

Cambridge English **Advanced**

Information for students

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*English for high achievers in the
academic and professional world*

Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

A globally accepted test for high achievers

Cambridge English: Advanced, also known as *Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)*, is accepted globally for study, work and immigration purposes. It is trusted and accepted by over 3,000 organisations as proof of high-level English language skills.

Stand out from the crowd

At school

Students who have a *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* certificate can **gain exemption** from the English components of school-leaving exams in the following countries:

Lithuania
Romania
Slovakia
Ukraine

At university or college

Universities and colleges in **Australia, North America, Europe and beyond** accept the exam for admission purposes. Here is just a small selection:



Australia

Australian National University
Melbourne University
University of Adelaide
University of New South Wales
University of Queensland
University of Technology, Sydney
University of Western Australia
University of Wollongong

Canada

Dalhousie University
McGill University
McMaster University
Memorial University
Mount Allison University
University of Alberta
University of British Columbia
University of Saskatchewan
University of Toronto
University of Victoria

UK

Durham University
King's College London
University College London
University of Edinburgh
University of Exeter
University of Liverpool
University of Manchester
University of Nottingham
University of Oxford
University of Sheffield
University of York

USA

Claremont McKenna College
Concordia College
Fordham University
Miami University
Sacred Heart University
Tennessee Tech University
Texas Tech University
University of Idaho
University of New Mexico
University of North Texas
Woodbury University

A **full list** of educational institutions using *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* is available at

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Studying abroad

- The UK Border Agency accepts *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* for student visa applications.
- The Australian Government Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) accepts the exam for student visa applications.
- The UK's Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS) awards **70 Tariff points** towards your UK university or college application if you achieve a score of 80 (Grade A).



Get a head start in the job market

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) gives you a real advantage when applying for jobs, and research shows that **proven English skills improve career opportunities**. The exam is accepted globally by top employers including:

Accenture
Bayer
Bosch
Credit Suisse
Dell
DHL
Ernst & Young
Nokia
Sony



"Cambridge English: Advanced gave me the certification I needed to work in England and abroad using English. It also improved my English to near-native level so I was able to handle lots of situations."

Delphine Wade
Translator | France

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**More than 13,500
organisations worldwide trust
Cambridge English exams**

One exam – endless opportunities

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) is a **high-quality, international English language qualification** that you can use for your **university and student visa application**. It shows that you have the English language skills for success in the academic and professional world.

Develop your language skills

Preparing for the exam helps you develop the English language skills needed for success in study and work.

A globally recognised certificate

Accepted by over **3,000 institutions globally**, including universities, colleges and employers. Visit our website for a list of institutions that accept *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)*.

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Get a head start in the job market

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Internationally available

You can take the exam in over **1,300 locations** in **113 countries**.

Choice of how and when you take your exam

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) is available as both a **paper-based** and **computer-based** test giving you the choice of how you take it.

The exam is available **37 times a year** with test dates at least once a month.

Results are issued quickly – in two weeks for the computer-based exam and four weeks for the paper-based exam.

Support for you

Lots of printed and online support materials are available to help you prepare for your exam. Find out more at

www.cambridgeenglish.org/advanced



“A Cambridge certificate is very well known worldwide and has a very good reputation both on an academic and professional level. Cambridge English: Advanced helped me pursue my Master's degree at the London School of Economics.”

Rosita Cordasco

Student | London School of Economics



Register today

Find your nearest exam centre and register. They will be able to tell you about exam dates, costs and preparation courses.


www.cambridgeenglish.org/centres



"I'm a Spanish university student. My Cambridge English: Advanced certificate got me onto a course in Canada at the University of British Columbia. My ambition? To work for an organisation that builds and develops international relations."

Alexandra

Student | Audiovisual Communications, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona



Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)
– the only English language exam you need to study in the UK, Australia, Canada, the USA and beyond



Over 4 million people take
Cambridge English exams
every year

About Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)

Who is the test for?

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) is a **high-quality English language test** for people who want to show they have an advanced level of English for study, work and life in an English-speaking environment.

The test can be taken by candidates of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds, and covers all major varieties of English (e.g. American, Australian and British English).

What level is the test?

The test is targeted at CEFR* Level C1 (*IELTS* 7–8) – the right level for academic and professional success. It also provides reliable assessment at all levels from CEFR Level B2 to C2 (*IELTS* 5–9).

