



Cambridge

English Qualifications

B1 Preliminary and B1 Preliminary for Schools for exams from 2020

Reading

The Reading paper consists of six parts. Correct answers in Parts 1–6 are worth 1 mark each. There are 32 possible marks in the Reading paper.

Practice test score	Cambridge English Scale score	CEFR level
29	160	Level B2
23	140	Level B1
13	120	Level A2
5	102*	–

*minimum score reported for B1 Preliminary

Writing

The Writing paper consists of two parts. Candidates' answers in the Writing paper are marked by trained examiners who are certificated to mark at the level using assessment scales which are linked to the CEFR. 0–5 marks are given for each of the following criteria: Content; Communicative Achievement; Organisation; and Language. Whole marks only are awarded; there are no half marks given. Part 1 is worth 20 marks and Part 2 is worth 20 marks. There are 40 possible marks in the Writing paper.

Practice test score	Cambridge English Scale score	CEFR level
34	160	Level B2
24	140	Level B1
16	120	Level A2
10	102*	–

*minimum score reported for B1 Preliminary

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	160	Level B2
18	140	Level B1
11	120	Level A2
5	102*	–

*minimum score reported for B1 Preliminary

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; Discourse Management; Pronunciation; and Interactive Communication. The interlocutor gives a mark of 0–5 for Global Achievement and this mark is doubled. Examiners may award half marks. Marks for all criteria are then combined, meaning there are 30 marks available in the Speaking test.

Practice test score	Cambridge English Scale score	CEFR level
27	160	Level B2
18	140	Level B1
12	120	Level A2
7	102*	–

*minimum score reported for B1 Preliminary