



Cambridge ESOL Examinations: supporting learning and teaching



This session will provide an overview of :

- Cambridge ESOL
- Awards and assessments for teachers
- Support for teachers
- Support for learners

Cambridge Assessment

- University of Cambridge
- Largest in Europe
- CIE, OCR, ESOL





Cambridge ESOL's mission is:

“To provide language learners and teachers in a wide variety of situations with access to a range of high quality international examinations, tests and teaching awards, which will help them to achieve their life goals and have a positive impact on their learning and professional development experience.”

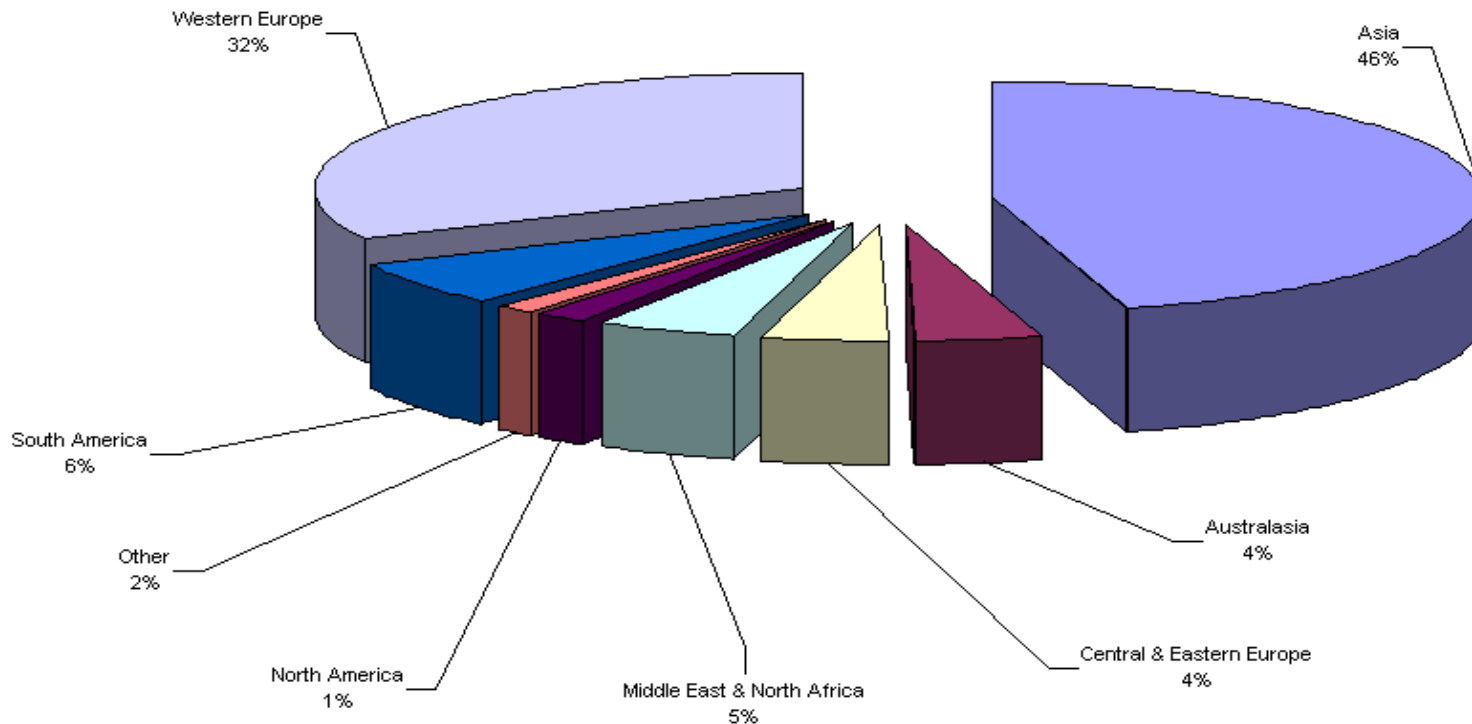


A global leader in language assessment :

- Trusted by over **8,500** organisations worldwide
- Taken by over **3 million** candidates every year
- Available at **2,500** centres in **130** countries
- Over 400 full-time staff and 10,000 examiners
- **Largest dedicated research team**

