



WHAT IS THE A2 KEY FOR SCHOOLS TEST?

Practical English for everyday use

- *A2 KEY FOR SCHOOLS* is an examination set by the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations, usually for students aged between 11 and 14. It tests your ability to read, write, listen and speak in English.
- It reflects the interests of young people and includes topics like friends and family, shopping, sports and free time activities, animals, places, technology and travel.
- *Cambridge English: A2 KEY FOR SCHOOLS* is a basic English qualification equivalent to the CEFR (Common European Framework Reference) level A2.

Cambridge English: A2 KEY FOR SCHOOLS is made up of three papers. You can see exactly what is in each paper below.

| Paper | | Marks (% of total) | Purpose |
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| Reading and Writing (1 hour) | 5 parts & 30 questions | 50% | <p>You will read various notices, messages, questions, conversations and texts from brochures, newspapers or magazines where you will match words and complete sentences and questions. Some questions will be multiple choice.</p> <p>In the written section you will write a short message of a minimum of 25 words. Also, you will write a short story of 35 words or more based on 3 pictures.</p> |
| Listening (about 30 minutes including 6 minutes transfer time) | 5 parts & 25 questions | 25% | <p>You will listen to different announcements and other spoken material when people speak reasonably slowly. You will match various pictures, questions and answers. Some exercises will involve gap-fill and multiple-choice answers.</p> |
| Speaking (8-10 minutes approx. per pair of or three candidates) | 2 parts | 25% | <p>It is conducted face-to-face. You will answer questions about your daily life, interests, likes etc. plus a longer 'Tell me about...' question. Afterwards, you will use some picture prompts for discussion with the other candidate(s), comparing, describing and expressing opinions and there will be a follow-on discussion on the same topic. There are two examiners and this makes the test more realistic and more reliable.</p> |

GRADE C (Pass) = 120 -132/150 or 80% + **GRADE B** = 133-139/150 or 89% +
GRADE A = 140 -150/150 or 93% +