



Key English Test *for schools*



Level A2

A *basic-level* school test for everyday written and spoken English.

A head start in English

What is Key English Test (KET) for Schools?

KET for Schools is a certificate that shows a pupil can deal with everyday written and spoken English at a basic level.

Why KET for Schools?

- KET for Schools is specially tailored to suit the interests of pupils, so it increases their **motivation** to learn English.
- Because it is based on familiar topics and situations, KET for Schools gives pupils the **confidence** to use their English.
- Passing KET for Schools inspires **enthusiasm** in pupils to move on to further qualifications (see chart).
- A Cambridge ESOL qualification gives pupils a head start in life. Our qualifications are **recognised** by colleges, universities, employers and governments around the world.

KET or KET for Schools?

There are two versions of KET available: KET and KET for Schools. Both follow exactly the same format and the level of the question papers is identical. The only difference is that the content and treatment of topics in KET for Schools have been particularly targeted at the interests and experience of school pupils.

What level is KET for Schools?

KET for Schools is at Level A2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – an internationally recognised framework.

At A2 level, typical users can:

- understand simple questions and instructions
- express simple opinions or needs
- complete forms and write short, simple letters or postcards related to personal information.

Preparation for KET for Schools will give a pupil these kinds of practical language skills.

CEFR	General English		
Mastery C2	CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English		
Effective Operational Proficiency C1	CAE Certificate in Advanced English		
Vantage B2	FCE First Certificate in English		
Threshold B1	PET for Schools	PET Preliminary English Test	
Waystage A2	YLE Flyers	KET for Schools	KET Key English Test
Break-through A1	YLE Movers		
	YLE Starters		

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Cambridge Young Learners English Tests

Marks and results

Cambridge ESOL examinations reward the individual abilities of all pupils.

Successful candidates receive a certificate marked with one of the two passing grades – Pass with Merit or Pass.

Those who do not achieve a KET passing grade (Council of Europe Level A2), but have demonstrated ability at the Council of Europe level below this are awarded a certificate for Level A1.

Only pupils with a score below Council of Europe Level A1 receive a Fail grade.

What does KET for Schools involve?

KET for Schools has three papers:

Reading and Writing: 1 hr 10 min

Candidates need to be able to understand simple written information such as signs, brochures, newspapers and magazines. They will also have to fill gaps in simple sentences and write a short message or note of 25-35 words.

Listening: 30 min

Candidates need to show their ability to understand announcements and other spoken material when spoken reasonably slowly.

Speaking: 10 min

Candidates need to demonstrate that they can take part in a conversation by answering and asking simple questions. They take the Speaking test with another candidate or in a group of three.

Support for teachers and schools

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Next steps

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Cambridge ESOL examinations are taken by over two million people a year in more than 130 countries.

KET for Schools is the basic-level English test that:

- increases the **motivation** of pupils to learn
- gives pupils the **confidence** to use all four skills
- inspires **enthusiasm** to carry on learning
- is **recognised** around the world.

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