



WHAT IS THE B1 PRELIMINARY FOR SCHOOLS?

Practical English for everyday use

- *B1 Preliminary for Schools* (formerly known as PET) shows that you have mastered the basics of the English language.
- This is an intermediate level qualification.
- *B1 Preliminary for Schools* is made up of four papers. You can see exactly what is in each paper below.

Reading	Content	Marks (% of total)	Purpose
(45 minutes)	6 parts/ 32 questions	25%	You will need to be able to read texts of different lengths from signs, newspapers and magazines and understand the main points. Questions may be multiple-choice, gapped-text or involve matching.
Writing (45 minutes)	2 parts	25%	You will need to show you can use vocabulary and structure by completing tasks such as writing an email and a story or article of around 100 words for each.
Listening (30 minutes)	4 parts/ 25 questions	25%	You need to be able to understand the meaning of a range of recorded spoken material, including announcements, interviews and discussions about everyday life. In addition, you also need to be able to understand the attitudes and opinions of the speakers.
Speaking (12 minutes per pair of candidates)	4 parts	25%	You will take part in a conversation answering questions; describing photos in an individual long turn and complete a collaborative task with a partner(s) linked to picture prompts. The Speaking test will be taken with another candidate or in a group of three.

GRADE C (Pass) = 140 -152/170 or 82% + **GRADE B** = 153-159/170 or 90% +

GRADE A = 160 -170/170 or 94 % + **This would be B2 level.**