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KEY (A2): BASIC-LEVEL
ENGLISH EXAM

The A2 Key English exam, formerly known as the KET, is a qualification designed as proof of a basic level of English. It demonstrates that a person can communicate in simple situation in English.

This exam is for level B1 in the [EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK FOR LANGUAGES](#)

Key Data:

CEFR level: A2

Scale score: 120-139

Test format: Computer or paper based

Number of parts: 3

Exam length: about 2 hours

The A2 Key demonstrates that you can:

- Understand basic phrases and expressions
- Introduce yourself and answer simple questions
- Communicate basically and effectively in simple situations
- Handle simple everyday situations with English speakers
- Understand simple written English

CHANGES in 2020 TO THE A2 Key basic level of English exam

There have been some small changes to all of the sections of the A2 Cambridge exam.

Reading and writing (60 minutes)

Part 1 Multiple choice: understanding 6 short messages (6 points)

Part 2 Matching: read 3 short texts and match to option A, B, C (7 points)

Part 3 Multiple-choice long text: read one long text and understand main ideas (5 points)

Part 4 Multiple-choice gaps fill: complete the text with the correct option A, B, C (6 points)

Part 5 Open gap fill: read the text and write words in the gaps (6 points)

Part 6 Write a short message: respond to the information given. 25 words or more

Part 7 Write a story. based on 3 pictures. 35 words or more

Listening (30 minutes)

Part 1 Multiple-choice short texts: listen and choose the right picture A, B, C (5 points)

Part 2 Gap fill: listen to the short text and fill the gaps with a word, number, time, date (5 points)

Part 3 Multiple choice long text: listen to a longer text for specific information, opinions or feelings (5 points)

Part 4 Multiple choice: listen to 5 short texts for the main idea (5 points)

Part 5 Matching: listen to a longer text for specific information

Speaking (10 minutes)

Part 1 Introductory phase: candidates give personal information about themselves

Part 2 Compare, describe and express opinions about situations based on images.