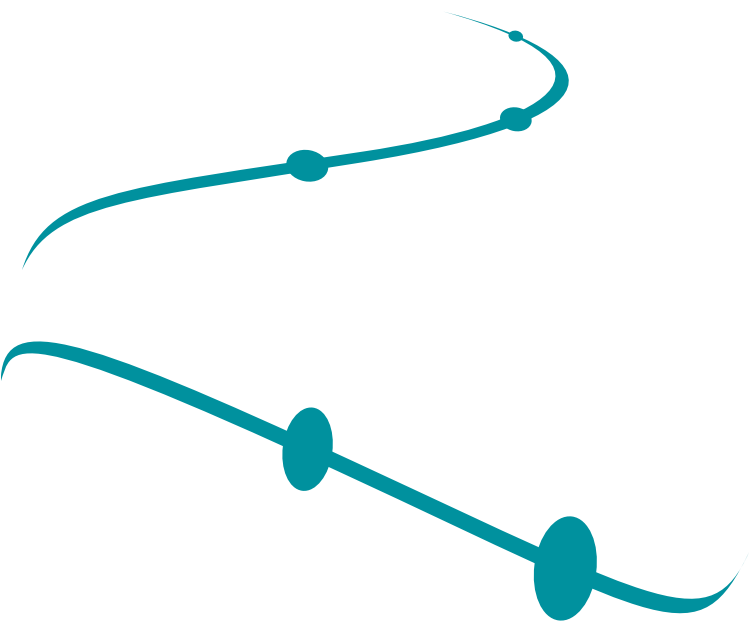




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# Cambridge English Key *for Schools*

Key English Test (KET) for Schools  
*CEFR Level A2*



***A great first step in learning English***

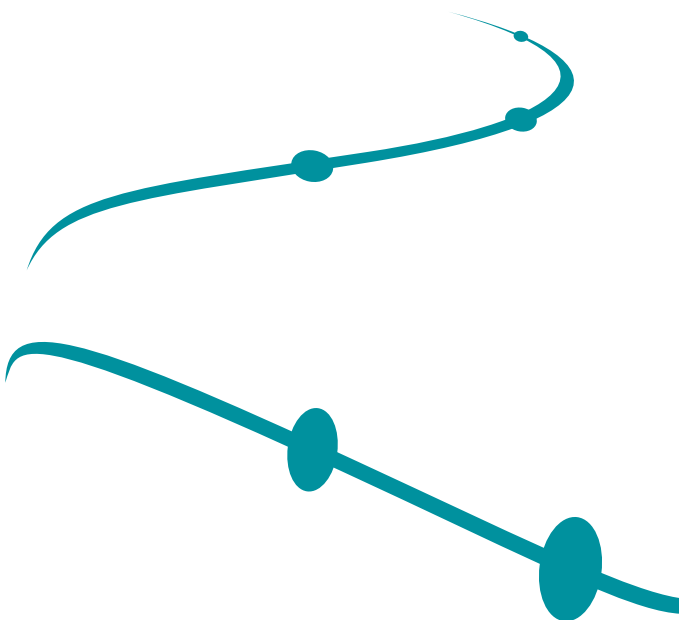
## International English - an important life skill

Teachers and parents want what is best for children. The world that today's children are growing up in may look very different from the world you knew as a child. They will have opportunities to live, work and study anywhere in the world and will experience a much more international environment in their own country.

Their world will also be much more demanding and competitive. Helping children to learn English gives them an important skill for school and beyond.

English vastly increases the number of opportunities they will have in life and makes sure they stand out from the crowd in today's global marketplace.

Children are never too young to start learning English - they have the potential to learn quickly and make fast progress. *Cambridge English: Key for Schools*, also known as *Key English Test (KET) for Schools*, allows you to motivate children and measure their progress, while helping them build confidence and rewarding their efforts.



## Cambridge English: Key for Schools

*Cambridge English: Key for Schools* is an international English exam for school-aged learners.

It shows that a learner can deal with everyday written and spoken English at a basic level.

