Cambridge Primary Checkpoint A guide to using the reports



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Cambridge Primary Checkpoint – comprehensive feedback for learners, teachers and schools

What is Cambridge Primary Checkpoint?

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint is an innovative diagnostic testing service. It has been designed to give comprehensive feedback on a learner's strengths and weaknesses in the key curriculum areas – English, Mathematics and Science. The results of the tests – which are given in detailed feedback reports – help learners understand more about their strengths and weaknesses in these subjects.

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint is part of Cambridge Primary, which includes a curriculum with optional assessment. The tests provide assessment based on the learning objectives within the Cambridge Primary curriculum frameworks.

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint tests are used in Cambridge schools around the world. They are designed for learners of approximately 11 years of age and cover all major areas of learning in the first years of an international secondary education. Cambridge Primary Checkpoint tests skills and at the end of stages 4 – 6 of the curriculum for English and stages 3-6 of the curriculum for Science.

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint reports allow schools to:

- tailor individual learning programmes
- monitor group and individual performance
- provide information for reporting to learners and parents
- compare the performance of all the learners taking the test in that session
- manage learning programmes as learners move between schools.

The feedback measures a learner's performance against a number of variables, including how a learner performed in relation to:

- the learning objectives in the Cambridge Primary curriculum framework
- their teaching group
- a whole school cohort
- previous years' learners.

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint tests are offered twice during the year.

A list of the main strands and sub-strands for each subject is included in the Appendix. It is the analysis of the detailed sub-strands which provides the framework for feedback on each learner's strengths and weaknesses.

English as a Second Language

For schools teaching the Cambridge Primary English as a Second Language curriculum, externally certificated assessments can be provided by our sister organisation University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL).

The Cambridge ESOL tests suitable for learners at the Cambridge Primary stage are:

Cambridge English: Starters (YLE Starters) Cambridge English: Movers (YLE Movers)

Cambridge English: Flyers (YLE Flyers)

Cambridge English: Key (KET) for Schools

Further information is available from www.CambridgeESOL.org

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint – comprehensive feedback for learners, teachers and schools

Feedback for learners, teachers and schools

Detailed feedback is a central feature of Cambridge Primary Checkpoint. The main purposes of the feedback are:

- To provide information on a learner's areas of strength and weakness. The feedback enables the future teaching of those learners to be effectively focused. The strengths can be consolidated and the areas of weakness can be tackled.
- To review the parts of the curriculum where teaching has been most effective and the parts where it has been less effective. This can help teachers to learn lessons about the teaching approaches that work well, and to improve their teaching of future groups of learners.

The feedback is sent in two parts.

Part 1: This is sent within four weeks of the completed scripts being received in Cambridge. This feedback has three parts:	Part 2: The End of session report is sent when the results from all schools offering Cambridge Checkpoint tests have been processed. This feedback has four parts:
 A report on the performance of individual learners. A report on the performance of teaching groups. A report on the performance of the school as a whole. These reports are offered for each of the three subjects – English, Mathematics and Science. 	 The Principal examiner's report on the question papers and learners' responses. The demographic breakdown of the whole entry showing the average performance of learners broken down by age and whether English is their first language. Block diagrams to illustrate the performance of learners by age and whether English is their first language. Cumulative frequency graphs illustrating the performance of learners by age and whether English is their first language. These reports are offered for each of the three subjects – English, Mathematics and Science.

Cambridge Primary Checkpoint – comprehensive feedback for learners, teachers and schools

The Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale

Performance in Cambridge Primary Checkpoint tests is not reported as raw scores (simple numbers of marks). This is because raw scores are not suitable for making direct comparisons between different sets of questions. For example, if a learner achieves a higher raw score on the Biology questions than on the Chemistry questions, this might be because:

- the learner is stronger in Biology
- the Biology questions were easier
- there were more marks available in Biology

or it may be due to a combination of these reasons.

Similarly, it is not possible to directly compare raw scores.

In order to make direct comparisons, it is necessary to convert raw scores into scores on a standardised scale of achievement. The Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale takes the difficulty of the questions into account, so that if a learner achieves a higher Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score in Biology than in Chemistry, this can only mean that a learner is better at Biology than Chemistry.

The Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale runs from 0.0 to 6.0, with 0.0 being the lowest possible score and 6.0 the highest.

Example feedback reports

Examples of the different types of report are shown, with explanatory notes, on the next pages. The school and learner names are fictitious.

The example reports are for Science, but reports in English and Mathematics are identical in format apart from the names of the strands and sub-strands in the curriculum.

Statement of achievement

Feedback on an individual student: Statement of achievement

The feedback on individual learners comes in two parts: a Statement of achievement and a Report to student. Both parts should be given to the learner.

Each learner receives a Cambridge Primary Checkpoint statement of achievement which shows how well he or she has performed in the tests.

The statement of achievement reflects:

- The level of achievement reached by the learner across the whole test. This is expressed as a score on the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale.
- The level of achievement reached in each of the strands, expressed on the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale. In this particular example, the student is much stronger in Physics than in Biology or Scientific enquiry. A list of the main strands in each subject is given in the Appendix.



Explanatory Notes

The results are given using the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale. Scores on the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale are from 0.0 (the lowest level of achievement) to 6.0 (the highest level of achievement). This document is a Statement of achievement in a Cambridge Primary Checkpoint test. Examination certificates are not issued for Cambridge Primary Checkpoint tests.

Report to student

Feedback on an individual student: Report to student

This is the second part of the feedback on individual learners, and provides more information than the Statement of achievement.

The Report to student covers:

- Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores for the subject as a whole and for the main strands within the subject. These scores are the same as on the Statement of achievement but are broken down into more detail.
- A brief explanation of the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale.
- A list of the four most difficult part-questions that the learner answered correctly, together with the main strands and substrands assessed by those part-questions. This information gives an indication of the sub-strands in which the learner is particularly strong.
- A list of the four easiest part-questions that the learner answered incorrectly, together with the main strand and sub-strands assessed by those part-questions. This information gives an indication of the sub-strands in which the learner is particularly weak.





REPORT TO STUDENT

To be given to the student with the Statement of achievement

Student Name: Rabie Dagher	Centre: International School of Switzerland	Subject: Science
Student Number: 7321	Centre Number: CHX92	Date: October 2012

Your overall resul	ts are as follows:	What you got right and what you got wrong										
Science (overall)	Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.5	Most of your answe	rs were as expected	d for a student with your Cambridge								
Biology	Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.0	most surprising ones	score. However, som s are listed below. T	e of your answers were surprising: the hey may give you information about								
Chemistry	Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.6	what parts of the su	bject you are good	at and what parts you need to work								
Physics	Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 4.5	Questions you ansy	we expected you to find difficult									
Scientific enquiry	Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.5	Question and part	Strand	Sub-strand								
This is what the s	cores mean:	7bi 8c 10bi 12a	Biology Scientific enquiry Physics Biology	Humans and animals Planning from ideas and evidence Sound Plants								
5.0	Excellent	Questions you ansv	vered incorrectly th	at we expected you to find easy								
3.01	Very good	Question and part	Strand	Sub-strand								
4.0 - 3.0 -	Good (about average for Cambridge Primary Checkpoint students)	1c 2di	Physics Biology	Electricity and magnetism Humans and animals								
2.0 -	OK, but below average for Cambridge Primary Checkpoint students	8c 12b	Scientific enquiry Biology	Planning from ideas and evidence Living things in their environment								
1.0 -	Poor											
0.0	Very poor											

Report on teaching group: Part 1

Report on teaching group: Part 1

The feedback on each teaching group comes in three parts. Part 1 is the summary. This covers:

- The Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score for the subject as a whole, averaged over all the learners in the teaching group.
- The Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores for each of the main strand areas, averaged over all the learners in the teaching group. In this particular example, the group as a whole has performed better in Physics than in Biology. For a list of the main strand areas in each subject, please see the Appendix.
- The Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale explained for teachers.
- The performance of the teaching group in each sub-strand. This analysis reports on whether the performance of the group on the sub-strand was better than expected, worse than expected or as expected. The analysis takes into account both the difficulties of the questions in the sub-strand and the overall ability of the learners.

