

The Macmillan guide to...

English language exams

A **Macmillan** guide to some of the most widely taken **English language exams**, what they involve and what we offer for **preparation**





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ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAMS

Macmillan Education provides an extensive list of titles for English language exam preparation. This booklet explains some of the most internationally accepted English language exams for which Macmillan publishes. Information is given on the structure of each exam, exam timetables and centres, and which Macmillan Education books to choose.

TYPE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE EXAM



YOUNG LEARNERS



GENERAL ENGLISH
















ACADEMIC ENGLISH



BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL ENGLISH

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Young Learners of English

Preparation for



UNIVERSITY of CAMBRIDGE
ESOL Examinations

Find your nearest centre at:
www.CambridgeESOL.org/nextstep

- Full Name: **Cambridge Young Learners English Tests**
- Exam Board: **Cambridge ESOL British English**
- CEF Level: **pre-A1 – A2**

Approximate Age: Starters (from age 7)
Movers (age 8-11)
Flyers (age 9-12)

The Cambridge ESOL Young Learners English Tests are often a child's first experience of exams and the emphasis is very much on making the experience a positive one.

MARKING

All candidates who take the test receive an award, highlighting what they can do and giving them credit for taking the test. Score boundaries are set so that all the results equate to a scale of achievement.

Where: Recognised Cambridge ESOL testing centre

When: Dates are chosen to fit in with local conditions (school terms, holiday periods etc)

How: Paper-based

More info:

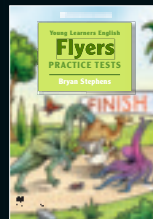
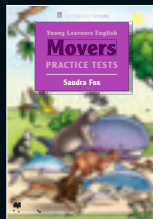
www.cambridgeESOL.org

STARTERS		Total 45 mins
Listening	Approx. 20 mins	4 tasks, 20 items
Reading & Writing	20 mins	5 tasks, 25 items
Speaking	3-5 mins	5 tasks
MOVERS		Total 65 mins
Listening	Approx. 25 mins	5 tasks, 25 items
Reading & Writing	30 mins	6 tasks, 40 items
Speaking	5-7 mins	4 tasks
FLYERS		Total 75 mins
Listening	Approx. 25 mins	5 tasks, 25 items
Reading & Writing	40 mins	7 tasks, 50 items
Speaking	7-9 mins	4 tasks

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Young Learners English Practice Tests

The nature of these tests is reflected both in our beautifully illustrated practice tests and in the Teacher's Notes with practical activity ideas for each of the Cambridge ESOL YLE Starters, Movers and Flyers tests. The perfect bridge from coursebook to exam!



For more information on exam preparation materials, visit www.macmillanexams.com



- Full Name: **Key English Test**
(‘for Schools’ version also available)
- Exam Board: **Cambridge ESOL
British English**
- CEF Level: **A2**

This is a low-level test of English that often acts as the first step in English language qualifications. It covers input for a range of everyday situations which require basic and predictable use of language.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Paper 1 Reading/Writing 1hr 10 mins	Parts 1-5	Reading skills tested with a range of short texts
	Parts 6-9	Basic writing skills tested
Paper 2 Listening 30 mins	Parts 1-5	Listening tasks include short conversations, discussions, interviews and messages
Paper 3 Speaking 8-10 mins	Part 1	Students interact with examiner
	Part 2	Students interact with each other

MARKING

The final score is an aggregate of all three papers.

- Pass with Merit = approx. 85%
- Pass = approx. 70%
- Narrow fail = within 5% of passing

Where: Recognised Cambridge ESOL testing centre

When: Computer-based – monthly; Paper-based – February, March, May, June (twice), July, October, November, December (based on 2012 dates)

How: Paper- or computer-based

More info: www.cambridgeESOL.org

Information

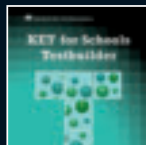
‘For Schools’ exam: Recently Cambridge ESOL has introduced ‘for Schools’ versions of some of their most popular exams. These exams follow exactly the same structure and skills as their original counterparts, but the topics have been adapted for a lower age range.

