

Practise with a pretest

Pretesting is a free service offered by Cambridge English Language Assessment where students can practise for exams using real Cambridge English materials.

For more information about pretesting, please visit our website www.cambridgeenglish.org/about-pretesting or contact us at pretesting@cambridgeenglish.org

The calendar on the right shows scheduled dates for pretest windows for the following exams:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge English: Key (KET) Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET) Cambridge English: First (FCE) Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge English: Key (KET) for Schools Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET) for Schools Cambridge English: First (FCE) for Schools Cambridge English: Young Learners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cambridge English: Business Preliminary (BEC Preliminary) Cambridge English: Business Vantage (BEC Vantage) IELTS
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The following exams can be pretested at almost any time:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BULATS (Online Speaking and Writing only) Cambridge English: Business Higher (BEC Higher) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TKT: Modules 1-3 TKT: Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) TKT: Young Learners
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Approximate length of time for each paper, in minutes

Cambridge English: Key/Key for Schools	Cambridge English: Preliminary/Preliminary for Schools	Cambridge English: First/First for Schools	Cambridge English: Advanced	Cambridge English: Proficiency
Reading 55-60 Listening 40 Writing 10-15	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 50	Reading 45 Listening 45 Writing 40-45 Use of English 40	Reading 50-60 Listening 40 Writing 45 Use of English 40-45	Reading (Parts 1-4) 40 Reading (Parts 5-7) 60 Listening 40 Writing 60
IELTS	BULATS Online	Cambridge English: Business Certificates (Preliminary, Vantage and Higher)	TKT Modules 1-3 TKT: Young Learners TKT: CLIL	YL Starters RW - 20 Listening - 20 Movers RW - 30 Listening - 25 Flyers RW - 40 Listening 25
Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 60	Writing 45 Speaking 15	Reading 75 Listening 40 Writing 25-70	70 per paper	

You can contact individual Pretest Administrators directly - see addresses below:

<p>Contact the Pretest Administrator at: GAPPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org BECPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org</p>	<p>IELTSPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org BULATSPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org TKTPretesting@cambridgeenglish.org * General, Academic, Professional - formerly known as Main Suite exams</p>
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Score return times

Raw scores for each pretest candidate are sent back to institutions by email within three weeks of our receiving the completed pretests. Writing papers are sent to examiners for individual comments, and scores are returned to institutions within four weeks of receipt of the papers. You may administer the pretests at any time within the window, but please note that the earlier you send back the completed pretests, the sooner you will receive the scores.

Procedure

To request on-demand pretests, please contact the Pretest Administrator eight weeks before the date you wish to participate, via the online request form, with an estimate of the number of pretests required. The online request form is located at www.cambridgeenglish.org/pretesting. The username is `esolpretester` and the password is `practice`. The deadlines for requesting pretests with fixed pretesting windows will be announced via the pretesting e-zine.

We try to accommodate all requests but cannot guarantee to send the full number of all components you request, especially if the number is large; Writing papers in particular are limited.

Please note if we are able to satisfy a large request, you may receive different versions of the same component; this means that for Listening tests you cannot conduct the pretest for all candidates in the same room simultaneously.

If you can offer pretest candidates outside the scheduled window, please contact us as we may be able to meet your request, especially in the case of *Cambridge English Proficiency* and *Cambridge English Business English Certificates*.

Timing of pretests

The table below shows the usual length of time for each paper, in minutes. You must also allow 20 minutes at each administration for the standard 'Anchor test' (Writing tests and IELTS tests do not require Anchor tests).

Pretesting Calendar 2017

Week of window:

Fixed date pretesting windows Weeks commencing	General, Academic and Professional Cambridge English: Key/ Key for Schools Cambridge English: Preliminary/ Preliminary for Schools Cambridge English: First/ First for Schools Cambridge English: Advanced Cambridge English: Proficiency	Cambridge English: Business Certificates (Preliminary, Vantage, Higher)	IELTS (Academic, General Training)	Cambridge English: Young Learners
23 January				
30 January				
6 February				
13 February				
20 February				
27 February				
6 March				
13 March				
20 March				
27 March				
3 April				
10 April				
17 April				
24 April				
1 May				
8 May	This window is for CAE, CPE, FCE and			
15 May	FCE for Schools exams only			
22 May				
29 May				
5 June				
12 June				
3 July				
10 July				
17 July				
24 July				
31 July				
7 August				
14 August				
21 August				
11 September				
18 September				
25 September				
2 October				
9 October				
16 October				
23 October				
30 October				
6 November	This window is for CAE, CPE, FCE and			
13 November	FCE for Schools exams only			