In this particular example, when the difficulties of the questions are taken into account, and given the overall level of ability of the learners, they performed as expected in The Earth in Chemistry, and Forces and motion in Physics, but worse than expected in Material properties in Chemistry. This helps to identify more precisely the group's areas of strength and weakness.



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REPORT ON TEACHING GROUP

Part 1: Summary

Name of Teaching Group: Class 5C	Centre: International School of Switzerland	Subject: Science
Number of Students: 6	Centre Number: CHX92	Date: October 2012

Average Checkp	oint scores are	Perf	formance in each sub-strand	
Science (overall)	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.6	For	this part of the report, we have used the overall ab	ility of each student and the difficulty of each question
Biology	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.1	perf	ormance with their actual performance. If there is a	a sub-strand where your group of students has
Chemistry	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.5	perf	ormed better than expected, this may indicate that	the teaching has been particularly effective in that sub-
Physics	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 4.4	indic	cate that the coverage of the sub- strand was incor	nplete or that learning in this area has been less
Scientific enquiry	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 4.1	thor	ough than in other areas.	
Explanation of the Scores on the C lowest level of a The standard o Cambridge Prin	e Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Scale: Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale are from 0.0 (the ability) to 6.0 (the highest level of ability). f performance represented by a number on the nary Checkpoint scale is the same in every session. ambridge Primary Checkpoint student should achieve	Bp Be Bh Che Cp Cs Cc	Plants Living things in their environment Humans and animals mistry Material properties States of matter Material changes	Performance was as expected Performance was as expected Performance was as expected Performance was worse than expected Performance was as expected Performance was as expected
 An average Ca a score betwee 	in 3.0 and 4.0.	Pf	Forces and Motion	Performance was as expected
 The proportion usually about 7 	of students achieving scores between 2.0 and 5.0 is 5%.	Ps Pl Pm	Sound Light and dark Electricity and magnetism	Performance was worse than expected Performance was as expected Performance was as expected
The scale is the	e same for the subject as a whole and for each strand.	Pb	The Earth and beyond	Performance was as expected
Note: Any student who either paper has b	missed a paper or who obtained a score of zero on been omitted from the analysis on this page.	Scie Ep Eo	entific enquiry Planning from ideas and evidence Obtaining, presenting and considering evidence	Performance was as expected Performance was as expected

Report on teaching group:Part 2

Report on teaching group: Part 2

The second part of the feedback on a teaching group provides a summary for teachers of all their learners' results in that subject.

The List of students' results covers:

- The individual learner's Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores on the subject as a whole and on each of the main strands within the subject.
- The averages for the whole teaching group: these figures are the same as on Part 1 of the Report on teaching group.





REPORT ON TEACHING GROUP

Part 2: List of students' results

Name of Teaching Group: Class 5C	Centre: International School of Switzerland	Subject: Science
Number of Students: 6	Centre Number: CHX92	Date: October 2012

Table of students' results

Any student who missed a paper or who obtained a score of zero on either paper has been omitted from the analysis on this page.

Student	Student Name	Results (Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Scores)														
Number		Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	Scientific enquiry										
7316	Abdul Salam	3.9	3.6	3.8	4.7	4.2										
7317	Francesco Neri	4.3	3.9	4.1	5.1	4.7										
7318	John Shore	3.4	2.8	3.3	4.3	3.8										
7319	Irmgard Wittig	3.3	2.9	3.2	4.0	4.3										
7320	Kris Moors	3.0	2.4	3.0	3.8	4.0										
7321	Rabie Dagher	3.5	3.0	3.6	4.5	3.5										
	Class Average	3.6	3.1	3.5	4.4	4.1										

Report on teaching group: Part 3

This provides the teacher with information about the raw marks scored by each learner on each part of each question.

