

Get ready for the exam

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#### Where are you?





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Why Cambridge English: Advanced?



Develop high-level language skills



What's in the exam



**Practice materials** 



Learning tips



English quizzes



What to expect on exam day



Understanding your results



**Q&A** session

### When are you taking your CAE exam?

- a. In November this year
- b. In December this year
- c. Next year
- d. I haven't registered yet



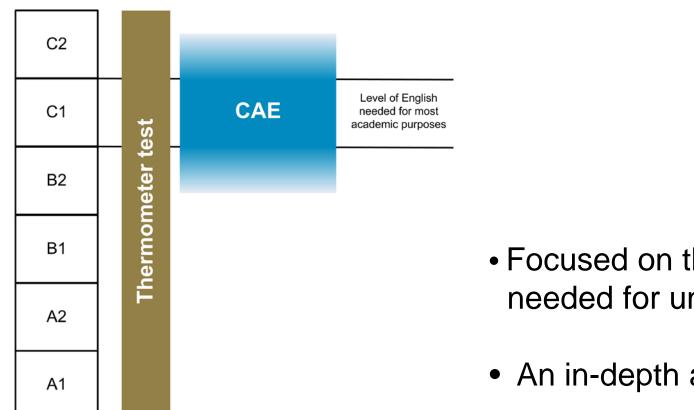
Why Cambridge English: Advanced?

#### What is Cambridge English: Advanced?

High-quality, secure international English language exam ideal for study and work purposes

#### How is it different to other English tests?

#### More than just a snapshot of English skills



- Focused on the high level needed for university study
- An in-depth assessment

#### Be the **best** you can be

- Prove to colleges and universities that you have the right levels of language ability to study in English in the UK, Australia, Canada, the US and beyond
- Help you **apply for visas** to work or study in countries such as the **UK** and **Australia**
- Show employers that you can use English in demanding international business situations

#### Globally accepted





#### Develop high-level English skills

# Preparing for the exam helps you develop the English skills you need for success...

1

Focused at an advanced level – the **right** level for university study

2

Improves your **knowledge of grammar and vocabulary**, as well as the four core skills

3

Content is based on realistic tasks and situations

4

Preparation classes are focused at an advanced level

# Are you studying English at the moment?

- a. Yes, I'm attending English classes
- b. Yes, I'm studying by myself
- c. No

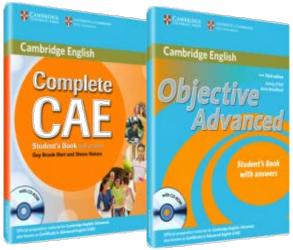


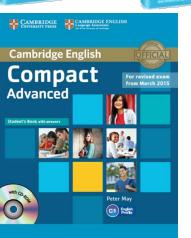
#### About the exam

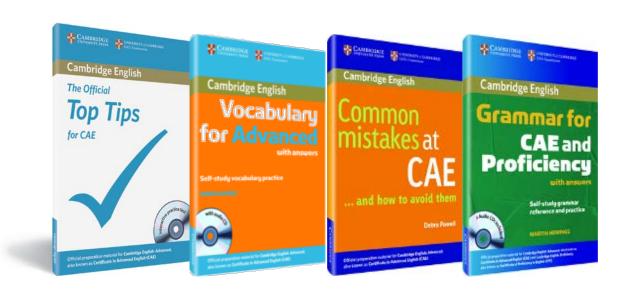
- Reading 1 hour 15 minutes
- Writing 1 hour 30 minutes
- **2 3** Use of English - 1 hour
  - Listening 40 minutes
  - Speaking 15 minutes



## Official preparation materials from Cambridge English Language Assessment and Cambridge University Press

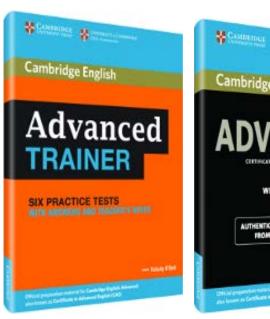


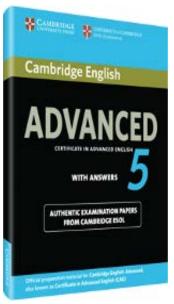


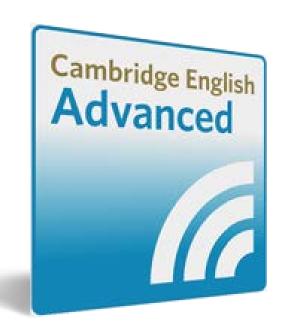


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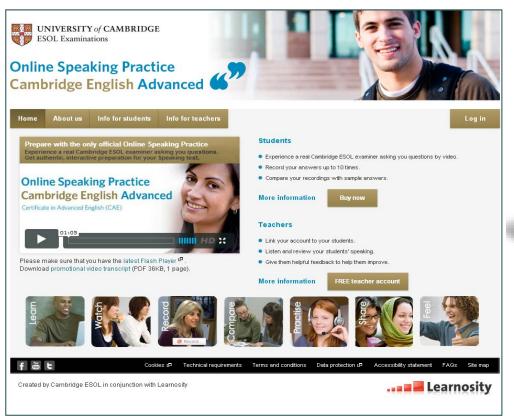






