

CAMBRIDGE BENCHMARKING TEST

TEST INFORMATION

WRITING

TEST OVERVIEW

The Writing Test is taken using a computer. The question is presented to the candidate on the computer screen and there is space for the candidates to type their answer. The Writing Test takes 40 minutes.

The Benchmarking Writing Test can assess candidates across all levels from A1 to C1.

The table below gives details for each test.

Cambridge Benchmarking Writing Test (11-13)

Candidates write an email to a friend, answering questions contained in the input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1 question▪ Word length – 100-300 words▪ Total time – 40 minutes▪ Reporting from A1 to B2 or above
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Cambridge Benchmarking Writing Test (14-17)

Candidates write an essay for their teacher, including in their answer a series of discussion points provided in the input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1 question▪ Word length – 100-300 words▪ Total time – 40 minutes▪ Reporting from A1 to C1 or above
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Cambridge Benchmarking Writing Test (adult)

Candidates write an essay, including in their answer a series of discussion points provided in the input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ 1 question▪ Word length – 100-300 words▪ Total time – 40 minutes▪ Reporting from A1 to C1 or above
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SAMPLE TEST

Sample Tests can be found here:

[Writing Sample Test 11-13](#)

[Writing Sample Test 14-17](#)

(If you close the test, it will reopen at the same place. If you have any issues reopening the test once it has been finished, clear the computer's cache and try again.)

WRITING TEST ADVICE FOR CANDIDATES**Before the Writing Test**

- Review the Sample Test so that you understand where to write your answer.
- Make sure you know where the timer and word count functions are.

During the Writing Test

- Make sure you write about all parts of the question in your answer.
- Try to write *at least* 100 words. Writing as much as you can gives you the opportunity to show your full language ability.
- Where possible use a variety of language (e.g. structures, vocabulary, etc.).
- Be careful with your typing because there is no spellcheck! If you have some time at the end of the test, read your answer again to check for spelling mistakes, spaces, full stops and capital letters.

WRITING PRACTICE

Write and Improve is a great way to practise your writing skills and get used to the experience of taking an online writing test.

<https://writeandimprove.com/>