

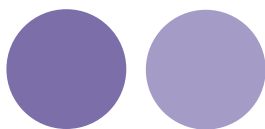
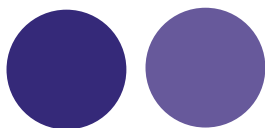


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Cambridge English Proficiency

Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE)

CEFR Level C2



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Cambridge English exams cover all major varieties of English and are designed to be fair to users of all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds.

A Cambridge English qualification

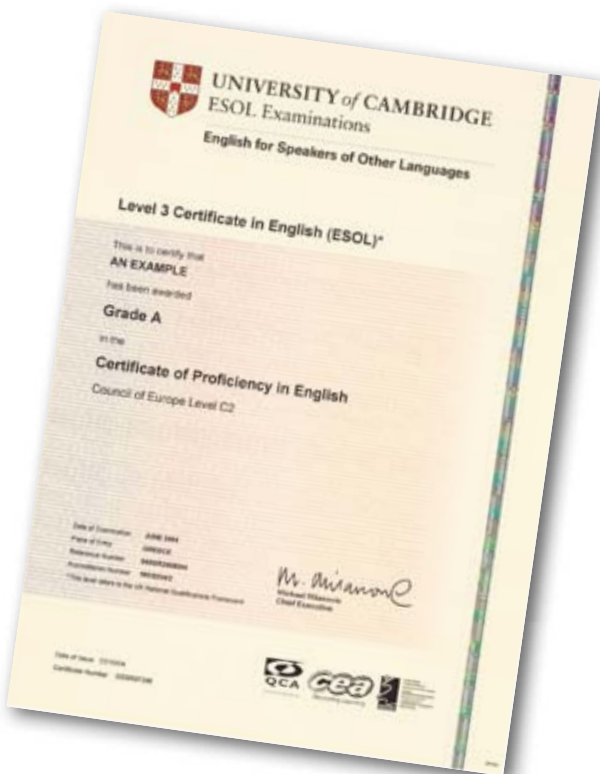
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Proof of exceptional English ability

Cambridge English: Proficiency is an in-depth examination at Level C2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) – the internationally accepted system for describing language ability.

Cambridge English: Proficiency is focused on Level C2 – the highest CEFR level¹ – and provides universities and employers with detailed evidence that you are able to use English at near-native levels in a wide range of situations.



¹ CEFR Level C2 approximates to the IELTS band scores of 8.5-9.0.

Your results

Cambridge English: Proficiency - Level C2

Grade A, B or C

You will be awarded the *Certificate of Proficiency in English* if you achieve grade A, B or C in your exam. Reaching this level demonstrates exceptional English ability.

Level C1 certificate

We believe it is important to recognise your achievement, even if you do not reach Level C2.

If your exam performance falls within Level C1, you will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that you demonstrated ability at C1 level.

The Common European Framework of Reference

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

Cambridge English: Proficiency

Grade A
Grade B
Grade C
Level C1
Fail

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The world's most valued English qualifications

Universities and employers can instantly check the authenticity of your Cambridge English certificate online. We are also introducing exam day photos for greater security and to make your certificate even more valued and trusted.

The exam format

Cambridge English: Proficiency covers all four language skills: Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking – plus a Use of English component testing knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

The Speaking test is conducted face-to-face and you will take your test with one or two other candidates and two examiners. This format encourages candidates to produce a range of authentic communicative language and ensures greater reliability of marking.

Each of the five papers carries 20% of the total marks.

Reading: 1 hour 30 minutes

Shows you can deal confidently with different types of text, such as fiction and nonfiction books, journals, newspapers and manuals.

Writing: 2 hours

Requires you to be able to write a variety of items, such as essays, proposals, reports and reviews.

Use of English: 1 hour 30 minutes

Tests your ability to use the right words, tenses and idioms in the right situation, at the right time.