Examination entries across regions

2007/08 Candidature (%)



Assessment for a wide range of contexts:

YOUNG LEARNERS ENGLISH

YLE Young Learners English Tests

GENERAL ENGLISH

KET Key English Test (also CB)
PET Preliminary English Test (also CB)
FCE First Certificate in English
CAE Certificate in Advanced English
CPE Certificate of Proficiency in English

ACADEMIC ENGLISH

IELTS International English Language
Testing System

TEACHING AWARDS

DELTA, CELTA, ICALT & TKT
TKT- CLIL, TKT- KAL

BUSINESS ENGLISH

BEC Business English Certificates (also CB)
BULATS Business Language Testing Service

LEGAL ENGLISH

ILEC International Legal English Certificate

FINANCIAL ENGLISH

ICFE International Certificate in Financial
English (2007)



Assessment services for the state sector:

- Diagnostic assessment services
- Bespoke assessment solutions
- Development and transfer of language assessment skills
- Evaluation of test materials
- Impact studies
- Teacher assessment and support
- Syllabus mapping



Awards for Teachers



Overview

- **CELTA: initial training course**
- **Delta Modules: course/exam for experienced teachers**
- **TKT Core Modules - test**
- **TKT: KAL – test**
- **TKT: CLIL – test**



CELTA

- Initial training for people who want to teach English worldwide
- Typically, 4-week intensive course
- Based on teaching practice – 6 hours
- Includes 4 written assignments and 6 hours' observation of experienced teachers



CELTA Content

- The teaching and learning context
- Language analysis and awareness
- Language skills
- Planning and resources
- Developing teaching skills and professionalism



Assessment components:

- **Teaching practice**

You will teach for a total of 6 hours, working with classes at two levels of ability. Assessment is based on your overall performance at the end of the 6 hours.

- **Written assignments**

You will complete four written assignments: one focusing on adult learning; one on the language system of English; one on language skills; and one on classroom teaching.



Delta modules

For experienced teachers who wish to develop a career in ESOL

Benefits of revised DELTA:

- flexible entry points for candidates
- partial achievement certificated
- flexible delivery
- an opportunity for a specialist focus within Delta



Delta modules

- **Module One**

Understanding language and skills for teaching
Assessed by 2 written examinations

- **Module Two**

Developing professional practice
Assessed by a portfolio of course-work and 5 observed lessons

- **Module Three**

Extending practice and ELT specialism
Assessed by extended written assignment (4500 words)



Introduction to TKT

- Tests of professional knowledge for English language teachers
- Aims:
 - To test candidates' knowledge of concepts related to language, language use and the background to and practice of language teaching and learning
 - To provide tests which offer maximum flexibility and accessibility
 - To encourage teachers in their professional development



