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What's new at Cambridge ESOL?

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Introduction



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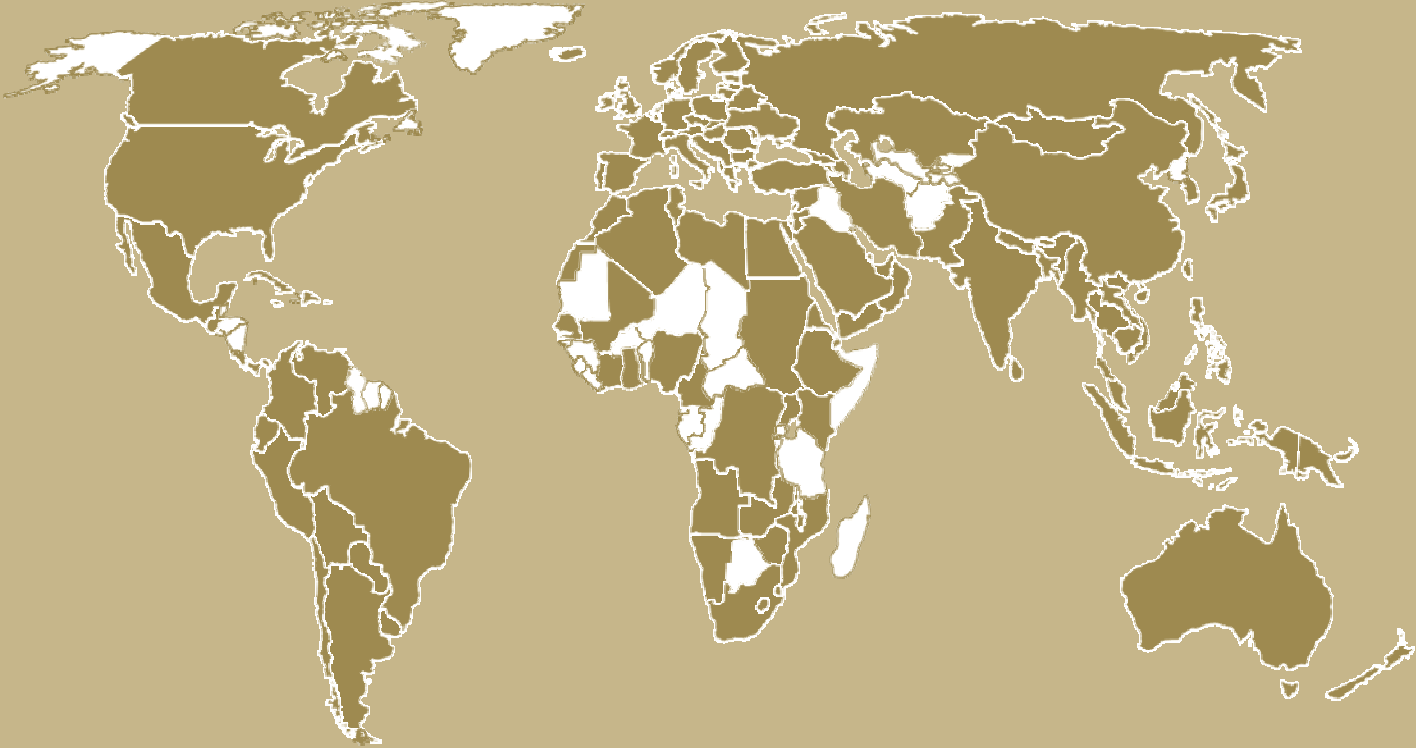
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Our reach



Office, Staff or Representative

Cambridge ESOL exam centres



- Los Angeles
- Mexico City
- São Paulo
- Buenos Aires
- St Petersburg
- Moscow
- Warsaw
- Berlin
- Cambridge
- Paris
- Madrid
- Bologna
- Naples
- Athens
- Istanbul
- Dubai
- Pune
- Delhi
- Chennai
- Shanghai
- Guangzhou
- Beijing
- Seoul
- Taipei
- Ho Chi Minh City
- Kuala Lumpur
- Sydney