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KET Testbuilder TESTS THAT TEACH

- Four complete practice tests
- Guided analysis of answers
- Focus on common problem areas

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Laser A2

New introductory level from the popular Laser series. Includes a test per unit, term tests, final test and a KET practice test.





- Full Name: **Preliminary English Test** ('for Schools' version also available)
- Exam Board: **Cambridge ESOL British English**
- CEF Level: **B1**

The PET exam assesses all four skills needed in real-life situations and reflects the students' language proficiency in terms of their overall communicative ability. At this level, entrants should be able to understand opinions, attitudes, moods and wishes.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Paper 1 Reading/ Writing 1hr 30 mins Reading – 35 questions	Part 1	5 multiple-choice questions on five short discrete texts – signs and messages, postcards, notes etc
	Part 2	5 matching questions
	Part 3	10 true/false questions on an adapted authentic text
	Part 4	5 multiple-choice questions
	Part 5	10 multiple-choice cloze questions
Writing – 7 questions	Part 1	Sentence transformations
	Part 2	Short communicative message
	Part 3	Longer piece of continuous writing
Paper 2 Listening 30 mins, 25 questions	Part 1	Short neutral or informal pieces – 7 discrete multiple-choice questions with visuals
	Part 2	Longer monologue or interview – 6 multiple-choice questions
	Part 3	Longer monologue – six gaps to fill
	Part 4	Longer informal dialogue – 6 true/false questions
Paper 3 Speaking 10-12 mins per candidate	Part 1	Interaction with examiner (2-3mins)
	Part 2 / 4	Interaction with other candidates (2-3mins)
	Part 3	Extended individual speaking (3 mins)

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www.macmillanexams.com

Where: Recognised Cambridge ESOL testing centre

When: Computer-based – monthly; Paper-based – February, March (twice), May (twice), June (twice), July, October, November, December (based on 2012 dates)

How: Paper- or computer-based

More info: www.cambridgeESOL.org

MARKING

The final score is a total of all four papers. Each paper has an equal weight.

- Pass with Merit = 85-100%
- Pass = 70-84%

PREPARATION FROM MACMILLAN EXAMS

Ready for PET

In-depth short course for all students preparing for PET. With practice tests on CD-ROM.



CODE

A blended exam preparation course for teenage students. Ideal for PET for Schools with integrated online components.



Laser

A preparation course for teenage students – ideal for PET and PET for Schools.



Hotspot 5

A general English course with a strong grammar syllabus that, by level 5, prepares students to take the PET exam through specific exam practice sections and exam-style activities.



Information

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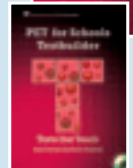
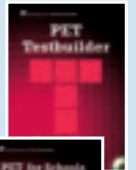
Check Your Vocabulary for PET

Activities to help build, improve and revise vocabulary for the PET exam.



PET Testbuilder

Four complete practice tests with a guided analysis of answers and a focus on common problem areas.



Macmillan Practice Online – PET

Web-based exercises to practise the skills and topic areas needed by PET students.



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- Full name: **First Certificate in English** ('for Schools' version also available)
- Exam Board: **Cambridge ESOL British English**
- CEF Level: **B2**