Rationale for developing TKT

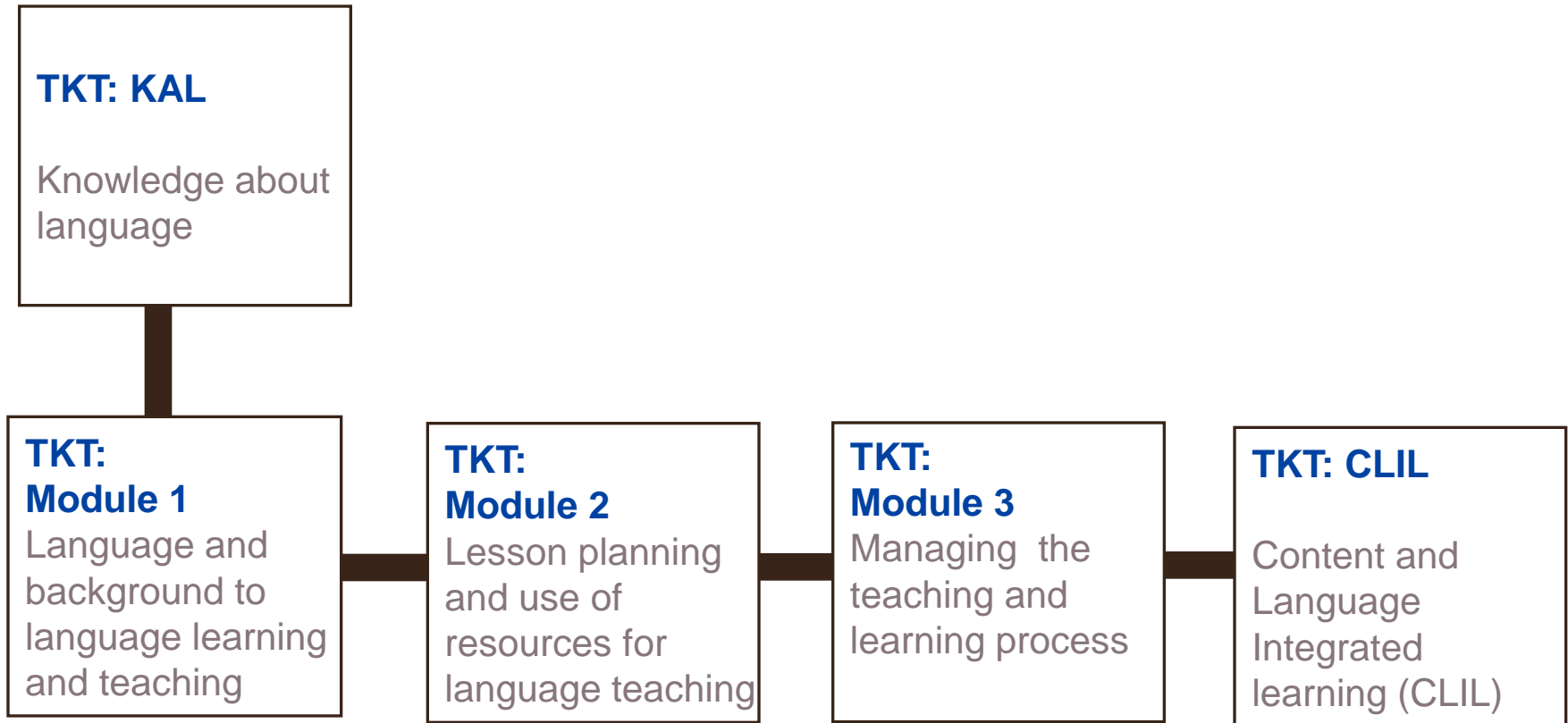
- Response to changing needs of teachers
- Accessibility – language level, timing, cost, no teaching practice
- Flexibility – modular, no specified course, on demand



Who is TKT for?

- Teachers of primary, secondary and adult learners in state or private schools
- Teachers with experience but little formal training
- Teachers who want to refresh their teaching knowledge
- Teachers with little or no experience

The TKT Suite of Exams



Sample task

TKT Module 1: Language and background to language learning and teaching

For questions 1-5, match the underlined words in the text below with the grammatical terms listed A-F.

Mark the correct letter (A-F) on your answer sheet.

There is one extra option which you do not need to use.

Grammatical terms

- A pronoun
- B collective noun
- C plural noun
- D compound noun
- E proper noun
- F uncountable noun

Kofie stood on the shore of (1) Lake Volta and looked at the small (2) fishing boat bobbing on the waves. The boat was empty and had been there for two days. (3) He had wanted to jump into the lake and pull it onto the beach, but he remembered his father's (4) advice, and knew that he must not take other people's property. His (5) family often went hungry, and he could have caught fish if he only had a boat.

Sample task

TKT Module 2: Lesson planning and use of resources for language teaching

For questions 15-20, look at the stages and aims from a lesson plan about complaining. Two of the aims (A-C) in each stage are appropriate. One of the aims is **NOT** appropriate.

Mark the aim (A, B or C) which is **NOT** appropriate on your answer sheet.

	Stages	Aims
15	<p>Lead-in</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The teacher asks the students when they last went on holiday and what problems they can have when travelling.• The teacher elicits ideas about the problems and writes them on the board.	<p>A to create interest in the topic</p> <p>B to introduce the past simple tense</p> <p>C to personalise the start of the lesson</p>
16	<p>Listening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Students listen to a customer complaining in a travel agent's.• Students identify the problems mentioned on the tape.• Students compare answers in pairs.	<p>A to check students' understanding of the tape</p> <p>B to provide a model of the target language in context</p> <p>C to pre-teach the meaning of new words</p>

Sample task

TKT Module 3: Managing the teaching and learning process

For questions **76-80**, match the ways a teacher gave feedback on students' written work with the aims listed **A-F**.