- Each column in the report represents a part-question. The top few rows are column headings, giving the paper number, question number, and identifying the question part.
- Below the column headings, the table shows the codes for the main strand and sub-strand assessed by each part-question. A list of the codes for all three subjects is given in the Appendix. There is also a list on Part 1 of the Report on teaching group.
- The next row of the table shows the maximum number of marks available for each part-question.
- The main part of the report shows the marks scored by each learner on each part-question. Where the learner has not attempted to answer, the mark is given by a dot. In this particular example, it can be seen that student 905 has not attempted to answer any part of Paper 1 Question 8. This report can be used to identify particular questions that have caused difficulties for the learners, particularly in areas where their performance has been identified as worse than expected (see Part 2 of the Report on teaching group). In this particular example, plants (Bp) was identified as an area where performance was worse than expected, and it can be seen from this part of the report that there are parts of Paper 1 Question 8 that none of the learners were able to answer

correctly. The teacher might then want to look at these question parts to see if there is a reason for this difficulty, such as an aspect of the topic assessed in this question that was not included in the teaching.

• The last few columns on the right-hand side of the report show the total scores of each learner on each paper and on the test as a whole, together with the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores achieved by the learners.





REPORT ON TEACHING GROUP

Part 3: Marks scored on each question

Name of Teaching Group: Class 5C	Centre: International School of Switzerland	Subject: Science
Number of Students: 6	Centre Number: CHX92	Date: October 2012

Table of marks scored by each student on each question

All students in the teaching group are shown on this page. A dot is shown where a student did not answer.

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Centre report

Centre report

The Centre report is an overview for the head of department. It provides an average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score for all learners in the school. The average scores and pattern of performance in sub-strands are also calculated for all learners.



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CENTRE REPORT

Number of Teaching Groups: 3	Centre: International School of Switzerland	Subject: Science
Number of Students: 40	Centre Number: CHX92	Date: October 2012

Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores are	Performance in each sub-strand
Science (overall)Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.4BiologyAverage Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.1ChemistryAverage Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.4PhysicsAverage Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.8Scientific enquiryAverage Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score = 3.7	We used the overall ability of each student and the difficulty of each question to predict how well each student should perform on each question. We then compared their predicted performance with their actual performance. If there is a sub-strand where your group of students has performed better than expected, this may indicate that the teaching has been particularly effective in that sub-strand. If there is a sub-strand where your group of students has performed better than expected, this may indicate that the teaching has been particularly effective in that sub-strand. If there is a sub-strand where your group of students has performed worse than expected, this <i>may</i> indicate that the coverage of the sub-strand was incomplete or that learning in this area has been less thorough than in other areas.
 Explanation of the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Scale: Scores on the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale are from 0.0 (the lowest level of ability) to 6.0 (the highest level of ability). The standard of performance represented by a number on the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scale is the same in every session. An 'average' Cambridge Primary Checkpoint student should achieve a score between 3.0 and 4.0. The proportion of students achieving scores between 2.0 and 5.0 is usually about 75%. The scale is the same for the subject as a whole and for each strand. Note: Any student who missed a paper or who obtained a score of zero on either paper has been omitted from the analysis on this page. 	BiologyBpPlantsPerformance was as expectedBeLiving things in their environmentPerformance was as expectedBhHumans and animalsPerformance was as expectedChemistryCCpMaterial propertiesPerformance was worse than expectedCcMaterial changesPerformance was as expectedCsStates of matterPerformance was as expectedPhysicsPerformance was as expectedPfForces and motionPerformance was as expectedPsSoundPerformance was as expectedPlLight and darkPerformance was as expectedPmElectricity and magnetismPerformance was as expectedPbThe Earth and beyondPerformance was as expectedScientific enquiryEpPlanning from ideas and evidencePerformance was as expectedPoObtaining, presenting and considering evidencePerformance was as expected

End of session reports

End of session report: Principal examiner's report and Demographic breakdown of entry

The End of session reports for all three subjects – English, Mathematics and Science – are sent out together.

For each subject, the first part of the End of session report is the Principal examiner's report, a report describing the learners' performance on each question. An example of a Principal examiner's report is not shown here because they may vary in format and style.

The second part of the End of session report is the Demographic breakdown of the entry.

- The whole group of Cambridge Primary Checkpoint learners, from all Centres, is broken down into three age categories (13 and under, 14, 15 and over) and into two language categories (first language English, first language not English). This enables Centres to compare their own performance with that of other schools with similar learners.
- For each category, the number of learners is shown as a percentage of the total entry.
- For each category of learner, the average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score on the subject as a whole and on each of the main strands is shown.

