

University of Cambridge **ESOL Examinations**



Level 1: KET – Key English Test

KET is the first level Cambridge ESOL exam, at level A2 of the Council of Europe's **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**. KET recognizes the ability to cope with everyday written and spoken communications at a basic level. KET uses language from real life situations and covers the four language skills - reading, writing, listening and speaking. It provides an assessment of practical skills, and encourages the development of abilities which can be used while travelling, as well as in study and working situations.

Level 2: PET – Preliminary English Test

PET is the second level Cambridge ESOL exam. It is an intermediate level exam, at Level B1 of the Council of Europe's **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**. If you can deal with everyday written and spoken communications (e.g. read simple textbooks and articles, write simple personal letters, make notes during a

meeting), then this is the exam for you. PET is a valuable qualification if you want to work or study abroad or to develop a career in international business.

Level 3: FCE – First Certificate in English

FCE is an intermediate level Cambridge ESOL exam, at level B2 of the Council of Europe's **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**. Choose FCE if your knowledge of English is adequate for many practical everyday purposes, including business and study. FCE is ideal if you want to work or study abroad or to develop a career which requires language skills (e.g. business, medicine, engineering). FCE indicates sufficient proficiency in English to be of practical use in clerical, secretarial and managerial jobs in many industries, in particular tourism, where contact with English speakers is required. Successful candidates have the ability to deal with routine letters and telephone enquiries, and to cope with some non-academic training courses and simple textbooks and articles.

Level 4: CAE – Certificate in Advanced English

CAE is the second highest level Cambridge ESOL exam, at level C1 of the Council of Europe's **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**. Choose CAE if you are reaching a standard of English that is adequate for most purposes, including social and professional situations, and in higher education. Studying for CAE helps you to improve your language skills and use them in a wide range of contexts. The exams are based on realistic tasks, and indicate the ability to use the language in practical situations. If you are successful, you'll be able to participate in meetings and discussions, expressing opinions clearly, and be able to understand and produce texts of various types, including business letters and reports. You'll also be more than capable of following university courses taught in English.

Level 5: CPE – Certificate of Proficiency in English

CPE is the highest level Cambridge ESOL exam, at level C2 of the Council of Europe's **Common European Framework of Reference for Languages**. If you are able to function effectively in almost any English-speaking context and are approaching a standard of English similar to that of an educated native speaker, then this is the exam for you. Success at this level represents a significant personal achievement. CPE is ideal if you want to work or study abroad, or to develop a career which requires language skills (e.g. business, medicine, engineering). On passing the exam, you'll receive a certificate awarded by University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations. Your CPE certificate is **recognised by thousands of universities and employers** throughout the world.