

# Cambridge English : B2 First

## Use of English

Time : 1 hour 15 minutes (Reading & use of English)

For Parts 1 to 4, you read a range of texts and do grammar and vocabulary tasks.

Part 1 (8 questions) 1 mark for each correct answer.	Part 2 (8 questions) 1 mark for each correct answer.	Part 3 (8 questions) 1 mark for each correct answer.	Part 4 (6 questions) Up to 2 marks for each correct answer.
<b>Multiple-choice Cloze</b>	<b>Open Cloze</b>	<b>Word Formation</b>	<b>Key Word Transformations</b>
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## Reading

For Parts 5 to 7, you read a series of texts and answer questions that test your reading ability and show that you can deal with a variety of different types of texts.

Part 5 (6 questions) 2 marks for each correct answer.	Part 6 (6 questions) 2 marks for each correct answer.	Part 7 (10 questions) 1 mark for each correct answer.
<b>Multiple Choice</b>	<b>Gapped Text</b>	<b>Multiple Matching</b>
A text with some multiple-choice questions. For each question, there are four options and you have to choose A, B, C or D. <b>Read for detail,</b> opinion, tone, purpose, main idea, implication, attitude.	Tests understanding of text organisation. Look for clue words at the beginning and end of every paragraph and before and after the gaps. <b>Download this ebook :</b> <a href="#">Gapped Text Made Easy</a>	Tests understanding of the text. Scanning for meaning Paraphrasing. Watch out for phrasal verbs, set phrases and idioms. <b>Download this ebook :</b> <a href="#">Multiple Matching Guide</a>

## Writing

Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

Part 1 (One compulsory task : writing an essay)	Part 2 (One task to be selected from a choice of three)
<b>Compulsory Question (Essay)</b>	<b>Situationally Based Writing Task</b>
Formal writing. Conjunctive adverbs: Therefore, However, In addition... Adverbs : Particularly, Approximately... Conditionals : 2nd & 3rd Causative verbs : Have sth done /Have sb do sth Not only...but also... Example essays here : <a href="#">Real Writing Examples</a>	Article, Review, Email ,Letter, Report Study the format of each kind of text Download this document : <a href="#">Writing structure</a> <b>Download this ebook :</b> <a href="#">Writing Test Guide</a>

## Listening

Time : About 40 minutes

Part 1 (8 questions) 1 mark for each correct answer.	Part 2 (10 questions) 1 mark for each correct answer.	Part 3 (5 questions) 1 mark for each correct answer.	Part 4 (7 questions) 1 mark for each correct answer.
<b>Multiple Choice</b>	<b>Sentence Completion</b>	<b>Multiple Matching</b>	<b>Multiple Choice</b>
<b>Identify:</b> Place, function, addressee, opinion, speaker, topic, content or feeling. <b>Pay attention to</b> the stress and intonation, the speed at which the speakers speak and/or their sex, role, age, manner, hesitation, etc. <b>Listen for</b> information which helps you o eliminate wrong options as well as identify correct ones.	Questions in both types of task follow the same sequence as the information heard on the recording. Between one and three words for each answer. <b>Listen for</b> specific information, stated opinion.	<b>Listen for</b> gist, attitude, opinion, purpose, feeling, main points and detail. <b>Think about</b> the focus of the question. For example, are you listening to decide on the speaker, the place, etc. <a href="#">Listening parts 3 and 4 - tips</a>	Read through the questions and try to predict what you might hear on the recording if something is true or what you might hear if it is false. The information is given on the recording in the same order as the questions, so make sure you focus on the right question at the right time. <b>Listen for</b> attitude, opinion, detail, gist, main idea and specific information.

## Speaking

Time : 14 minutes per pair of candidates

Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4
<b>Interview (2 minutes)</b>	<b>Long Turn (1minute 30 seconds per candidate)</b>	<b>Collaborative Task (3 minutes)</b>	<b>Discussion (4 minutes)</b>
Conversation with the examiner. The examiner asks questions and you may have to give information about your interests, studies, career, etc. <b>Questions about yourself :</b> Where are you from? How long have you been studying English?	Comparing pictures and answering one question. You have to speak for 1 minute (about your photos) + comment for 30 seconds (about the topic of your partner's photos) <b>Watch these videos :</b> <a href="#">B2 First - Speaking Test</a> <a href="#">B2 First - Speaking Test 2</a>	<b>Visual prompts</b> 2 minute discussion followed by 1 minute to make a decision. <b>Skills:</b> Exchanging ideas, expressing and justifying opinions, agreeing and/or disagreeing, suggesting, speculating, evaluating, reaching a decision through negotiation, etc.	Further discussion with the other candidate, guided by questions from the examiner, about the topics or issues raised in the task in Part 3. <b>Skills :</b> Expressing and justifying opinions, agreeing and/or disagreeing. <b>Download this document :</b> <a href="#">Speaking Test Guide</a>