This widely taken exam tests the ability of the candidate to communicate effectively in English. In many countries it is seen as the benchmark of English language knowledge and is a requirement for employment. It is also taken in many schools as part of school-leaving exams.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Paper 1 Reading 1 hr	Part 1	Text + 8 multiple-choice questions
	Part 2	Text with 7 sentences removed that must be correctly inserted
	Part 3	Long text or several short texts + 15 multiple-matching questions
Paper 2 Writing 1 hr 20 mins	Part 1	One compulsory question (a letter or email)
	Part 2	One task to be chosen out of five
Candidates are expected to write texts such as an article, an essay, a letter, an email, a report, a review or a short story. The writing may refer to one of the two set texts.		
Paper 3 Use of English 45 mins	Part 1	Modified cloze test with options – 12 questions
	Part 2	Modified open cloze test – 12 questions
	Part 3	Selecting the correct word from a provided word stem – 10 questions
	Part 4	8 sentence-creation questions
Paper 4 Listening approx. 40 mins	Part 1	8 short extracts with a multiple-choice question for each one
	Part 2	Sentence-completion task with 10 questions
	Part 3	5 short, related monologues with 5 multiple-matching questions
	Part 4	Monologue/text involving interacting speakers – 7 multiple-choice questions
Paper 5 Speaking 14 mins 2 candidates and 2 examiners	Part 1	Conversation between candidate and examiner
	Part 2	Individual 'long turn' for each candidate with brief response from second candidate (visual and written stimuli, with spoken instruction)
	Part 3	Two-way conversation between candidates
	Part 4	Discussion on topics related to Part 3

2012 Set Texts – FCE

William Thackeray:
Vanity Fair
Mary Stewart:
The Rough



2012 Set Texts – FCE for Schools

William Shakespeare: **Macbeth**
Joe Simpson: **Touching the Void**

For more information, visit www.macmillanenglish.com/readers

MARKING

- The final score is based on the total score for all five papers. In order to pass the examination, not all five papers need to be at a satisfactory level.
- All papers are equally weighted and the total score is 200.
- Results are given as A, B or C for a pass, and D or E for a fail. These grades are set according to statistics of candidature, success rates, examiner advice/recommendations, and comparison with the previous year.

FCE

Where: Recognised Cambridge ESOL testing centre

When: Computer-based – January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November; Paper-based – February, March, April, May, June (twice), July (twice), August, October, November, December (twice) (based on 2012 dates)

How: Paper- or computer-based

More info: www.cambridgeESOL.org

For more information on exam preparation materials, visit www.macmillanexams.com

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Direct to FCE

A concise fast-track preparation course for FCE, combining print and online materials.



CODE

For younger students preparing for the FCE exam and school-leaving exams.



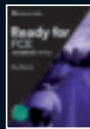
Laser

A preparation course for teenage students – ideal for bridging the gap between PET and FCE.



Ready for FCE

In-depth exam training to build the confidence and skills of students preparing for FCE. Key exam focus areas and coverage of relevant topics.



Gateway

Designed specifically to lead teenage students to success in school-leaving exams and university entrance exams.



Macmillan Practice

Online – FCE

Online practice tests for the FCE exam.

www.macmillanpracticeonline.com



Information

'For Schools' Exam: recently Cambridge ESOL has introduced 'for Schools' versions of some of their most popular exams. These exams follow exactly the same structure and skills as their original counterparts but the topics have been adapted for a lower age range

Ideal for short courses or self-study

Check Your

Vocabulary for FCE

Activities to help build, improve and revise vocabulary for the FCE.



FCE Testbuilder

Four complete practice tests with a guided analysis of answers and a focus on common problem areas.



FCE Language

Practice

Reliable and detailed approach to the grammar and vocabulary that is covered in the exam.





- Full Name: **Certificate in Advanced English**
- Exam Board: **Cambridge ESOL British English**
- CEF Level: **C1**

