

Pre A1 Starters

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Is there a wordlist for Pre A1 Starters?

Yes. There is a **Pre A1 Starters word list** available.

Do you use British or American English in the test?

British and American English terms are included in the vocabulary lists for the tests. Versions of the Listening test contain both British and American accents and throughout the test answers given in either standard British English or standard American English are accepted.

What do children receive after doing the test?

All candidates who complete Pre A1 Starters, A1 Movers and A2 Flyers tests receive a certificate. There is no pass or fail result. Every child who takes the test should feel they have achieved something important. On their certificate, candidates will see shields for Listening, Reading and Writing, and Speaking. The maximum score for each is five bold shields. One bold shield means that the child took the test but can still improve a lot in this part of the test. Five bold shields mean that the child did very well in this part of the test. There is information on the back of the certificate showing how the exams are aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) at levels pre A1, A1 and A2. Results are also mapped to the Cambridge English Scale, which is designed to complement the CEFR. Certificates usually arrive three to four weeks after the test or earlier. If you need to check when your certificate will arrive, contact the exam centre.

Reading and Writing

What do children need to take to the Reading and Writing paper?

For the Reading and Writing test, children just need an ordinary pen or pencil.

How is the Reading and Writing paper marked?

The centre where children take the test sends the completed tests to Cambridge. The papers are then marked very carefully by a team of trained markers.

Listening

What do children need to take to the Listening test?

For the Listening test, children must remember to take coloured pencils or pens (red, blue, green, yellow, orange, pink, purple, black, brown and grey) and an ordinary pen or pencil.

How is the Listening test marked?

The centre where children take the test sends the completed tests to Cambridge. The papers are then marked very carefully by a team of trained markers. In most parts of the test, spelling has to be 100% correct. In Part 2 some misspellings will be allowed for words which are not spelled out on the recording.

Speaking

What do children need to take to the Speaking test?

Children don't need to take anything to the Speaking test.

How is the Speaking test marked?

The Speaking Examiner marks the Speaking test, and sends the marks to Cambridge with the completed Listening and Reading and Writing papers.

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