Preparing for *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* gives you the practical skills to:

- follow an academic course at university level
- communicate effectively at managerial and professional level
- participate with confidence in workplace meetings or academic tutorials and seminars
- carry out complex and challenging research
- express yourself with a high level of fluency
- react appropriately in different cultural and social situations.

How will the test improve my English?

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) is an in-depth test of English focused on the language skills you need to study and work in English. Preparing for the exam will help you develop the English skills for success.

Whether you choose to follow a preparation course to get ready for the exam or prepare by yourself, you will be improving your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

Because you take the Speaking test face to face and with another candidate, you are encouraged to practise and develop your ability to communicate effectively in real-life situations.



“Having taught a range of popular English tests I can recommend Cambridge English: Advanced. When a student has achieved a pass in the exam, it is a trustworthy and reliable indicator of their competence in language.”






Beth Lewis

UCAS Coordinator and Lecturer

* Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – the internationally accepted system for describing language ability.
IELTS (International English Language Testing System) is jointly managed by British Council, IDP: IELTS Australia and Cambridge English Language Assessment.

Test format

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) is a **focused** and **comprehensive** test. There are five papers – Reading, Writing, Use of English, Listening and Speaking. Each paper carries 20% of the total marks.

Paper (duration)		Content	Marks (% of total)	Shows students can ...
	Reading (1 hour 15 minutes)	4 parts/34 questions	20%	... deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction, newspapers and magazines.
	Writing (1 hour 30 minutes)	2 parts	20%	... create two different pieces of writing, such as articles, essays, letters, proposals, reports and reviews.
	Use of English (1 hour)	5 parts/50 questions	20%	... demonstrate their use of English with different types of exercise that test their control of grammar and vocabulary.
	Listening (about 40 minutes)	4 parts/30 questions	20%	... follow and understand a range of spoken materials – such as interviews, radio broadcasts, presentations, talks and everyday conversations.
	Speaking (15 minutes per pair of candidates)	4 parts	20%	... communicate effectively in face-to-face situations. Candidates take the Speaking test in groups of two or three.



Face-to-face Speaking test

You take the test with two examiners and at least one other candidate. This gives you the opportunity to show you can:

- use spoken language skills effectively in a range of contexts
- organise your thoughts and ideas
- express yourself coherently using appropriate language
- exchange information, express and justify your opinions, and agree or disagree with others.

The paired format means you can experience a more **authentic exercise in communication**, which gives a more reliable measure of your ability to use English.



Sample papers

Download sample papers at
www.cambridgeenglish.org/advanced



After the test

Get your results online

The fastest way for you to get your exam results is to sign up for our **free online results service**. Your exam centre will give you the information you need to register for this service.

Register now at <http://cambridgeesol-results.org>

Understanding your Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) results

If you are successful in the exam you will receive two documents which can help you with your applications: a **Statement of Results** and a **certificate**. The organisation(s) you apply to may ask you for either of these documents as proof of your English language skills.

Statement of Results

The Statement of Results contains three pieces of information:

1. Score
2. Grade
3. Candidate profile

Depending on which university, college or organisation you are applying to, you may be asked to achieve a specific score or grade. Organisations may also ask you for a particular candidate profile if they need you to have a specific level of English in one of the five skills.

1 Score

This is the score for the whole exam across the five papers (Reading, Writing, Use of English, Listening, Speaking). The score is shown as a number on a scale of **0 to 100**, which is converted from the total number of marks available in the exam.

2 Grade

The grade you are awarded relates to your score. In the table below, you can see the score range for each grade:

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)		
Grade	Score	CEFR level
A	80-100	Level C2
B	75-79	Level C1
C	60-74	
Level B2	45-59	Level B2

3 Candidate profile

This shows how you have performed in each of the papers in the exam. This information can be useful if you are asked to show you have a particular level of competence in certain language skills.

Statement of Results
ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES

Session
March (A6) 2011

Reference No.
113ES0245001

Candidate Name
A.N. EXAMPLE

To be quoted on all correspondence

Place of Entry
MADRID

Qualification
CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED ENGLISH

Score
1 73/100

Result
2 PASS AT GRADE C

Candidate Profile

Exceptional

Good

Reading

Writing

3 Use of English

Listening

Speaking

Borderline

Weak

The **Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)** is a general proficiency examination at Level C1 in the Council of Europe's Common European Framework of Reference. It is at Level 2 in the UK National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

CEFR Level	NQF Level	Examination	Results	Score
C2	3	Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)	Grade A	80 to 100
C1	2	Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)	Grade B	75 to 79
B2	1	First Certificate in English (FCE)	Grade C	60 to 74
B1	Entry 3	Preliminary English Test (PET)	Level B2	45 to 59
A2	Entry 2	Key English Test (KET)	Below Level B2	0 to 44
A1	Entry 1		Other	

Interpretation of results
Grade C covers the range of ability from a borderline pass to good achievement at the level. **Grade B** indicates the range of good achievement up to **Grade A**, which demonstrates an ability at Council of Europe Level C2. **Level B2** covers the range of ability between weak and borderline.

