

B1 Preliminary for Schools

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

A B1 Preliminary for Schools qualification shows that a student has mastered the basics of English and now has practical language skills for everyday use.

This exam is the logical step in a student's language learning journey between A2 Key for Schools and B2 First for Schools.

B1 Preliminary for Schools is targeted at the same CEFR level as B1 Preliminary but with content aimed at school-age learners rather than adults.

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 for Schools qualification shows that a student can:

- *understand and use basic phrases and expression*
- *read simple textbooks and articles in English*
- *write letters and emails on everyday subjects*
- *understand factual information*
- *show awareness of opinions and mood in spoken and written English.*

Reasons to choose B1 Preliminary for Schools:

- *Easily integrated into a school's curriculum.*
- *Part of a suite of exams that offer step-by-step progression for students.*
- *Comprehensive support in exam preparation and administration.*