4m candidates
130 countries

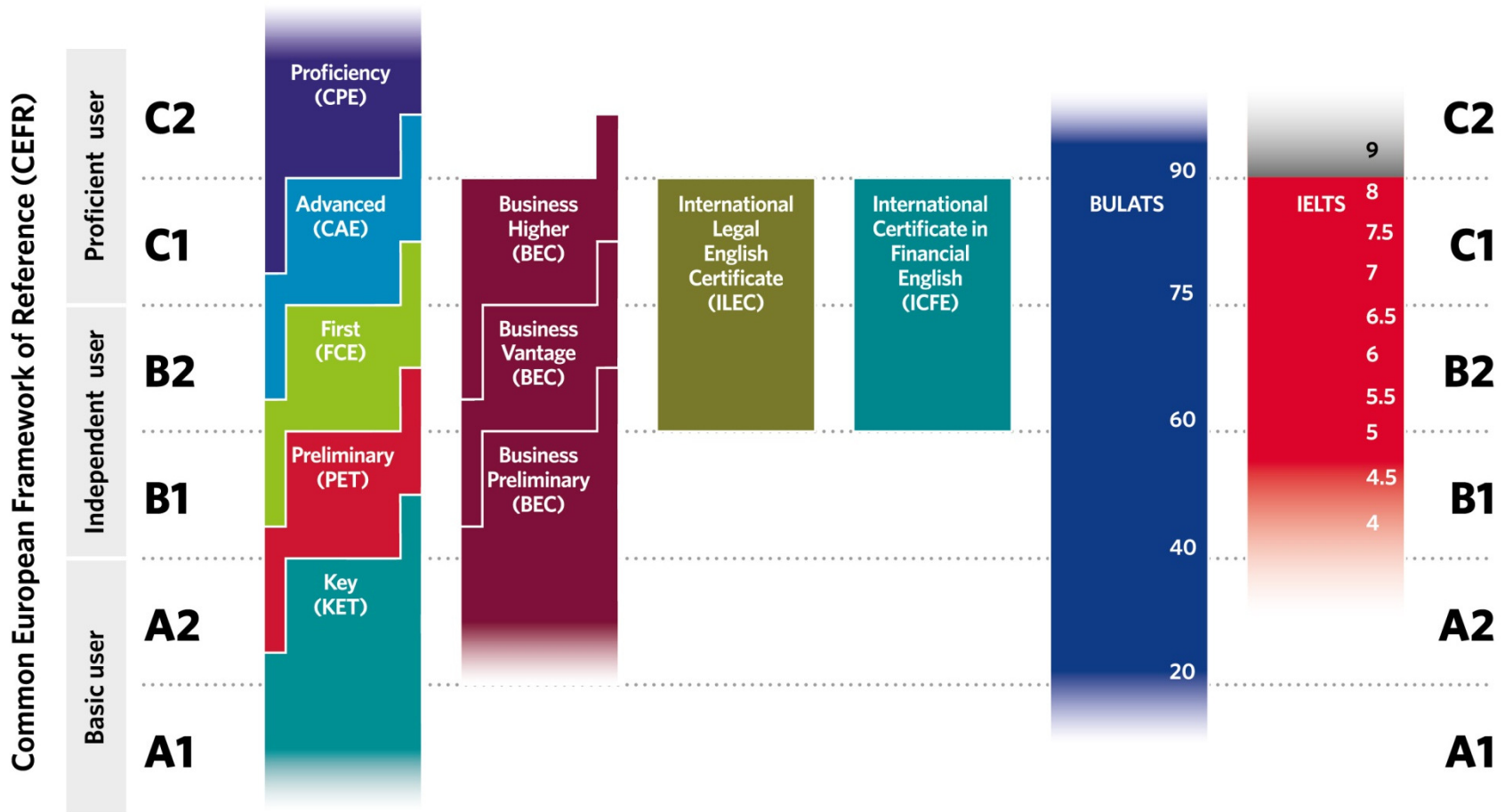
400 staff
26 offices

2,700 test centres
50,000 preparation centres

20,000 examiners
13,000 recognising organisations

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A range of exams to meet different needs



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Product and Assessment Updates



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BULATS Online Speaking and Writing



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Speaking test



- Cambridge ESOL's first online Speaking test
- Candidate wears headphones with microphone
- Candidate watches tutorial
- Candidate takes test – no interaction with keyboard or mouse except to enter personal details
- Pre-recorded questions are presented to candidate who has a certain amount of time to respond after a tone
- Responses are recorded and stored as they are gathered



