



Preliminary English Test (PET)

Level B1

An **intermediate-level** exam for everyday written and spoken English for travel, work or study.

Passing PET shows you can use everyday written and spoken English at an intermediate level.

What will PET do for you?

- PET is accepted by many employers as proof of ability to use English for administrative and secretarial jobs. It is also widely accepted for use for work where spoken English is necessary, such as tourism, retail, construction, manufacturing and engineering.
- Many universities and government departments officially recognise PET as an intermediate qualification in English. You can find a list of organisations and universities that recognise PET at: www.CambridgeESOL.org/recognition
- PET uses real-life situations and is designed to help you communicate more effectively.
- Because PET focuses on all four skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking – you find out your strengths and weaknesses in using English.
- Passing PET gives you the confidence to move on to higher qualifications such as the First Certificate in English (FCE).

Remember ... Cambridge ESOL is a department of the world-famous University of Cambridge: a Cambridge ESOL certificate is an achievement that says a great deal about your ability and your hard work.

What level is PET?

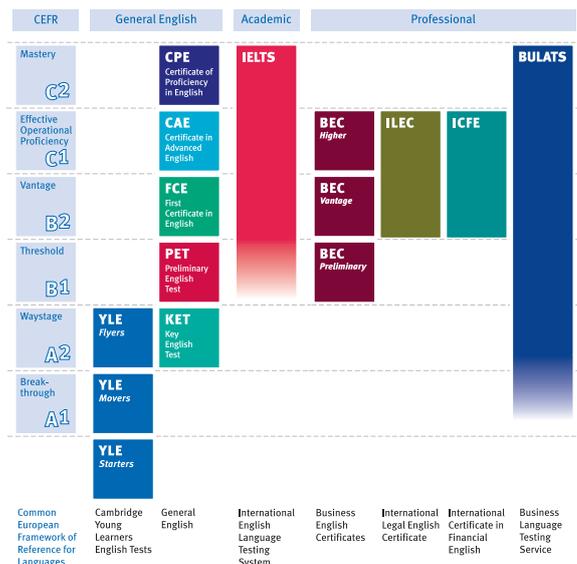
PET is at Level B1 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – an internationally recognised framework.



At B1 level, typical users can:

- 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 or make notes on familiar matters.

Your preparation for PET will give you these kinds of practical language skills.



What does PET involve?

PET has three papers:

Reading and Writing: 1 hr 30 min

You need to be able to read texts from signs, journals, newspapers and magazines and understand the main points. You will need to show you 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 min (approx)

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

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Speaking:

12 min

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

Supporting you

As with all of Cambridge ESOL's exams, there is a lot of support available to help you prepare.

Most candidates take preparation courses run by schools and universities, but others prepare for the exams by themselves.

The Cambridge ESOL Candidate Support website (www.candidates.CambridgeESOL.org/cs) has an area where you can access a variety of support materials, including the booklet: *Information for Candidates*, and sample exam papers, which include sound files for the Listening test.

Next steps

Find out more

You can find out more about PET by visiting:

www.CambridgeESOL.org/PET

Register

If you are studying English at the moment, speak to your teacher about how to enrol.

If you are not studying at the moment, your nearest Cambridge ESOL exam centre will be able to advise you about:

- how to register
- fees
- the dates of the exam.

We have more than 2,000 centres in over 130 countries. You can find your nearest centre at: www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres

Entries cannot be made directly to Cambridge ESOL.

If you have a disability or a specific learning difficulty (such as dyslexia) it may be possible for special arrangements to be made when taking the exam; contact your nearest centre for information.

About Cambridge ESOL

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

- uncompromising commitment to assessment of the highest quality
- recognition by universities, employers and official bodies throughout the world
- a high level of support for learners and teachers.

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