# Cambridge English **Key**

Brief exam guide



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Success in *Cambridge English: Key* shows that you have mastered the basics in English.

## Prove that you have the skills to communicate

The exam shows that you can:

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

## Gain a certificate that is accepted globally

The exam is accepted by thousands of leading businesses and educational institutions worldwide.

## What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). It shows that you can use everyday English at a basic level.

## What's in the exam?

The exam is designed to be fair to people of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds, and is supported by a dedicated research programme.

It covers all four language skills (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

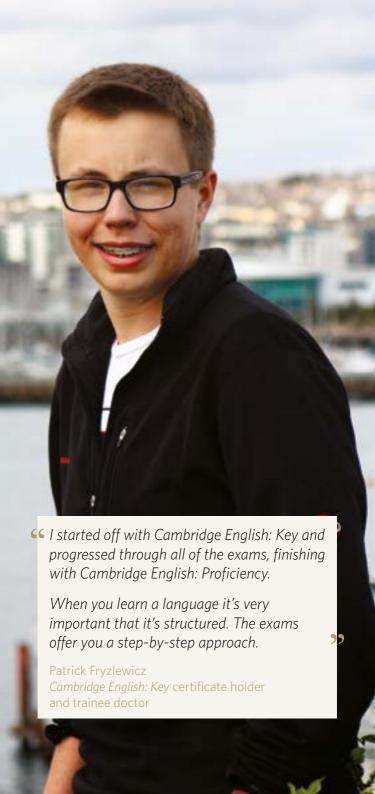
Reading and Writing: 1 hour 10 minutes	Shows that you can understand simple written information and write short messages related to personal information.
Listening: 30 minutes	Shows that you can understand key information in everyday conversations.
Speaking: 8–10 minutes	Shows that you can take part in a conversation. You take the test face-to-face with one or two other candidates.

Your overall performance is calculated by averaging the scores you achieve in Reading and Writing, Listening and Speaking. The score for Reading and Writing is doubled in this calculation.

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You can take the exam on paper or on computer.





## The key to essential English

- Prove that you can use English to communicate at a basic level in simple, everyday situations.
- Gain a valuable qualification that is accepted worldwide.
- Improve your work, study and travel prospects.

# Over 20,000 organisations worldwide trust Cambridge English exams

### What's next?

## Step 1 - Test your level

See if *Cambridge English: Key* is the right exam for you – take our free online test at www.cambridgeenglish.org/testyourenglish

## Step 2 - Contact your local exam centre

Your local centre can give you details of dates, costs, how to prepare and how to register for an exam. Find your nearest centre at www.cambridgeenglish.org/centresearch

## Step 3 - Get started on your preparation

Find a wide range of support, including official Cambridge English preparation materials, at www.cambridgeenglish.org/key



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