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Make the most of your handbook

The best way to get the most from your handbook is to use the digital version. The digital version is updated more regularly.

The digital version contains links which take you straight to related pages if you want to find out more. For example, you can read about Part 1 of the Reading and Use of English paper in the Tasks section, then click on the link to take you straight to a sample Part 1 task. There are also links which take you to useful websites and resources.

Tasks

The Tasks pages give information about the exam format and what is tested in each part of the paper.

Preparing learners

The Preparing learners pages give information and advice about what teachers can do to prepare their learners for the exam. There are also links to useful websites to find additional materials. You'll find suggested exam strategies to help learners perform to the best of their ability on the day.

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The Advice by task sections include advice and tips on how to prepare for each task, as well as example screenshots from the digital sample tests. To access the complete Digital Exam, please go to camengli.sh/3YMtIM6

Sample paper and assessment

The Sample paper and assessment section includes two sample papers for each of the four components as well as answer keys for the Reading and Use of English and Listening components. For the Writing and Speaking papers there is information about the assessment criteria, and for Writing there are example answers for you to refer to or use with your learners.

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About Cambridge

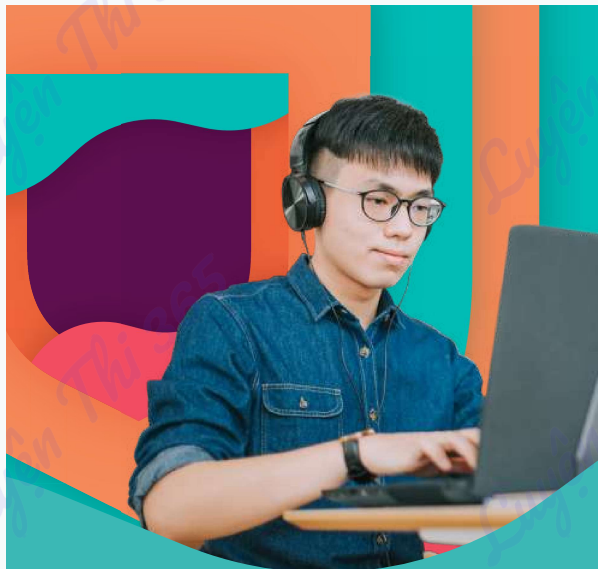
To learn English is to enjoy and experience a language that opens up opportunities across the world.

Together with teachers and our partners, we're here to engage and inspire millions of people throughout their entire learning journey. We help them confidently prove their skills to the world.

We believe that language is at the heart of being human, and English can unlock a lifetime of experiences. We help individuals everywhere connect, communicate and come closer together.

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Cambridge English Qualifications are in-depth exams that make learning English enjoyable, effective and rewarding.

Our unique approach encourages continuous progression with a clear path to improving language skills. Each of our qualifications focuses on a level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), enabling learners to develop and build speaking, writing, reading and listening skills.

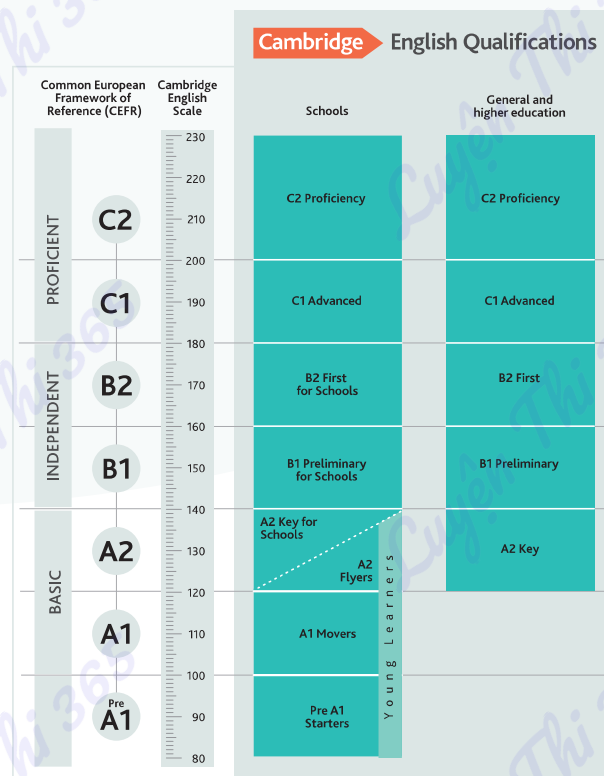
Our qualifications are based on research into effective teaching and learning. They motivate people of all ages and abilities to learn English and develop practical skills for the real world.

We have Cambridge English Qualifications for:

- Schools
- General and higher education

Whether learners are planning to live, work or study in their own country or abroad, our qualifications prove they have the English language skills to succeed.

To find out more about Cambridge English Qualifications and the CEFR, go to cambridgeenglish.org/cefr



B2 First – an overview

B2 First was originally offered in 1939 and is a qualification at upper-intermediate level that is officially recognised by universities, employers and governments around the world. It follows on as a progression from B1 Preliminary.

Exam formats

B2 First can be taken as either a digital or paper-based exam.

Who is the exam for?

B2 First is aimed at learners who need to show they can:

- start working in an English-speaking environment
- study at an upper-intermediate level, such as foundation or pathway courses
- live independently in an English-speaking country.

Who recognises the exam?

The B2 First certificate is recognised around the world as proof of upper-intermediate level English skills for industrial, administrative and service-based employment. It is also accepted by a wide range of educational institutions for study purposes.

Cambridge English Qualifications are accepted and trusted by thousands of organisations worldwide. For more information about recognition go to cambridgeenglish.org/recognition

What level is the exam?

B2 First is targeted at Level B2 on the CEFR. Achieving a certificate at this upper-intermediate level proves that a candidate is becoming skilled in English and now has practical language skills for everyday written and spoken situations.

Statements of Results

The Statement of Results shows the candidate's:

- score on the Cambridge English Scale for their performance in each of the four skills and Use of English
- score on the Cambridge English Scale for their overall performance in the exam. This overall score is the average of the separate scores given for each of the four skills and Use of English
- grade – this is based on the candidate's overall score
- level on the CEFR – this is also based on the overall score.

Certificates

The certificate shows the candidate's:

- score on the Cambridge English Scale for each of the four skills and Use of English
- overall score on the Cambridge English Scale
- grade
- level on the CEFR
- level on the UK National Qualifications Framework (NQF).



Special requirements

Cambridge English Qualifications are designed to be fair to all test takers. For more information about special circumstances, go to cambridgeenglish.org/help/special-requirements/