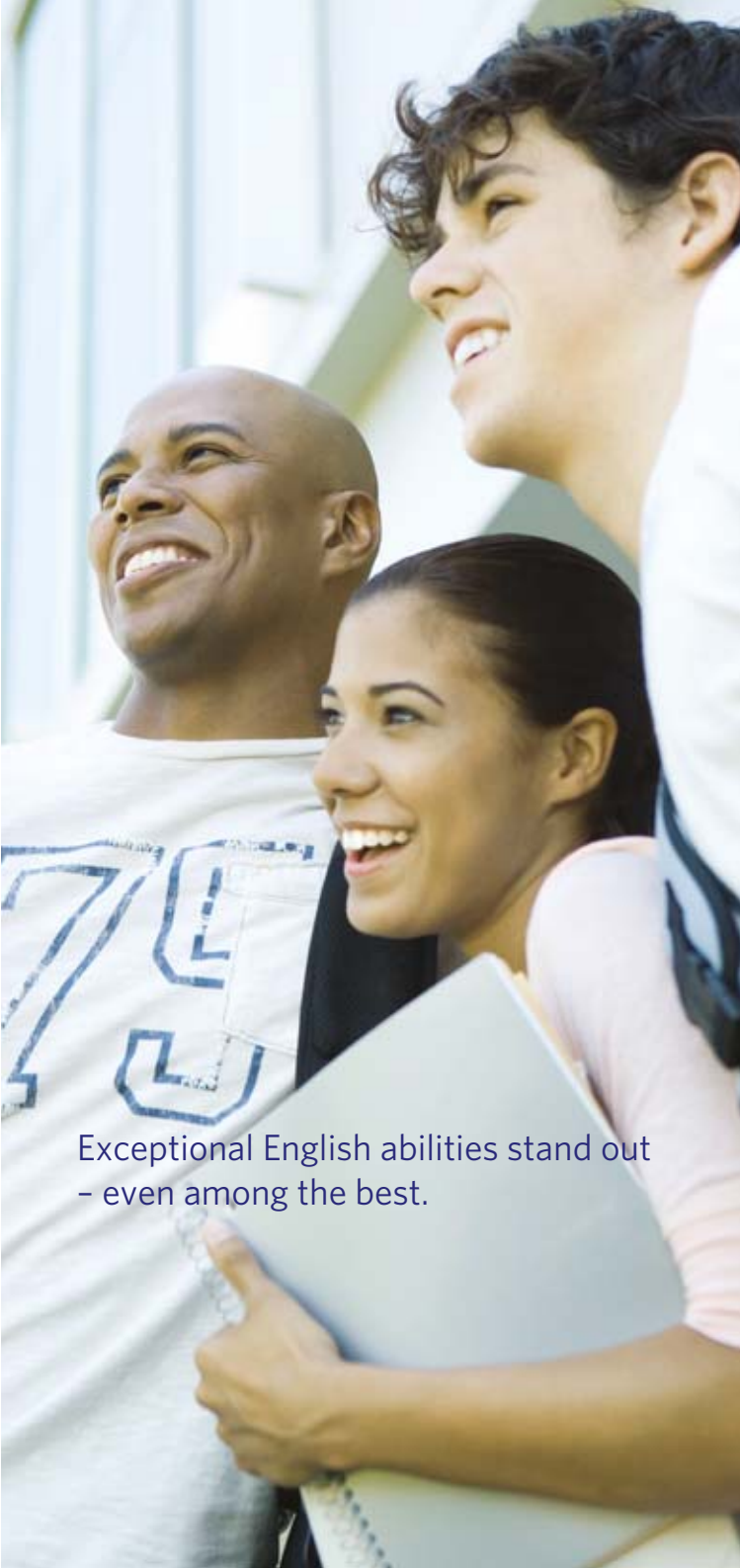
Listening: 40 minutes (approx)

Requires you to be able to follow and understand a range of spoken materials, such as lectures, speeches and interviews.