Writing test

- Candidate watches tutorial
- Candidate takes test
- Candidate types their answers to a short Part One task (e.g. an email) and to their choice of two longer Part Two tasks (e.g. a letter or memo)
- Responses are stored as they are written

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Proficiency Revision



Cambridge English: Proficiency

- 1913–2013
- proof of exceptional English ability
- high-profile examination
- Typically taken by
 - Students in HE
 - Young Professionals
 - In the context of teacher training
- **New specifications from March 2013**



Overall aims of the revised Cambridge English: Proficiency

To ensure the exam

- keeps pace with developments in language teaching and testing
- continues to meet the needs of
 - candidates
 - teachers
 - centres
 - other users.



Main changes

- four papers instead of five
- approximately 2 hours shorter than the current exam
- new test tasks and focuses in each of the written papers
- from March 2013, available as paper-based and computer-based exams



Specification overview

Revised CPE		Current CPE	
Paper/timing	Content	Paper/timing	Content
Reading 1 hr 30min	7 parts (includes UoE tasks) 53 questions	Reading 1 hr 30min	4 parts 40 questions
Writing 1 hr 30 min	2 parts: one compulsory question; one from a choice of 5 (including the set text options).	Writing 2 hours	2 parts: one compulsory question; one from a choice of 5 (including the set text options).
Listening 40 min (approx.)	4 parts 30 questions	Use of English 1 hr 30min	5 parts 43 questions
Speaking 16 min (approx.)	3 parts: interview; collaborative task; individual long turns and follow-up discussion	Listening 40 min (approx.)	4 parts 28 questions
		Speaking 19 min (approx.)	3 parts: interview; collaborative task; individual long turns and follow-up discussion
Total timing: 3 hours 56 minutes		Total timing: 5 hours 59 minutes	

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Enhanced Certification



Enhanced Certification

- Candidates who do not pass the exam at the tested level but have demonstrated ability at the CEFR level below the examination will be awarded a certificate showing that level.
- Candidates who have demonstrated ability above the CEFR level examined will have that level displayed on their certificate



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Example FCE

- FCE Level C1
Score of 80-100
- FCE Level B2
Score of 60-79
- Level B1 Certificate
Score of 45-59

The Common European
Framework of Reference

C Proficient user	C2
	C1
B Independent user	B2
	B1
A Basic user	A2
	A1

Cambridge English:
First

Grade A
Grade B
Grade C
Level B1

Ready for
success in the
real world

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Projects

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Goals of the English Profile Project

- Reference level descriptions for all six levels of the Common European Framework of Reference
- reference “documents” linked to the general principles and approaches of the CEFR
- “CEFR for English”

break - Search results from the English Profile Wordlists - Windows Internet Explorer

Norton Phishing Protection on Identity Safe Log-ins

Google Search

break - Search results fr... X Google Club VAIO | Choose your c...

English English Search results for A1-B2 (23 matches)

Choose level:

- A1
- A1-A2
- A1-B1
- A1-B2
- A2 only
- B1 only
- B2 only

[Browse A-Z](#)

OR

Enter a word or phrase

break

ADVANCED SEARCH

Hide culturally sensitive words

Search

[English Profile Home](#)

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[Word of the week](#)

[Help](#)

Core results:

- break verb SEPARATE A2
- break your arm/leg, etc. A2
- break verb NOT WORK A2
- break verb INTERRUPT B1
- break verb END B2
- break a record B2
- break an agreement/promise, etc. B2
- break the law B2
- break the ice B2
- break sb's heart B2
- break down B1
- break in or break into sth B1
- break off (sth) or break (sth) off B2
- break out B2
- break through sth B2
- break up END RELATIONSHIP B1

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The Cambridge Learner Corpus

- Joint development: Cambridge University Press and Cambridge ESOL examinations
- Electronic collection of candidates' scripts
- 1993 - now (40m words and still growing)
- Unique resource for authors, lexicographers and researchers



Cambridge English The Cambridge Learner Corpus

- error coded learner written English
- Over 150,000 scripts
- Grows each year by
- All levels and exams





Writing a letter... in the Cambridge Learner Corpus!