This exam goes further in testing English language proficiency by reflecting candidates' ease in their use of structure, register, fluency and their understanding of social and cultural linguistic elements.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Paper 1 Reading 1 hr 15 mins	Part 1	3 texts on a similar theme, each with 2 multiple-choice questions
	Part 2	Text with 6 paragraphs removed that must be correctly inserted in the correct order
	Part 3	Text followed by 7 multiple-choice questions
	Part 4	Long text or several short texts + 15 multiple-matching questions
Paper 2 Writing 1 hr 30 mins	Part 1	1 compulsory question
	Part 2	1 task to be chosen out of five (including one on the set texts)
Candidates are expected to write texts such as an article, an essay, a letter, information sheets, a proposal, a report, a review, or a competition entry. Evaluation, hypothesis, persuasion, justification and expression of opinion are expected.		
Paper 3 Use of English 1 hr	Part 1	Modified cloze test with 12 gaps and 12 questions
	Part 2	Modified open cloze test with 15 gaps
	Part 3	Selecting the correct word to fit into a text – 10 questions
	Part 4	5 questions, each with 3 discrete sentences with one gap. These sentences must be completed with one word appropriate to each of the 3 sentences
	Part 5	8 gapped sentences with given 'key word'
Paper 4 Listening approx. 40 mins	Part 1	3 short extracts with 2 multiple-choice questions for each extract
	Part 2	Sentence completion task with 8 questions
	Part 3	Text involving interacting speakers with 6 multiple-choice questions
	Part 4	5 short, related monologues with 10 multiple-matching questions
Paper 5 Speaking 15 mins 2 candidates and 2 examiners	Part 1	Conversation between candidate and examiner
	Part 2	Individual 'long turn' for each candidate with brief response from second candidate (visual and written stimuli, with spoken instruction)
	Part 3	Two-way conversation between candidates
	Part 4	Discussion on topics related to Part 3

MARKING

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- All papers are equally weighted and the total score is 200.
- Results are given as A, B or C for a pass, and D or E for a fail. These grades are set according to statistics of candidature, success rates, examiner advice/ recommendations, and comparison with the previous year.

2012 Set Texts

William Golding: Lord of the Flies
P. D. James: The Lighthouse

Where: Recognised Cambridge ESOL testing centre

When: Computer-based – January, February, March, April, May (twice), June (twice), July, August, September, October, November, December; Paper-based – January, February, March (twice), April (twice), May (thrice), June, July, August, September, October, November, December (thrice) (based on 2012 dates)

How: Paper- or computer-based

More info: www.cambridgeESOL.org

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Ready for CAE

In-depth exam training to build the confidence and skills of students preparing for CAE. Key exam focus areas and coverage of relevant topics.



Macmillan Practice Online – CAE

Web-based exercises to practise the skills and topic areas needed by CAE students.

www.macmillanpracticeonline.com

CAE Testbuilder

Four complete practice tests with a guided analysis of the answers and a focus on common problem areas.



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Macmillan Exam Practice Online

Exams covered: PET, FCE, CAE, CPE, IELTS, TOEIC® and TOEFL®.



The *Macmillan Practice Online* courses dedicated to exams are the perfect solution to support students' exam preparation, allowing them to work on their language skills while building their confidence and becoming familiar with the exam structure.

Key features

- Each course includes between 100 and 200 resources
- Courses include material that simulates the paper part of the chosen exam
- Each course includes access to the Macmillan English Dictionary
- All activities are automatically marked, so learners receive immediate feedback and can monitor their own progress



www.macmillanpracticeonline.com

Macmillan Test Maker

Your essential online testing toolkit

Macmillan Test Maker is an online testing tool that allows teachers of English as a foreign language to create and set an unlimited number of tests for an unlimited number of students.

Key features

- Limitless, paper-free English testing
- 24/7 access from any computer with an internet connection
- Six pre-built tests, plus a Placement Test, ready to use and easy to adapt
- A library of over 1,800 exercises to create tailor-made tests
- Testing resources covering listening, reading, language and vocabulary skills
- A wealth of exam-preparation materials for IELTS, TOEIC®, TOEFL® and the Cambridge suite
- Automatic marking, including question-by-question feedback





- Full Name: **Certificate of Proficiency in English**
- Exam Board: **Cambridge ESOL**
British English
- CEF Level: **C2**