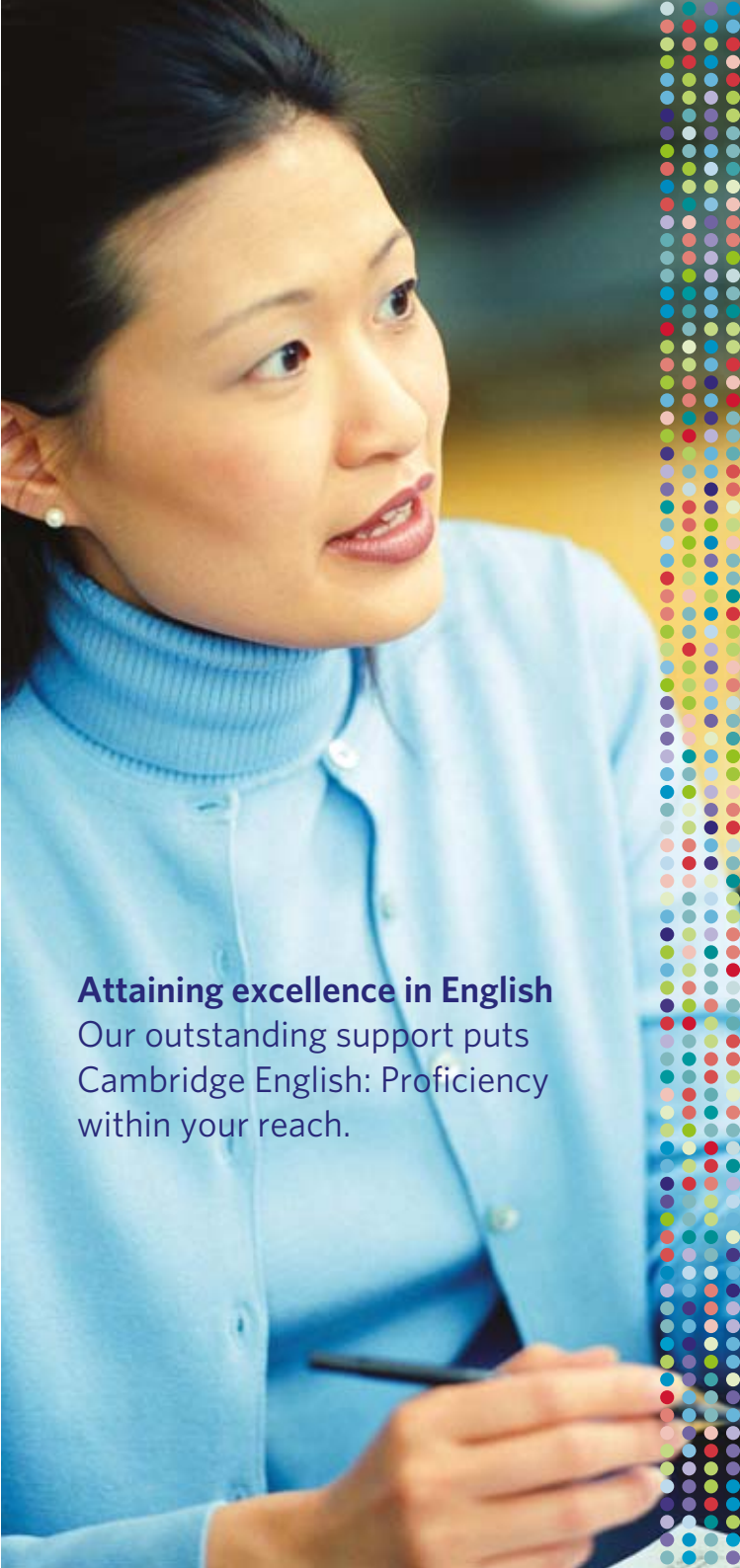
Speaking: 19 minutes

Tests your ability to communicate effectively in face-to-face situations.

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Exceptional English abilities stand out
- even among the best.

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Step 2

Find a Cambridge ESOL exam centre near you for information about:

- how to register
- exam dates
- practice materials
- preparation courses.

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Cambridge English

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- An international language including the world's major varieties of English
- English that is understood and used globally for business, study and everyday living
- The English spoken in the real world – not just the classroom
- The most valuable range of English qualifications in the world

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