

# Cambridge English Key

Brief exam guide



*The key to essential English*

Key English Test (KET)



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## The key to essential English

Success in Cambridge English: Key shows you have mastered the basics in English.

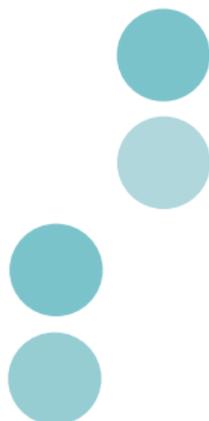
## Prove you have the skills to communicate

The exam shows you can:

- **understand and use basic phrases and expressions**
- **introduce yourself** and **answer basic questions** about your personal details
- **interact with English speakers** who talk slowly and clearly
- **write short, simple notes.**

## Gain a certificate that is accepted globally

The exam is accepted by thousands of leading businesses and educational institutions worldwide.



## What level is the exam?

The exam focuses on Level A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). It shows you can use everyday English at a basic level.

## What's in the exam?

The exam is designed to be fair to people of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds and is supported by a dedicated research programme.

It covers all four language skills (Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking) and knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

<b>Reading and Writing:</b> 1 hour 10 minutes	Shows you can understand simple written information and write short messages related to personal information.
<b>Listening:</b> 30 minutes	Shows you can understand key information in everyday conversations.
<b>Speaking:</b> 8-10 minutes	Shows you can take part in a conversation. You take the test face to face with one or two other candidates.

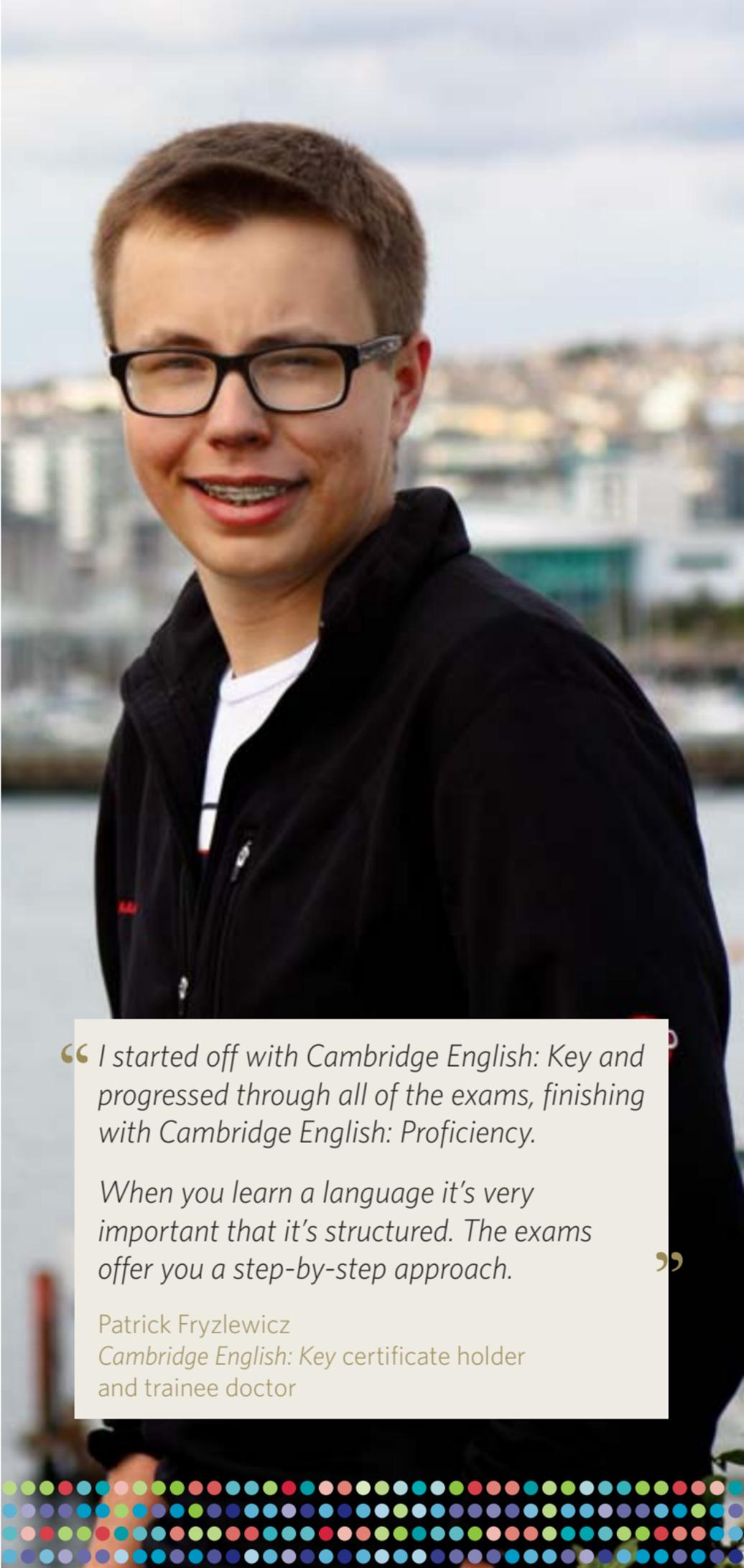
Reading and Writing is worth 50% of the total marks, and each of the other papers is worth 25%.

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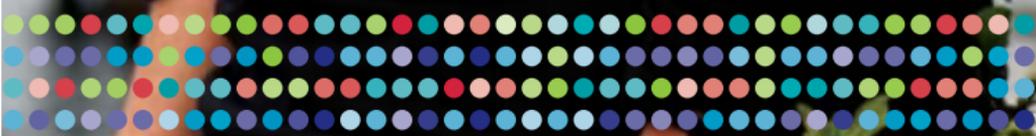


“ I started off with Cambridge English: Key and progressed through all of the exams, finishing with Cambridge English: Proficiency.

When you learn a language it's very important that it's structured. The exams offer you a step-by-step approach. ”

Patrick Fryzlewicz

Cambridge English: Key certificate holder  
and trainee doctor



## Show you can communicate in English

- Prove you can use English to communicate at a basic level in simple everyday situations
- Gain a valuable qualification that is accepted worldwide
- Improve your work, study and travel prospects

**13,000+**  
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### Register now

You can take the exam on paper or on computer.

#### Step 1 – Test your level

See if *Cambridge English: Key* is the right exam for you – take our free online test at

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#### Step 2 – Contact your local exam centre

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#### Step 3 – Get started on your preparation

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