CPE is the highest level of Cambridge ESOL exam. Its high standard recognises an extremely advanced grasp of English.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Paper 1 Reading 1 hr 30 mins	Part 1	3 short texts with 6 multiple-choice cloze questions on each
	Part 2	4 short texts with 2 multiple-choice questions on each
	Part 3	Gapped text with 7 questions
	Part 4	Long text with 7 multiple-choice questions
Paper 2 Writing 2 hrs	Part 1	One compulsory question
	Part 2	One question out of a choice of four (including set text option)
Candidates are expected to write texts such as an article, an essay, an email, a report, a review or a short story. The writing may refer to one of the two set texts.		
Paper 3 Use of English 1 hr 30 mins	Part 1	Modified open cloze with 15 questions
	Part 2	1 short text with 10 word formation questions
	Part 3	6 sets of 3 gapped sentences
	Part 4	8 word key transformations
	Part 5	2 texts with 4 questions and a summary writing task
Paper 4 Listening 40 mins	Part 1	4 short extracts with 2 multiple-choice questions on each
	Part 2	1 long text with 9 sentence completion questions
	Part 3	1 long text with 5 multiple-choice questions
	Part 4	1 long text with 6 matching questions
Paper 5 Speaking 19 mins per pair of candidates	3 parts	Interview, collaborative task, individual long turns and follow-up discussion

MARKING

- All papers are equally weighted and the total score is 200.
- Results are given as A, B, or C for a pass, and D or E for a fail. These grades are set according to statistics of candidature, success rates, examiner advice/recommendations, and comparison with the previous year.

Where: Recognised Cambridge ESOL testing centre

When: March, May, June, November, December (twice)
(based on 2012 dates)

How: Paper-based

More info: www.cambridgeESOL.org

For more information, please visit
the Macmillan Exams portal

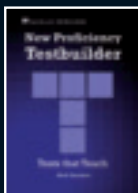
www.macmillanexams.com



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New Proficiency Testbuilder

Four complete practice tests with a guided analysis of answers and a focus on common problem areas.



Macmillan Practice Online – CPE

Web-based exercises to practise the skills and topic areas needed by CPE students.

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IELTS

- Full Name: **International English Language Testing System**
- Exam Board: **Cambridge ESOL International English**
- CEF Level: **n/a**

The exam is taken worldwide and many universities have now made it a requirement that foreign students should have a specific level before entering study. This is normally placed between bands 5.5 and 7.5.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Reading 1hr	3 passages with a total of 1500-2500 words	
	40 questions that get progressively more difficult	
	At least one of the tests will contain a detailed logical argument	
Writing 1hr	Two writing tasks – students are marked on the use of a range of vocabulary and grammar, organisation and development and how they respond to the task. Specialist knowledge is not being tested.	
	Task 1	Factual description of data – either a graph, table, bar chart or diagram using a minimum of 150 words. This takes about 20 minutes
	Task 2	Essay discussing an argument, opinion or a point of view. Students may be asked to write about one or more of the following specific aspects of a topic: causes, effects, solutions, problems, measures, proposals, suggestions, advantages/disadvantages, reasons for/against. Students may be asked to put forward their own opinion and suggestions for causes and solutions. This takes about 40 minutes and requires around 250 words
Listening Approx. 30-40 mins	4 sections – 40 questions getting progressively more difficult	
	Section 1	Conversation between two people on a general or social theme each section will only be played once
	Section 2	Monologue or interview on a general or social theme
	Section 3	Conversation between up to 4 speakers on an educational or training theme
	Section 4	Talk or lecture on a theme of general academic interest
Speaking 11-15 mins	Part 1 (4-5 mins)	The examiner will introduce themselves and ask questions about the student
	Part 2 (3-4 mins)	Monologue or interview on a general or social theme
	Part 3 (4-5 mins)	The student and the examiner have a discussion linked to the subject from part 2.

This information was taken from Sam McCarter's Tips for IELTS.



Did you know...?

All IELTS answers must be written on the official answer sheet for them to be considered.

MARKING

Band scores are awarded between 1 and 9.

Where: Recognised Cambridge ESOL testing centre

When: 48 fixed dates a year

How: Paper- or computer-based

More info: www.IELTS.org

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Ready for IELTS

In-depth exam training for the IELTS exam.



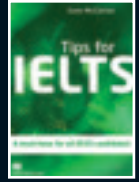
IELTS Foundation/ Graduation

A two-level course, with accompanying study skills books. IELTS bands 4–7/7.5.



Tips for IELTS

Packed full of all the information you need to know about the IELTS exam.



IELTS Testbuilders

Four complete practice tests at each level.



