

B1 Preliminary

B1 Preliminary, formerly known as Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET), is one of our Cambridge English Qualifications. It is the English language exam that shows you have mastered the basics.

A B1 Preliminary qualification shows that you have mastered the basics of English and now have practical language skills for everyday use.

This exam is the logical step in your language learning journey between A2 Key and B2 First.

Key facts

CEFR level: B1.
Scale score: 140–159

Test format: Computer or paper-based

No. of papers: 3

Test length: About 2 hours 20 minutes



A B1 Preliminary qualification shows that you can:

- *read simple textbooks and articles in English*
- *write letters and emails on everyday subjects*
- *take meeting notes*
- *show awareness of opinions and mood in spoken and written English.*

Reasons to choose B1 Preliminary:

- *Develop your ability to communicate in English for practical tasks and situations.*
- *Gain a valuable qualification that is accepted worldwide.*
- *Improve your work, study and travel prospects.*