Preparing for the exam helps learners:

- develop skills to communicate in English
- gain an internationally recognised certificate
- build confidence in learning English
- move on to higher-level qualifications.

### An internationally recognised certificate – within the reach of younger learners

*Cambridge English: Key for Schools* is a version of the internationally accepted exam *Cambridge English: Key*, also known as *Key English Test (KET)*.

It has been developed with exam content aimed at the interests and experience of school-aged learners.

*Cambridge English: Key for Schools*

- is exactly the same format and level as *Cambridge English: Key*
- leads to the same internationally recognised Cambridge English certificate as *Cambridge English: Key*
- is a first step for learners wishing to move on to *Cambridge English: Preliminary for Schools*, also known as *Preliminary English Test (PET) for Schools*.

**[www.CambridgeESOL.org/KeyForSchools](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/KeyForSchools)**

“I have chosen to prepare my students for Cambridge English: Key because I think it is important to give them the opportunity to be familiar with international language examinations and to start being evaluated with international criteria.”

*Francesca Maria Loreti, Teacher, Italy*



# Why choose Cambridge English: Key for Schools?

## Real everyday English

- Helps children communicate naturally in English
- Children have the opportunity to read, write, listen to and speak basic English based on realistic everyday situations

## An international test

- *Cambridge English: Key for Schools* is developed according to international standards
- Children taking this test will join more than 3 million people worldwide that take Cambridge English tests each year
- Linked to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) – the international way to describe language ability

## High quality testing

- A high quality test that is fair and reliable
- Reading and Writing, and Listening papers are marked in the UK and are subject to rigorous quality procedures

## Popular with teachers

- Teachers can see exactly what level of English a child has and how their English is improving
- Teachers can focus on developing real language for communication
- The face-to-face Speaking test means teachers can encourage learners to speak English in classroom activities
- Teachers get lots of support as they prepare children for their test [www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach)

## Internationally accepted

- Children can achieve an English qualification that improves their prospects for international study and work
- Children who pass the exam receive the same certificate as someone taking *Cambridge English: Key (KET)* – the same exam, but for older learners
- The *Cambridge English: Key* certificate is accepted by colleges, universities and governments around the world
- This exam is accredited by Ofqual, the regulator of qualifications, examinations and assessments in England



## Real-life language skills

*Cambridge English: Key for Schools* is set at CEFR Level A2.  
At this level, learners can:

- understand and use basic phrases and expressions
- introduce themselves and answer basic questions about their personal details
- interact with English speakers who talk slowly and clearly
- write short, simple notes.

# Exam results

Each learner that successfully completes *Cambridge English: Key for Schools* receives two documents – a certificate and a Statement of Results.

## Certificate

The certificate indicates the language level they achieved:

### Cambridge English: Key for Schools – Level B1

#### Introduced September 2011

*Pass with Distinction*

Exceptional candidates sometimes show ability beyond A2 level. Students that achieve *Pass with Distinction* in their exam will receive the *Key English Test* certificate stating that they demonstrated ability at Level B1.

### Cambridge English: Key for Schools – Level A2

*Pass with Merit or Pass*

If a student achieves *Pass with Merit* or *Pass* in their exam, they will be awarded the *Key English Test* certificate at Level A2.

## Level A1 certificate

It is important to recognise students' achievements, even if they do not reach Level A2. If a student's performance falls within Level A1, they will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that they demonstrated ability at A1 level.

The Common European Framework of Reference

C Proficient user	C2
	C1
B Independent user	B2
	B1
A Basic user	<b>A2</b>
	A1

**Cambridge English: Key**



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\* Pass with Distinction was introduced in September 2011

## Statement of Results

This shows three pieces of information:

- the level achieved by the learner
- their score indicated as a number between 0-100
- a profile showing their performance on each paper. This information helps candidates and their teachers understand the learner's strengths and weaknesses.