Check Your Vocabulary for IELTS

Activities to help build, improve and revise vocabulary for the IELTS exam.



Skills Series

This series may be used together as a complete course or individually alongside other coursebooks.



IELTS Language Practice

Clear grammar explanations, themed vocabulary units and a variety of exercise types to provide plenty of practice for all students preparing to sit their IELTS exams.



Focusing on IELTS

A comprehensive learning package of practice tests and skills development for IELTS students.



Macmillan Practice Online – Academic English with IELTS

Web-based exercises to practise the skills and topic areas needed by IELTS students: www.macmillanpracticeonline.com

TOEFL® Tests

- Full Name: **Test of English as a Foreign Language®**
- Exam Board: **ETS American English**
- CEF Level: n/a

Where: ETS-recognised testing centre
How: Paper-based or Internet-based
More info: www.ets.org

Widely used by universities in the US and across the globe as an indicator of English proficiency, and often required for admission. Increasingly used by government agencies, scholarship programmes and licensing/certification agencies.

EXAM STRUCTURE TOEFL® iBT™ Internet-based test

Reading 60-100 mins	3-5 passages from academic texts, 12-14 questions per passage
Listening 60-90 mins	4-6 lectures and class discussion each 3-5 mins long, 6 questions on each 2-3 conversations each 3 mins long, 5 questions on each
Speaking 20 mins	2 tasks to express an opinion 4 tasks to speak based on what is read and listened to
Writing 50 mins	1 task to write based on what is read and listened to 1 task to support an opinion on a topic

EXAM STRUCTURE TOEFL® Paper-based test

Listening Comprehension (30-40 mins)	50 questions
Structure and Written Expression (25 mins)	40 questions
Reading Comprehension (55 mins)	50 questions
Writing (30 mins)	1 topic question

MARKING

- The TOEFL iBT gives a score between 0 and 120.
- The TOEFL PBT gives a score between 310 and 677.

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Direct To TOEFL® iBT™

A short, concise course that combines print and online materials. The website includes three online TOEFL® iBT practice tests for an authentic test experience, accessed through a unique code found at the back of the Student's Book.



Check Your Vocabulary for TOEFL®

Activities to help build, improve and revise vocabulary for the TOEFL® exam.



The Heinemann TOEFL® Preparation Course

A principal preparation course, a supplement to a general English course or a self-study guide.



TOEFL® Testbuilder

Two complete practice tests with a guided analysis of answers and a focus on common problem areas.



Macmillan Practice Online-TOEFL®



TOEIC® TESTS

- Full Name: **Test of English for International Communication®**
- Exam Board: **ETS American English**
- CEF Level: **covers a range of levels**

Used by companies and institutions to determine a potential employee's English proficiency. It is based on real-life international scenarios. The new TOEIC® Speaking and Writing Tests have been added to the TOEIC® English language learning product line to test the full range of skills.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Listening and Reading 2 hours	Section I	Listening (photos, question/response, conversations, short talks) – 100 questions
	Section II	Reading (incomplete sentences, error recognition, reading comprehension) – 100 questions
Speaking 20 mins	11 questions	Read a text aloud, describe a picture, respond to questions, propose a solution, express an opinion
Writing 60 mins	8 questions	Write a sentence based on a picture, respond to a written request, write an opinion essay

MARKING

The TOEIC® gives a score between 10 and 990.

Where: ETS-recognised testing centre

How: Paper-based

More info: www.ets.org

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Check Your Vocabulary for TOEIC®

Activities to help build, improve and revise vocabulary for the TOEIC® exam.



Testbuilder for the TOEIC® tests

Contains three complete tests for the Listening & Reading TOEIC® test, followed by three tests for the Speaking TOEIC® test and three tests for the Writing TOEIC® test.



