



WHAT IS THE B2 FIRST FOR SCHOOLS?

Practical English for everyday use

- *B2 First for Schools* (formerly known as FCE) shows that you are working at an upper intermediate/advanced level
- *B1 First for Schools* is made up of four papers. You can see exactly what is in each paper below.

Reading & Use of English	Content	Marks	Purpose
(1 hr 15 mins.)	7 parts/ 52 questions	40% (% of total)	You will be able to deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction, newspapers and magazines. Your use of English will be tested with tasks that show how well you can control your grammar and vocabulary.
Writing			
(1 hr 20 mins.)	2 parts	20%	You will write an essay of between 140 and 190 words and also have the choice of writing an article, email/letter, report or review of between 140 and 190 words.
Listening			
(40 mins. approx)	4 parts/ 30 questions	20%	You are required to understand a range of recorded spoken material such as news programmes, presentations and everyday conversations. There are a variety of question types.
Speaking			
(14 minutes per pair of candidates)	4 parts	20%	You will communicate effectively in face to face situations with one or two other candidates. The examiner will ask you general individual questions; then you will describe photo prompts with your partner(s); complete a collaborative task in which you have to reach a decision and lastly, engage in a discussion with your partner(s) relating to topics/issues in the previous task.

GRADE C (Pass) = 160 -172/190 or 84% + **GRADE B** = 173-179/190 or 91% +

GRADE A = 180 -190/190 or 95 % + **This would be C1 level.**