

B2 First for Schools

A *First for Schools* qualification shows that a student has the language skills they need to communicate in an English-speaking environment.

It's also a great way to prepare for higher-level exams such as [Advanced](#).

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

Exam Format

First for Schools is a test of all areas of language ability. The exam is made up of four papers developed to test your English language skills: Reading and Use of English (1 hours 15 minutes), Writing (1 hour 20 minutes), Listening (about 40 minutes) and Speaking (14 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](#)

Exam Dates

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

[Find exam dates](#)

Results

First 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 *First for Schools* Statement of Results](#)