Mark the correct letter (**A-F**) on your answer sheet.

There is one extra option which you do not need to use.

Feedback on written work

- 76** The teacher marked students' writing using a correction code. Then she gave them time in the lesson to improve their work while she monitored.
- 77** The teacher gave an overall grade for letters students had written for homework. He also gave them an example letter to look at.
- 78** The teacher used a system of smiling and sad faces to give students feedback on their written work.
- 79** The teacher noted mistakes from students' written work and used these to prepare a language quiz, which students did in teams.
- 80** The teacher only commented on the content of stories that students had written.

Aims

- A** to focus on common language mistakes that many students made in their writing
- B** to inform students of their general progress in writing at the end of term
- C** to encourage students to learn to edit their own work
- D** to encourage students' creativity and to create a positive attitude to writing
- E** to provide students with a model for similar written work in the future
- F** to inform primary age students about their progress in a fun way



TKT Format, delivery and results

- Modular structure
- Available on demand
- Certification for each module
- Results reported in four bands
- Results in two weeks



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English for Speakers of Other Languages

TEACHING KNOWLEDGE TEST

This is to certify that

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has been awarded

Band 4

in

TKT Module 1

Language and background to language learning and teaching

Date of Award
Centre Number
Reference Number
Unique Candidate Identifier

Chief Executive
University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations

Date of Issue
Certificate Number



Grading

Band	A candidate at this level demonstrates
1	limited knowledge of TKT content areas
2	basic, but systematic knowledge of TKT content areas
3	breadth and depth of knowledge of TKT content areas
4	extensive knowledge of TKT content areas



TKT Support and Materials

- TKT Handbooks which include:
 - TKT/KAL/CLIL syllabi
 - Sample tests
 - Test administration information
 - TKT Wordlist
- Cambridge ESOL Website with
 - Sample tests
 - FAQs
 - TKT Glossary
 - CLIL Glossary
 - Teaching Resources website
- Teachers' Seminars



Support for Teachers and Learners



Helping teachers teach...

- Online support
- Printed materials
- Face-to-face



**Teacher
Support**



Online support

3 main sources:

1. Main Cambridge ESOL website:
www.CambridgeESOL.org
2. Teaching Resources website:
www.CambridgeESOL.org/teach
3. Country websites: 21
e.g. <http://www.cambridgeesol.fr/>

Main Cambridge ESOL website

- Downloadable *Handbooks for teachers*
- Exam reports
- Links to exam centres
- Links to other partners
- Links to local sites

The screenshot shows the Cambridge ESOL website homepage. At the top left is the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations logo. To the right, it says 'Experts in Language Assessment'. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for Home, Exams, Recognition, Resources, and What we do, along with a search box. The main content area features a 'Welcome to Cambridge ESOL' banner with a group of people. Below the banner is a paragraph describing the range of certificates offered. To the right of the banner is a 'Where can I take the exam?' section with a 'Candidate Support' and 'Teacher Support' menu. Below this is a 'Choose your route' section with several dropdown menus for user selection. At the bottom right, there is a 'Test your English online' button and a 'SurveyLang' logo. A 'Cambridge ESOL eShop' button is also visible. At the bottom left, there is a 'News' section with several articles listed.

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Where can I take the exam?

Welcome to
Cambridge ESOL

Cambridge ESOL offers the world's leading range of certificates for learners and teachers of English – taken by over 2 million people in 130 countries. They help people gain entrance to university or college, improve job prospects or measure progress in English. More than 8,500 employers, universities and government bodies around the world recognise [Cambridge ESOL qualifications](#).

News

- Mexican law school to offer students Cambridge's legal English certificate
12 March 2009
- State schools in Brittany to use Cambridge English language certification
25 February 2009
- Argentinean students to benefit from Cambridge's English tests
24 February 2009
- Liscaen work by John Trim to be published as part of English Profile Programme
13 February 2009

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In print

- *Handbooks for teachers*
- Past paper packs
- Journals and newsletters

Handbooks for teachers

Each *Handbook* includes:

- the full exam specification
- guides to each of the papers
- full sample papers
- detailed information on how the exam is assessed



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First Certificate in English

Handbook for teachers

for examinations from December 2008



Past paper packs

- Copies of past papers
- Mark schemes and answer keys
- An audio CD of the Listening Test
- Order through ESOL website
<http://www.cambridgeesol.org/resources/past-papers.html>

Journals and newsletters

- *Cambridge First*
 - published quarterly
 - up-to-date exam info
 - how they are used round the world
- *Research Notes*
 - published quarterly
 - research and validation programme
 - academic and practical research issues

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Newsletter 27 November 2008

Top Tips help learners prepare

Learners getting ready to take the updated FCE now have an extra way to prepare for the exam: Top Tips for FCE is a 64-page revision guide for FCE candidates, which comes with a free CD-ROM.