Dear Sir/Madman.....
I look forward to seeing to you
Kind degrades
Yours fried
Best witches and loaves



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Free Support for Teachers



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Free Support

- Teacher Support Website with information and teaching tips
- Sample papers to download
- Printed handbooks
- Computer based free samples
- Candidate Website
- Promotional materials

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www.cambridgeesol.ch



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Official Preparation Materials



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Official Preparation Materials

- Cambridge ESOL and Cambridge University Press are producing the official preparation materials
 - Course Books
 - Supplementary materials (e.g. Top Tips, Speaking Packs)
 - Practice tests
 - Digital (elearning) products
 - Mobile apps

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The future

- Development of new products will be informed by our joint expertise
 - Cambridge Learner Corpus
 - English Profile research programme
 - Significant experience and ongoing research into learning, teaching and assessment



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Online Practice



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Online candidate preparation

- **Learner Mode/Test Mode**
- **Tutorials**
- **Full practice tests** for Reading, Writing, Listening, Use of English (where applicable)
- **Automatic scoring** for Reading, Listening and Use of English, sample answers for Writing
- Detailed **score report** and **answer feedback** (printable)
- Price: £7-13

Try before you buy:

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Online Speaking Practice

Gives students authentic, interactive preparation for their Speaking test.

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Key features

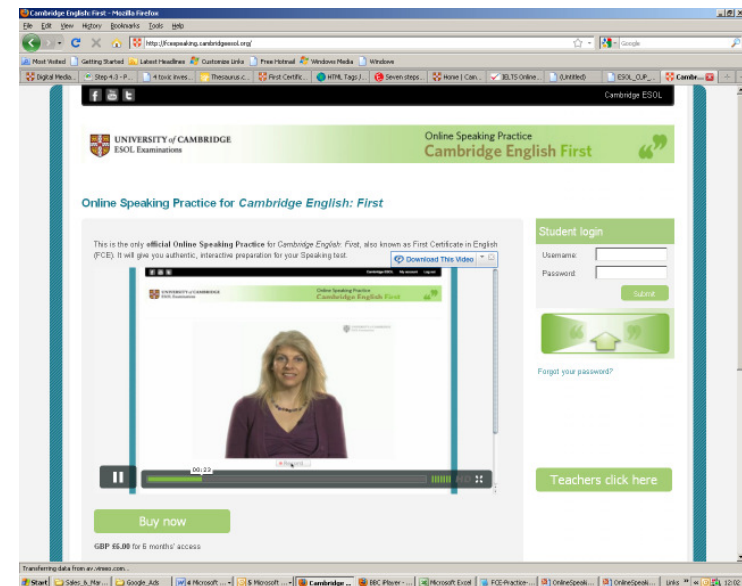
- A real Cambridge ESOL examiner asking questions, students record their own answers
- Each part of the Speaking test can be tried up to 10 times, recordings are saved and can be listened to
- Recordings can be shared
- Recordings of 'sample answers' by a student with written feedback from Cambridge ESOL, which students can compare with their own

www.CambridgeESOL.org/FCEspeaking



More information on website

- Video
- Technical check
- Teacher link



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What is Cambridge English Teacher?

- A place for language teachers to connect and develop
- A place that offers resources, courses and connections
- It works through registration and membership



What does CET offer?

- High quality courses
- Career Development: Webinars, articles, resources, forum
- Networking: Cambridge English Teacher Profile
- Value for Money



Membership and prices

- Registration as a guest is free and includes:
 - a free 5-hour language awareness course
 - access to the discussion forum
 - access to some of the webinars
 - access to 10-hour paid-for self-study courses (priced at £25)
- 12-month membership is priced at £28.50 and includes:
 - a 10-hour self-study course of choice
 - access to members-only webinars
 - a 12-month digital subscription to English Teaching Professional magazine
 - 20% discount on all 10-hour self-study courses

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Where to find out more

Cambridge English Teacher

Cambridge English Teacher is a new professional development website for English language teachers who are serious about their career.

Developed by two world-leading educational organisations, Cambridge University Press and University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations (Cambridge ESOL), the website will provide a community for English teachers to share best practice, network and develop.

Membership benefits include:

- free and discounted professional development courses
- a library of Cambridge resources
- a personal profile that records skills and achievements
- opportunities to interact with other ELT professionals
- topical articles and webinars.

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What else?



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