The total number of marks available in the examination is 200. Marks out of 200 are converted to a standardised score out of 100.

THIS IS NOT A CERTIFICATE
Cambridge ESOL reserves the right to amend the information given before the issue of certificates to successful candidates.

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Certificate

As well as your Statement of Results, if you achieve a score of 45 or above, you will also receive a certificate. The certificate shows your grade and the CEFR level you achieved. (Note that the certificate does not show your score.)

Depending on your result, you will receive one of the following certificates:

- Cambridge English: Advanced – CEFR Level C2**
Grade A
 Exceptional candidates sometimes show ability beyond C1 level. If you achieve a grade A in your exam, you will receive the Certificate in Advanced English stating that you demonstrated ability at Level C2.

- Cambridge English: Advanced – CEFR Level C1**
Grade B or C
 If you achieve grade B or C in your exam you will be awarded the Certificate in Advanced English at Level C1. Reaching this level reflects your commitment to high standards and your passion for English.
- Level B2 certificate**
 We believe it is important to recognise your achievement, even if you do not reach Level C1.

 If your performance falls within Level B2, you will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that you demonstrated ability at B2 level.

The Common European Framework of Reference

C Proficient user	C2
	C1
B Independent user	B2
	B1
A Basic user	A2
	A1

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Grade A
Grade B
Grade C
Level B2

Level of English needed for most academic purposes



"The fact that I had Cambridge English: Advanced was enough to convince the university council in Sweden that I spoke English well enough to study there. The year spent on the exchange was the best in my life."

Ewa Niedzialek

Student | University of Warsaw, Poland

How organisations can check your results

It is very easy for an organisation to check your results with our free online Results Verification Service. Just give them your **ID Number** and **Secret Number**, which you can find in the **Confirmation of Entry** you get when you register for the exam. Your chosen university, college or employer can then check your results online.

If you cannot find your Confirmation of Entry, please contact your test centre.



Example of Confirmation of Entry

Results information

Your results will be available on **26 July 2011 at 10:00 (UK time)**. To access your results you can register now at <https://cambridgeesol-results.org/> with the following information:

ID Number : ABC123456 Secret Number : 1973

You can pass these details on to organisations who wish to verify your result at <http://verification.cambridgeesolonline.org>

Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) and IELTS

If you are applying to a university or college that specifies an *IELTS* band score, you can use the table below to see how *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* scores relate to *IELTS* band scores.

IELTS band score	Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) score	Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) grade/CEFR level
8	80	Grade A (C2)
7.5	74	Grade B (C1)
7	67	Grade C (C1)
6.5	58	CEFR B2
6	52	
5.5	47	
5	41	

Find out more about how *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* is benchmarked to *IELTS* at

www.cambridgeenglish.org/advanced-IELTS

How to take Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)

Step 1 – Register today

You can take the exam at **more than 1,300 Cambridge English exam centres in 113 countries.**

Your centre will tell you:

- how to register
- when you can take the test
- how much the test will cost
- how you can prepare for the test.

Find your nearest centre at

www.cambridgeenglish.org/centres



On test day

As part of your test preparation, make sure you know what:

- to check before your test
- you should bring to the test
- you can and cannot do during the test.

You can find all this information at www.cambridgeenglish.org/exam-day

Step 2 – Get ready for your test

Many candidates choose to **follow an English language course** to prepare for the exam. Your centre can tell you about courses running in your area. You can also **prepare on your own** without following a preparation course.

There is a **huge range of support and practice materials** available to you. Using these materials can help you increase your chances of doing well in the test. Find out more at

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Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)

Launched in 1991, *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* has become a widely trusted, high-quality test of English for academic and professional purposes.

This is demonstrated by the global acceptance of the test by more than 3,000 organisations including education institutions, governments and employers.

The test was updated in 1999 and 2008 to reflect changes in language teaching and testing. It is available in both paper-based and computer-based versions in over 1,300 centres in 113 countries.



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