Top Tips has been designed by Cambridge ESOL for candidates to use at home rather than in the classroom, and advises how to approach the different parts of each paper.

The book has been written by Cambridge ESOL examiners and item writers, with clear examples and explanations for the different parts of each paper.

The CD-ROM contains an authentic full practice paper for the updated FCE so learners can practise their skills with real exam materials. The CD-ROM includes the Listening test, with an answer key for each paper and a video showing sample Speaking on testing of FCE students.

Since its release in September, response from centres and schools to Top Tips has been extremely positive. Gerardo Méndez, Centre Co-ordinator at Instituto Cultural Anglo in Santiago, Chile, says: "Top Tips for FCE is a very practical and reader-friendly book. I use one tip per page, if it is very easy to read and very simple to integrate with any FCE preparation course. Although the book is clearly aimed at students, it can provide the teacher with some very useful advice on how to integrate exam practice into their courses on a step-by-step basis."

Sharon Harvey, an Assistant Director at Cambridge ESOL, with responsibility for candidate support, said: "Top Tips has been published in response to demand from learners. We have a candidate support website, a teacher support website, handbooks, seminars... and of course we send packs of past papers, but our customers have been demanding more support products."

Top Tips for FCE offers students and teachers a systematic approach to exam training and is a valuable addition to the materials students and teachers are already using for FCE preparation.

Centres can order copies of Top Tips for their students and customers by using the dedicated order form on CentreNet. More information about Top Tips can be found at www.cambridgeesol.org/FCE.

"A wonderful idea, practical, straightforward, helpful!"
— Maria Cristina Ordoñez, Centre Co-ordinator at CL002, Chile

What's in Top Tips?

Top Tips include these subjects:

- a guide to the task types in FCE
- how to use the FCE
- Paper 1: Reading
- Paper 2: Writing
- Paper 3: Use of English
- Paper 4: Listening
- Paper 5: Speaking
- what to do on the day
- what next after FCE!

The CD-ROM that comes with the book contains the practice paper and audio and video files of the Listening and Speaking tests.

BULATS goes online

The Business Language Testing Service (BULATS) is now available in an online format.

Grow the BULATS Listening and Reading test on the internet, a computer or a CD-ROM or a pen and paper test.

Cambridge ESOL developed the online version of BULATS in response to demand for a robust and reliable Business English language test with the flexibility to be taken at companies' own offices, at home that suit their needs. Online BULATS results are available in real time, which helps organisations make timely decisions about career dates for recruitment, promotion or international placement.

BULATS Online has been extremely well received and a successful launch began in October 2008. To complement this exciting development, the BULATS brand has also been re-designed to reflect the new product.

Deirdre Chetty, Cambridge ESOL's Global Manager for BULATS commented: "BULATS Online is an exciting development in the product range, which will give customers the same high quality exam but in a much more flexible format. BULATS.com is the premier business English assessment tool globally with particularly strong growth in Latin America, Asia and Middle East and North African countries."

More information can be found at: www.bulats.org/extra/online_test.php

Speaking Test Preparation Packs



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Speaking Test Preparation Packs

- New, teacher-friendly *Speaking Test Preparation Packs*
- Designed to help teachers prepare students for Speaking
- Format:
 - Comprehensive Teacher's Notes
 - Photocopiable Student Worksheets
 - Colour versions of the candidate visuals
 - Accompanying DVD (new video footage of students taking tests)
- Available from Cambridge ESOL eShop

Face-to-face

- Extensive programme of teacher seminars
- Conferences
- Order materials for events on CentreNET
- ESOLEvents@CambridgeESOL.org





Helping candidates prepare...