Demographic breakdown of total entry for Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Science

		Percentage of total entry	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint total score	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Physics score	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Chemistry score	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Biology score	Average Cambridge Primary Checkpoint Scientific enquiry score
Age in years	First language						
10 and under	Not English	29.3	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.8	4.0
	English	5.0	3.7	3.7	4.0	3.7	3.9
	All	34.3	3.9	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.9
	First language						
11	Not English	38.7	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.4	3.7
	English	9.4	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.6	3.6
	All	48.1	3.7	3.9	4.0	3.5	3.7
	First language						
12 and over	Not English	13.5	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.0	3.3
	English	4.1	2.8	3.4	2.6	2.4	3.0
	All	17.6	3.1	3.3	3.1	2.9	3.1
	First language						
All	Not English	81.5	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.3	3.3
	English	18.5	3.5	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.4
	All	100.0	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.3	3.3

End of session reports

End of session report: Block diagrams

The third part of the End of session report is a series of block charts similar to the example shown.

- Each block chart shows the distributions of Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores achieved by the learners.
- The block charts break the learners into categories so that the distributions for the categories may be compared. In this particular example, the categories are the two first-language categories: a separate block diagram will show the distributions for the different age categories.
- The example shows the distribution of Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores for the subject as a whole. There are also block diagrams showing the distributions for each of the main strand areas.



End of session reports

End of session report: Cumulative frequency graphs

The fourth section of the End of session report is a series of cumulative frequency graphs. These show the percentage of learners who achieved a particular Cambridge Primary Checkpoint score or less. All the curves therefore start at 0 per cent of learners scoring 0.0 or less, and end at 100 per cent of learners scoring 6.0 or less.

- The graphs show the learners broken down into categories. In the example shown, the categories are by age, and consequently there are three curves shown. The End of session report will also include a cumulative frequency graph with two curves for the learners categorised by whether their first language is English or not.
- The example shows the cumulative frequencies of Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores for the subject as a whole. Separate graphs are provided showing the Cambridge Primary Checkpoint scores on each of the main strand areas.

Distribution of Cambridge Primary Checkpoint total score for Science

by students' age, showing the cumulative percentage of the number of students at each score.



Appendix

Cambridge Primary curriculum frameworks are divided into different content areas, known as strands and sub-strands. Cambridge Primary Checkpoint reports are based on analysis of learners' performance in the strands and sub-strands that are tested in Cambridge Primary Checkpoint tests. Some strands of the curriculum are not reported separately.

The table below lists the strands and sub-strands reported in Cambridge Primary Checkpoint.

English – strands, sub-strands and reporting codes in Cambridge Primary Checkpoint reports				
Strands	Sub-strands	Reporting codes		
Usage	 Sentence structure Punctuation Vocabulary Spelling 	Un Up Uv Us		
Reading	Explicit meaningUse of languageImplicit meaning	Rx Ru Ri		
Writing	 Content Purpose/audience Text Structure 	Wc Wa Wt		

Mathematics – strands, sub-strands and reporting codes in Cambridge Primary Checkpoint reports				
Strands	Sub-strands	Reporting codes		
Number	Numbers and the number systemCalculation	Nn Nc		
Geometry	Shapes and geometric reasoningPosition and movement	Gs Gp		
Measure	 Money Length, mass and capacity Time Area and perimeter 	Mm MI Mt Ma		
Handling data	Organising, categorising and representing dataProbability	Dh Db		

Appendix

Science – Strands, sub-strands and reporting codes in Cambridge Primary Checkpoint reports				
Strands Sub-strands		Reporting codes		
Scientific enquiry	 Planning from ideas and evidence Obtaining, presenting and considering evidence 	Ep* Eo*		
Biology	 Plants Living things in their environment Humans and animals 	Bp Be Bh		
Chemistry	Material propertiesMaterial changesStates of matter	Cp Cc Cs		
Physics	 Forces and motion Sound Light and dark Electricity and magnetism The Earth and beyond 	Pf Ps Pl Pm Pb		

* Please note that the **Ep** reporting code covers both the *Ideas and evidence* and *Plan* investigative work sub-strands. The **Eo** reporting code covers both the *Obtain and present evidence* and *Consider evidence and approach* sub-strands

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