## The exam format

*Cambridge English: Key for Schools* has three papers:

### **Reading and Writing: 1 hour 10 minutes**

*50% of the final mark (25% for Reading and 25% for Writing)*

Students need to be able to show they can understand simple written instructions such as signs, brochures, newspapers and magazines. Students need to be able to complete a short everyday writing task.

### **Listening: 30 minutes**

*25% of the mark*

Students need to show they can understand announcements and other spoken material when people speak reasonably slowly.

### **Speaking: up to 10 minutes**

*25% of the mark*

Students take part in a conversation, asking and answering questions about themselves and about factual information. They take the Speaking test with another candidate or in a group of three.

Download sample papers at

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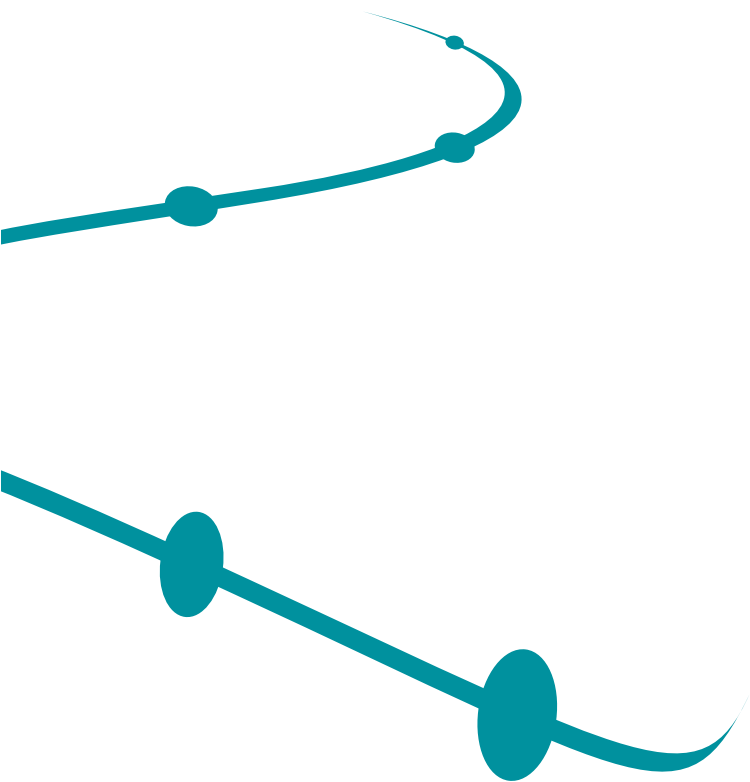
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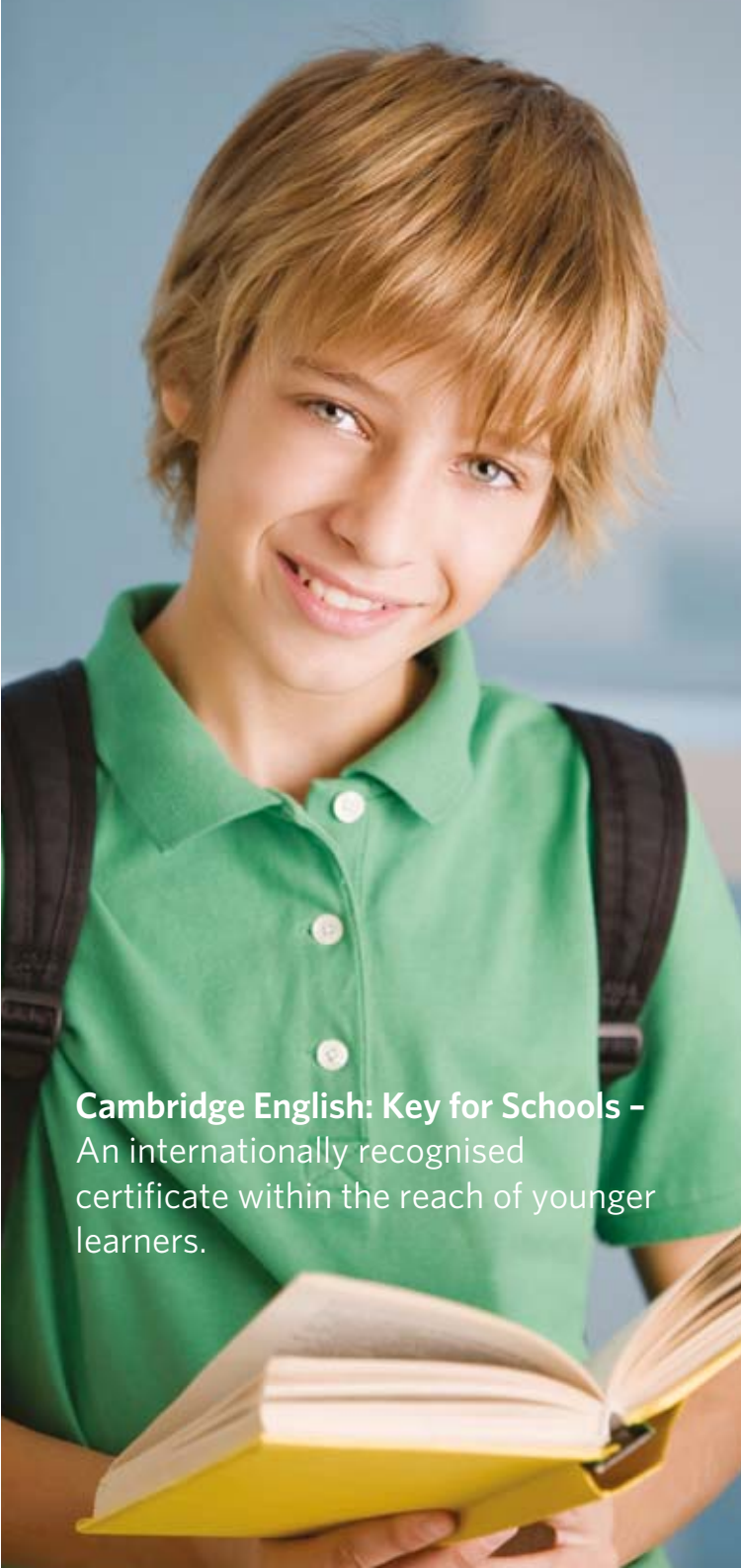
Cambridge ESOL offers even the youngest learners the chance to learn real language skills in a way that is enjoyable and encourages progress.