- *Information for Candidates*
- Candidate Support website
- *Top Tips series*
- *Blended Learning* preparation courses



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Information for Candidates

- available for all Cambridge ESOL exams
- downloadable from website/can be printed
- local language versions available
- ideal to give to students on registration



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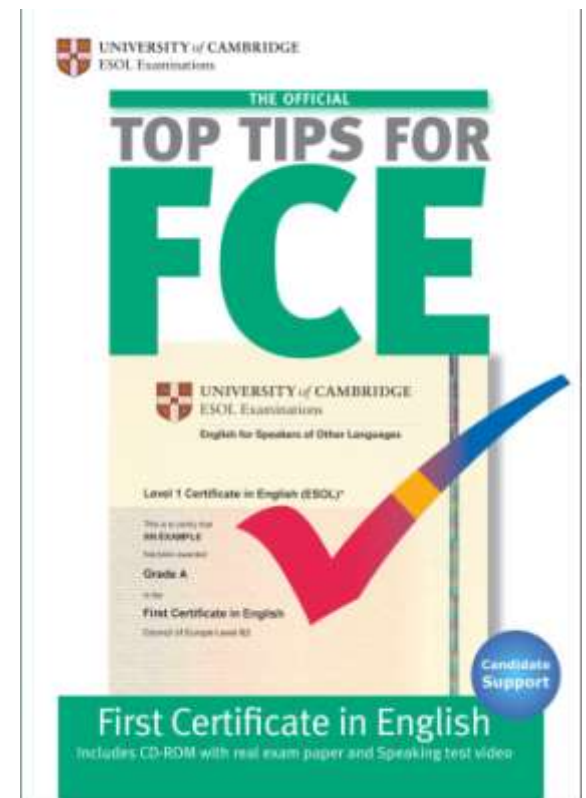
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Top Tips for FCE





What kind of book is *Top Tips*?

- *Top Tips for FCE* is a revision guide which complements the existing FCE book market
- Written as self-study for candidates to help them prepare for the exam itself
- Written by examiners with years of experience
- First time all such tips available together in one place
- Includes CD-Rom with practice exam paper and video of Speaking test



Forthcoming Versions of *Top Tips*

- *Top Tips for PET* (April 2009)
- *Top Tips for CAE* (April 2009)
- *Top Tips for IELTS - Academic* (October 2009)
- *Top Tips for IELTS – General Training* (October 2009)



Candidate Support website

- www.candidates.CambridgeESOL.org
- contains full information about each part of the exam
- downloadable documents include: *Information for Candidates*, sample papers
- FAQs, DOs and DON'Ts
- ideal for early stages of exam preparation

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Click on the link below to go to the exam you are taking. You'll find all the information and help you need to start studying!



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Get your results online from Cambridge ESOL



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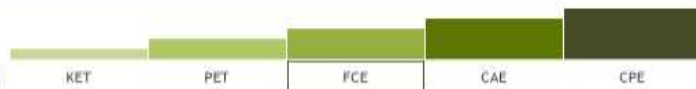
First Certificate in English (FCE)



Welcome to the FCE Home page, where you can find all the information and help you need to start preparing for FCE from December 2008.

Click on one of the steps to learn more about the exam.

[KET](#) | [PET](#) | [FCE](#) | [CAE](#) | [CPE](#)



ABOUT FCE FROM DECEMBER 2008

FCE is an intermediate-level Cambridge ESOL exam, at Level B2 of the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). **What is Level B2?**

What's in FCE from December 2008?

The table below shows you the different parts of FCE. You can also [view the FCE papers in more detail](#).

Paper	Content	Time	Marks (% of total)
Reading	3 parts/30 questions	1 hour	20%
Writing	2 parts	1 hour 20 minutes	20%
Use of English	4 parts/42 questions	45 minutes	20%
Listening	4 parts/30 questions	about 40 minutes	20%



ANNOUNCEMENTS
Start revising now with *Top Tips for FCE!*



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Additional support under development:

- Further improvements to teacher and candidate websites
- More candidate revision guides
- More enhanced Speaking Test Preparation Packs (including KET & PET in 2010)
- Writing Test Preparation packs in 2010
- Online practice tests
- Online or blended learning materials for additional exams
- Online and face-to-face professional development seminars and training for teachers



For more information on these topics go to:
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