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http://cambridgeapps.org/exams/cae-test.html

http://caespeaking.cambridgeesol.org

# How often do you visit social media sites?

- a. Every day
- b. About three times a week
- c. Once a week
- d. Once a month
- e. Never

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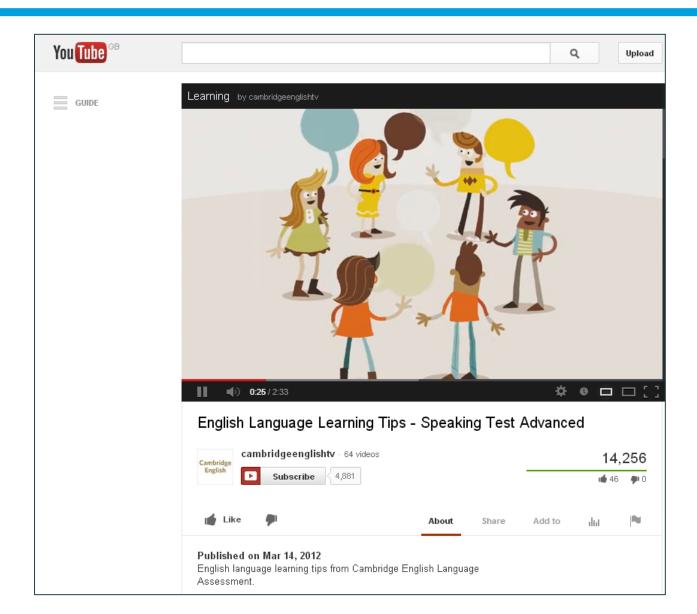


"This group is very useful for all those who are studying for CAE – thank you so much. I follow you every day!"

"I try your exercises every day – they are very useful to improve my English."

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#### Learning tips videos





### Learning tips

# Reading Tip



Practise your reading skills by reading a wide range of materials, such as books, newspapers, magazines and reports. Make a note of any useful expressions from the text.

# **Writing Tip**



Practise your writing skills by completing timed essays. Always check after completing a task that you've addressed the question fully and no important details are missing.

# **Listening Tip**



To practise your listening skills, listen to the radio or podcasts in English, Skype with English speaking friends, listen to music and watch movies in English.

# Are English language TV shows dubbed in your country?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Sometimes

# **Speaking Tip**



Practise speaking in English whenever you can. Speak English to friends or teachers, join an English speaking club and learn from English-speaking movies or television.



### English quizzes

# Prepositions

	about	after	for	of	on
agree	$\checkmark$				$\checkmark$

## Question one:

	about	after	for	of	on
agree	<b>√</b>				✓
ask					

### Here are the answers:

	about	after	for	of	on
agree	<b>√</b>				✓
ask	✓	✓	$\checkmark$	✓	

## Question two:

	about	after	for	of	on
agree	<b>√</b>				✓
ask	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	
care					

### Here are the answers:

	about	after	for	of	on
agree	<b>√</b>				✓
ask	✓	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	
care	✓		$\checkmark$		

## Question three:

	about	after	for	of	on
agree	<b>√</b>				✓
ask	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	<b>√</b>	
care	<b>√</b>		$\checkmark$		
know					

### Here are the answers:

	about	after	for	of	on
agree	<b>√</b>				<b>√</b>
ask	<b>√</b>	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	✓	
care	✓		$\checkmark$		
know	✓			✓	

# Which preposition does not fit?

#### **Question one:**

Professor Smith is talking on/of/about the behaviour of chimpanzees this Friday.

- a. on
- b. of
- c. about

## Which preposition does not fit?

#### **Answer:**

The preposition in red doesn't fit:

Professor Smith is talking on/of/about the behaviour of chimpanzees this Friday.

## Which preposition does not fit?

#### **Question two:**

I'm calling to ask after/about/of Mrs Johnson on Ward 7. I hope she's making a speedy recovery.

- a. after
- b. about
- c. of

# Which preposition does not fit?

#### **Answer:**

The preposition in red doesn't fit:

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#### **Question three:**

I didn't know about/of/with your passion for model trains. You surprise me!

- a. about
- b. of
- c. with

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The preposition in red doesn't fit:

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# Add the missing colour to complete these idioms:

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# Add the missing colour to complete these idioms:

1. He argued his point until he was blue in the face.

# Add the missing colour to complete these idioms:

- 1. He argued his point until he was blue in the face.
- 2. We went out with all our friends from college last night. We had a great time and really painted the town \_\_\_\_.

