

Cambridge English Proficiency

Brief exam guide



Proof of exceptional English ability

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)



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Demonstrate exceptional English

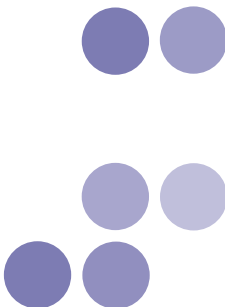
With Cambridge English: Proficiency you show the world that you have the English to study or work at the highest levels. It shows you can communicate with fluency and sophistication like a native speaker.

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The exam is accepted by thousands of leading businesses and educational institutions worldwide, including Dell and McGill University (Canada).

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Passing this exam gives you one of the most valuable English qualifications in the world. It is an achievement to be really proud of.



What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level C2 – the highest level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

What's in the exam?

The exam is designed to be fair to people of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds and is supported by a dedicated research programme.

It covers all four language skills (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

Reading and Use of English: 1 hour 30 minutes	Shows you can deal with different types of text and demonstrate knowledge and control of the English language.
Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes	Shows you can write a variety of text types, such as essays and proposals.
Listening: 40 minutes	Shows you can follow a range of spoken materials, such as lectures and interviews.
Speaking: 16 minutes	Shows you can communicate in a real-life context. You take the test face to face with one or two other candidates.

Reading and Use of English is worth 40% of the marks, and each of the other papers is worth 20%.

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Alberto Prandini
Cambridge English: Proficiency certificate holder,
Actor and Director



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- Demonstrate an extremely high level of English language skills
- Prove you have the fluency and confidence to function at the very highest levels of academic and professional life
- Gain a valuable qualification that is accepted worldwide

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