



# Cambridge

## English Qualifications

### A2 Key and A2 Key for Schools for exams from 2020

#### Reading

The Reading section consists of Parts 1–5 of the Reading and Writing paper. Correct answers in Parts 1–5 are worth 1 mark each. There are 30 possible marks in the Reading section.

Practice test score	Cambridge English Scale score	CEFR level
28	140	Level B1
20	120	Level A2
13	100	Level A1
7	82*	–

\*minimum score reported for A2 Key

#### Writing

The Writing section consists of Parts 6 and 7 of the Reading and Writing paper. Candidates' answers in the Writing paper are marked by trained examiners who are certificated to mark at the level. Parts 6 and 7 are marked using assessment scales which are linked to the CEFR. 0–5 marks are given for each of the following criteria: Content; Organisation; and Language. There are a possible 15 marks for Part 6 and 15 possible marks for Part 7. Whole marks only are awarded; there are no half marks given. Marks for each of the criteria are combined to give 15 possible marks for each part. In total, there are 30 possible marks in the Writing paper.

Practice test score	Cambridge English Scale score	CEFR level
26	140	Level B1
18	120	Level A2
12	100	Level A1
8	82*	–

\*minimum score reported for A2 Key

#### Listening

Correct answers in the Listening paper are worth 1 mark each. There are 25 possible marks in the Listening paper.

Practice test score	Cambridge English Scale score	CEFR level
23	140	Level B1
17	120	Level A2
11	100	Level A1
6	82*	–

\*minimum score reported for A2 Key

#### Speaking

Candidates take the test in pairs, but are assessed on their individual performance by trained examiners certificated to examine at the level. Candidate speaking performances are assessed using scales which are linked to the CEFR. The assessor gives 0–5 marks for each of the following criteria: Grammar and Vocabulary; Pronunciation; and Interactive Communication. Marks for each of these criteria are doubled. The interlocutor gives a mark of 0–5 for Global Achievement. This mark is then multiplied by three. Examiners may award half marks. Marks for all criteria are then combined, meaning there are 45 marks available in the Speaking test.

Practice test score	Cambridge English Scale score	CEFR level
41	140	Level B1
27	120	Level A2
18	100	Level A1
10	82*	–

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