Macmillan Practice Online – TOEIC®

Web-based exercises to practise the skills and topic areas needed by TOEIC® students.

www.macmillanpracticeonline.com



For more information on Testbuilder for the TOEIC® tests, visit www.macmillanexams.com

PTE

- Full Name: **Pearson Test of English Academic**
- Exam Board: **Pearson Language Tests International English**
- CEF Level: **A1 – C2**
(University entrance requires a level of B1-C1)

PTE Academic assesses all four language skills – listening, reading, speaking and writing. The test, which is entirely computer-based, lasts approximately three hours. This includes an untimed introduction to the test and one optional break of up to 10 minutes.

PTE Academic consists of three main parts. There is a general introduction to the test and specific instructions about what to expect in each part of the test. Each part may contain a number of sections. Each section is individually timed.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Paper 1 Reading/Writing Approx. 1 hr 30 mins	Section 1	Personal Introduction
	Section 2	Read aloud
		Repeat sentence
		Describe image
		Re-tell lecture
		Answer short question
Section 3-4	Summarise written text	
Section 5	Summarise written text or write essay	
Section 6	Write essay	
Paper 2 Reading Approx. 40 mins		Multiple-choice, choose single answer
		Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers
		Re-order paragraphs
		Reading: Fill in the blanks
		Reading & writing: Fill in the blanks
Paper 3 Listening Approx. 50 mins	Section 1	Summarise spoken text
	Section 2	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers
		Fill in the blanks
		Highlight correct summary
		Multiple-choice, choose single answer
		Select missing word
		Highlight incorrect words
	Write from dictation	

MARKING

The score range for the Overall Score is 10-90 points.

Students are notified of their score by email about 5 days after taking the test.

Where: Recognised Pearson Test of English testing centre

When: Various dates throughout the year

How: Computer-based

More info: www.pearsonpte.com

PREPARATION FROM MACMILLAN EXAMS

PTE Academic Testbuilder

Four complete practice tests with a guided analysis of answers and further practice and guidance on various aspects of the different tasks.



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- Full Name: **Business English Certificate**
- Exam Board: **Cambridge ESOL International English**
- CEF Level: **BEC Preliminary – B1**
BEC Vantage – B2
BEC Higher – C1

The BEC exam has three examination levels and is one of the most common English language exams that focuses on the area of business. It is recognised by employers and institutions across the globe.

EXAM STRUCTURE

BEC Preliminary	Reading and Writing 1 hr 30 mins	Reading – 7 parts including 3-option multiple choice, matching, right/wrong/doesn't say, form-filling/note-completion exercises Writing – 2 parts – covering internal communication (30-40 words) and business correspondence (60-80 words)
	Listening 40 mins	4 parts including 3-option multiple choice, gap-filling and note-taking exercises
	Speaking 12 mins	3 parts covering conversation between interlocutor and candidate, mini-presentation, collaborative task between candidates
	BEC Vantage	Reading 1 hr
Writing 45 mins		2 parts – writing a message, memo or email (40-50 words) and writing business correspondence, a short report or a proposal (120-140 words)
Listening 40 mins		3 parts, gap-filling, multiple matching, multiple choice
Speaking 14 mins		3 parts covering conversation between interlocutor and candidate, mini-presentation, collaborative task between candidates
BEC Higher	Reading 1 hr	6 parts – matching, 4-option multiple choice, 4-option multiple choice cloze, open cloze, proof-reading
	Writing 1 hr 10 mins	2 parts – a short report (120-140 words) and a report, a proposal or a piece of business correspondence (200-250 words)
	Listening 40 mins	3 parts – gap-filling, multiple-matching, 3-option multiple choice
	Speaking 16 mins	3 parts covering conversation between interlocutor and candidate, mini-presentation, collaborative task between candidates

MARKING

Each level totals 120 marks after weighting and scores are given as either A, B or C grades for a pass, and D or E for a fail.

Where: Cambridge ESOL-recognised test centre

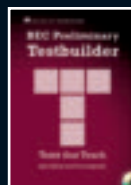
How: Paper-based or computer-based

More info: www.cambridgeESOL.org

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- Full Name: **London Chamber of Commerce and Industry – English for Business Exam**
- Exam Board: **London Chamber of Commerce and Industry British English**
- CEF Level: **n/a**

Available at 5 levels (Preliminary and Levels 1-4), these reading- and writing-based tests examine English in a practical and business-related context. There are also optional speaking and listening tests available.

