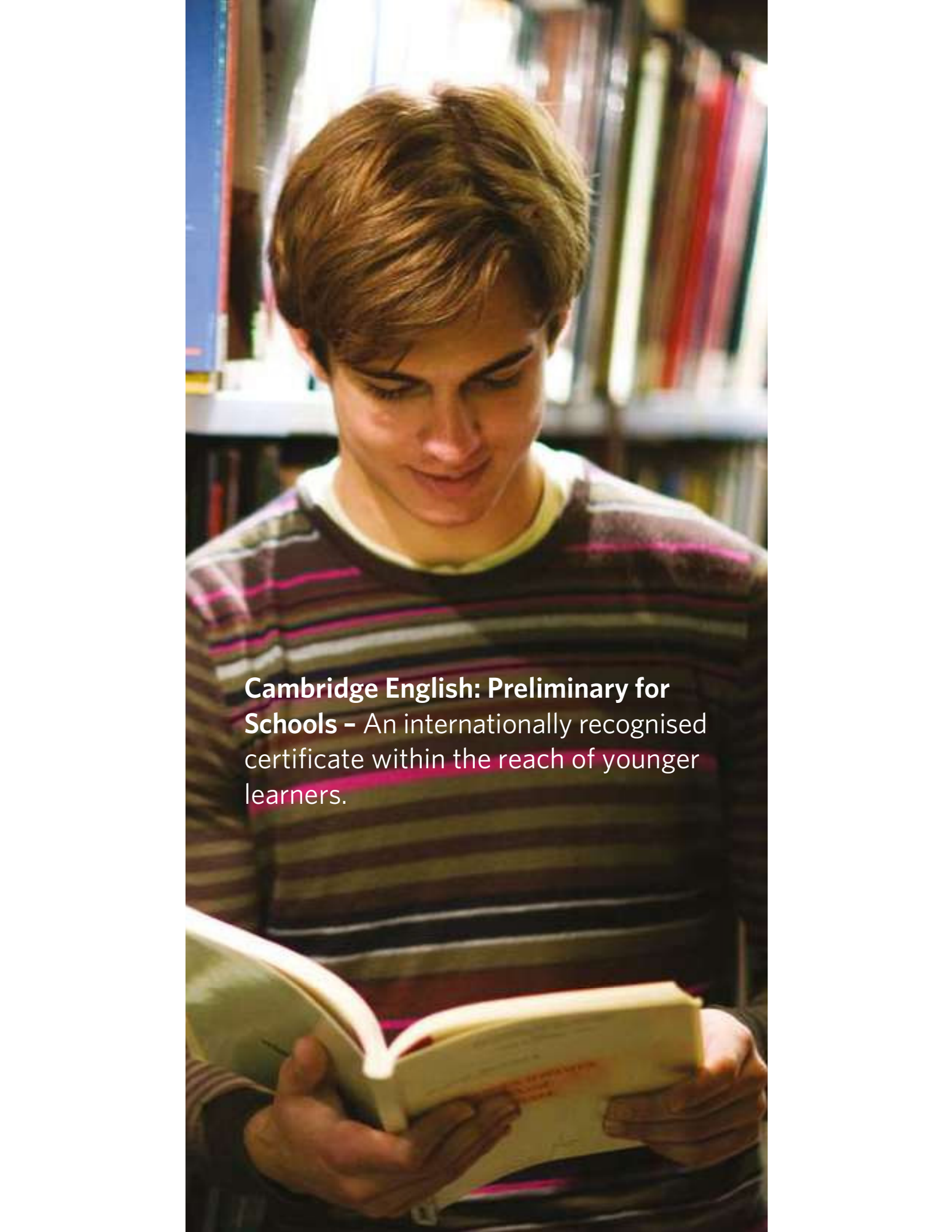
Cambridge ESOL offers even the youngest learners the chance to learn real language skills in a way that is enjoyable and encourages progress.

Cambridge English: Key (KET) for Schools
CEFR (Level A2)

Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET) for Schools
CEFR (Level B1)

Cambridge English: First (FCE) for Schools
CEFR (Level B2)





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What's next?

Teachers

Find a centre

If your school does not already prepare students for Cambridge English exams, you can find out more by contacting your local Cambridge ESOL examination centre.

Find a centre near you at www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres

Support

Cambridge ESOL is here to help you every step of the way. You can download sample papers, an Online Practice Test and other resources to help you prepare candidates for their exam.

Find out more at www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach

There is also a wide range of support and preparation tips for students at www.CambridgeESOL.org

Parents

Contact your child's school or English teacher

They can advise you on preparing your child for the exam.

Find a centre that offers Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools

Your local Cambridge ESOL exam centre can help you find out about:

- registering your child for the exam
- exam dates
- practice materials
- preparation courses.

Find a centre near you at www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres

Find out more about the exam at www.CambridgeESOL.org/PreliminaryForSchools

Successful students can develop their skills further by taking one of our higher (Level B2) examinations:

- *Cambridge English: First (FCE) for Schools*
www.CambridgeESOL.org/FirstForSchools



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