

B2 First

B2 First, formerly known as Cambridge English: First (FCE), is one of our Cambridge English Qualifications. It is our most popular exam, accepted by thousands of businesses and educational institutions worldwide.

A B2 First qualification proves you have the language skills to live and work independently in an English-speaking country or study on courses taught in English.

This exam is the logical step in your language learning journey between B1 Preliminary and C1 Advanced.

Key facts

CEFR level: B2.
Scale score: 160–179

Test format: Computer or paper-based

No. of papers: 4

Test length: About 3.5 hours



A B2 First qualification shows that you can:

- *communicate effectively face-to-face, expressing opinions and presenting arguments*
- *follow the news*
- *write clear, detailed English, expressing opinions and explaining the advantages and disadvantages of different points of view*
- *write letters, reports, stories and lots of other types of text.*

Reasons to choose B2 First:

- *Accepted for entry to foundation/ pathway/pre-sessional courses in English-speaking countries.*
- *Accepted for entry to undergraduate programmes taught in the medium of English in non-English-speaking countries.*