**Cambridge English: Key (KET) for Schools**  
CEFR (Level A2)

**Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET) for Schools**  
CEFR (Level B1)

**Cambridge English: First (FCE) for Schools**  
CEFR (Level B2)





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# What's next?

## Teachers

### Find a centre

If your school does not already prepare students for Cambridge English exams, you can find out more by contacting your local Cambridge ESOL examination centre.

Find a centre near you at [www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres)

### Support

Cambridge ESOL is here to help you every step of the way. You can download sample papers, an Online Practice Test and other resources to help you prepare candidates for their exam.

Find out more at [www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach)

There is also a wide range of support and preparation tips for students at [www.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org)

## Parents

### Contact your child's school or English teacher

They can advise you on preparing your child for the exam.

### Find a centre that offers Cambridge English: Key for Schools

Your local Cambridge ESOL exam centre can help you find out about:

- registering your child for the exam
- exam dates
- practice materials
- preparation courses.

Find a centre near you at [www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres)

Find out more about the exam at [www.CambridgeESOL.org/KeyForSchools](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/KeyForSchools)

Successful students can develop their skills further by taking one of our higher level examinations, such as:

- *Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET) for Schools* – Level B1  
[www.CambridgeESOL.org/PreliminaryForSchools](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/PreliminaryForSchools)
- *Cambridge English: First (FCE) for Schools* – Level B2  
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# Cambridge English

*noun* /'keɪm.brɪdʒ 'ɪŋ.gəlɪʃ/

- An international language including the world's major varieties of English
- English that is understood and used globally for business, study and everyday living
- The English spoken in the real world – not just the classroom
- The most valuable range of English qualifications in the world

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