

B1 Preliminary for Schools

A *Preliminary for Schools* qualification shows that a student has mastered the basics of English and now has practical language skills for everyday use.

This exam is the logical step in a student's language learning journey between [Key for Schools](#) and [First for Schools](#).

Preliminary for Schools is targeted at the same [CEFR level](#) as [Preliminary](#) but with content aimed at school-age learners rather than adults.

Exam Format

Preliminary for Schools is made up of three papers developed to test your English skills: **Reading and Writing** (1 hour 30 minutes), **Listening** (36 minutes, including 6 minutes' transfer time), **Speaking** (10–12 minutes per pair of candidates).

Preparation

You can find many free resources to help you prepare for the exam. Download our free sample papers to prepare the reading, the listening and the writing part. All answers will be provided.

[Prepare now](#)

[Additional practice](#)

Dates

There are many exam dates throughout the year offering both paper-based and computer-based *Preliminary for Schools*.

[Find exam dates](#)

Results

Preliminary for Schools results are reported on the [Cambridge English Scale](#).

You will receive a separate score for each skill, giving you a clear understanding of your performance. These scores are averaged to give you an overall result for the exam. You will also be given a grade and Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) level.

[Sample *Preliminary for Schools* Statement of Results](#)