EXAM STRUCTURE

Level 1	Compulsory Reading and Writing 2 hrs	4 compulsory questions including composition of a letter or memo; understanding and responding to a passage of business-related prose; 'read and think' comprehension test, based on graphic or numerical display; 'read and write' reformulation task using data to complete forms or diagrams
	Optional Speaking 12 mins	2 parts: warm-up conversation on general topics (e.g. study, work ambitions); discussion of a topic chosen by the examiner
	Optional Listening 30 mins	2 tasks: 10 multiple-choice questions; 20 multiple-choice questions about conversations or announcements
Level 2	Compulsory Reading and Writing 2 hrs 30 mins	3 questions including an extended writing task; a letter-writing task and a reformulation task
	Optional Speaking 13 mins	2 parts, as above
	Optional Listening 25 mins	2 parts, as above
Level 3	Compulsory Reading and Writing 3 hrs	4 questions: composition of a letter; draft internal report; comprehension task; reformulation task
	Optional Speaking 15 mins	As above
	Optional Listening 25 mins	As above

MARKING

Graded results of either Fail, Pass, Credit, Distinction.

Where: Registered LCCI centres

How: Paper-based

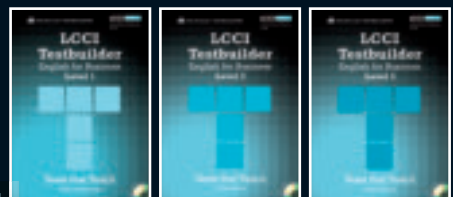
More info: www.lccieb.com

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Aviation English – Language Proficiency Requirements

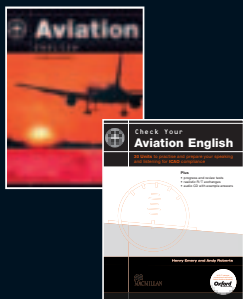
The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has introduced new legislation that requires all pilots and air traffic controllers operating in international airspace to have a standard level of English. This was brought in to increase safety and avoid miscommunication between pilots and air traffic controllers – especially in the case of emergencies and ‘non-routine’ scenarios.

Level	Operational 4
Pronunciation Structure Assumes a dialect and/or accent intelligible to the aeronautical community.	Pronunciation, stress, rhythm and intonation are influenced by the first language or regional variation but only sometimes interfere with ease of understanding.
Structure Relevant grammatical structures and sentence patterns are determined by language functions appropriate to the task.	Basic grammatical structures and sentence patterns are used creatively and are usually well-controlled. Errors may occur, particularly in unusual or unexpected circumstances, but rarely interfere with meaning.
Vocabulary	Vocabulary range and accuracy are usually sufficient to communicate effectively on common, concrete and work-related topics. Can often paraphrase successfully when lacking vocabulary in unusual or unexpected circumstances.
Fluency	Produces stretches of language at an appropriate tempo. There may be occasional loss of fluency on transition from rehearsed or formulaic speech to spontaneous interaction, but this does not prevent effective communication. Can make limited use of discourse markers or connectors. Fillers are not distraction.
Interactions	Responses are usually immediate, appropriate and informative. Initiates and maintains exchanges even when dealing with an unexpected turn of events. Deals adequately with apparent misunderstandings by checking, confirming or clarifying.

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Aviation English

Developed to the descriptors above, this will prepare students for any credible Aviation English exam. There are 12 chapters covering non-routine scenarios, using radio-telephony to create a context and complemented by two interactive CD-ROMs.



Check Your Aviation English

A self-study or classroom book, containing 30 two-page units and 3 audio CDs, which focuses on the topics and language structures required by pilots and air traffic controllers preparing to gain ICAO level 4 language requirements. Endorsed by



Both these titles were written by the author team Henry Emery and Andy Roberts. They have written a test – the English Test for Aviation and run an Aviation English consultancy and training company. For more information, visit: www.emery-roberts.co.uk

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