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- 2. We went out with all our friends from college last night. We had a great time and really painted the town red.
- 3. Tom didn't like that I won first prize. I could see he was \_\_\_\_ with envy.

## Here are the answers:

- He argued his point until he was blue in the face.
- 2. We went out with all our friends from college last night. We had a great time and really painted the town red.
- 3. Tom didn't like that I won first prize. I could see he was green with envy.



What to expect on exam day

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#### Exam day tips: Cambridge English paper-based exams

Here are some tips so you know what to expect on the exam day. These tips are for your written, paper-based exams (not including the Speaking test or Young Learner exams). For more information, go to www.CambridgeESOL.org



#### Before the exam

Check the date, time and address of your exam. Your centre will send you this information. If you have any questions, contact your centre before the exam day.

Remember to check how long it will take you to travel to the exam, especially if your exam is at a weekend or on a holiday.

Get to the exam early! Follow the direction signs to find the exam room or go to the reception of the building and ask for directions.



Bring your identification, for example a passport. It must be an original (not a copy) and must have a photo of you.

Bring pens and pencils. Your centre will also give you pens and pencils if vou need them.

You cannot have a bag at your desk, your centre will show you where to put any bags you have.

Do not bring food or drink to your desk in the exam room (except a bottle of water).

You cannot bring your phone or any other electronic devices to your desk in the exam. Your centre will tell you where to put them during the exam.



During the exam

Do not bring bags, phones, etc. to vour desk.

Listen carefully to the instructions which the invigilator will read out.

Do not talk to other people, or try to see what they are writing.

Make sure you follow the exam instructions. If you have any questions, need help or want to leave the room, raise your hand to ask for help.

There will be a clock in the exam room to help you with your timing.

If you are doing a Listening test, check that you can hear the test properly. Raise your hand immediately if you cannot hear the recording.



At the end of each paper

At the end of each paper (e.g. the Writing paper, the Reading paper, etc.), the invigilator will tell you to stop writing. Stop immediately.

Give all papers to the invigilator, including question papers answer sheets, rough paper, etc.

Always stay in your seat until the invigilator gives you permission to leave the room.

If you have any questions or problems, tell the invigilator immediately.

Good luck with your exam!



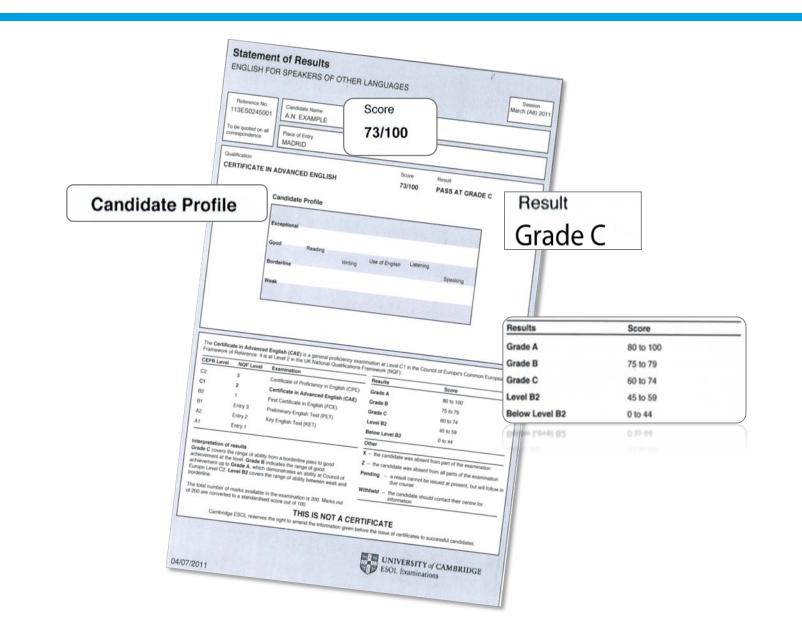
#### Your results

#### Understanding your results

# EVERY CANDIDATE WHO SUCCESSFULLY TAKES THE EXAM RECEIVES TWO DOCUMENTS



#### Statement of results



#### Certificate



#### When will I receive my results?

Results for computer based exam – 2 weeks

Results for paper based exam – 4 weeks

# How organisations can check your results

#### EVERY CANDIDATE RECEIVES A CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY

#### **Results information**

Your results will be available on 26 July 2011 at 10:00 (UK time).

To access your results you can register now at <a href="http://cambridgeesol-results.org/">http://cambridgeesol-results.org/</a> with the following information:

(ID Number: ABC123456)

Secret Number: 1973

You can pass these details on to organisations who wish to verify your results at <a href="http://verification.cambridgeesolonline.org">http://verification.cambridgeesolonline.org</a>



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# Questions and answers

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