

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE EXAMS 2026
FCE FOR SCHOOLS

First Certificate in English for Schools

This exam validates an intermediate level of English and represents the next step on the way to advanced English. This level is internationally recognized by educational institutions, businesses and commerce.

Further studies or professions requiring this level of English:

PR, bilingual secretarial positions, sales, banking, hotel and tourism, transport, travel agents, international airlines, foreign correspondence and journalism, ambassadors, interpreting, translation, IT, EU, etc ...

The exam consists of four parts:

- Reading and Use of English (1 hour 30 mins)
30 multiple choice questions, completing texts and reading comprehension questions about a text. Essential points such as text structure cohesion and linking language is tested here.
- Writing (1 hour 20 minutes)
Candidates have to answer 2 questions. The first is compulsory (such as answering a letter or email) of 120-150 words.
The second essay is either an article report or essay on a subject. The candidate can choose from three possible questions.

This writing paper will test the candidates' wealth of vocabulary, the structures, spelling, punctuation and cohesive devices used. Candidates need to give their own opinions and be able to justify and defend these points of view as well as advise, describe, compare and explain something in detail. ...

- Listening (approx. 40 minutes)
There are 4 parts (30 questions): multiple-choice questions, fill the gaps etc. There are 4 recorded dialogues to listen to about different subjects, listening for the gist or for details.
- Speaking (14 minutes)
There are 2 candidates and 2 examiners to give speaking guidelines and visual aid.
Candidates communicate with each other and with the examiner, by exchanging information and opinions through a series of guided tasks or problems. Here the candidate is tested for grammar, vocabulary, interactive communication and task achievement.

RESULTS: The results arrive about 10 weeks after the exam (during the summer break). The official certificates arrive about 3 months later (August/September). Les diplômes sont disponibles environ 3 mois plus tard.

Pass marks: Grade A, B, C.

Fails: D, E et U (unclassified).

Candidates receive an overall grade and not individual grades per exam paper.

The teachers have tested the pupils in class and in the mock exams and will decide if your child is ready or not to take the FCE exam. However, should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mme Helen THIRTLE LEOTARD (Head of the Languages Department).

EXAM DATE: *Saturday 6th June 2026*

The exact times of the exam will be given to you at a later date.

EXAM VENUE: EPBI2

ENROLMENT DEADLINE: *Monday 30th March 2026*

ENROLMENT FEE: 265€

Candidates must have an ID card with them on the day of the exam!

IMPORTANT: Please confirm by email (accueil@epbi.net) if you wish to enrol your child for the exam:

If you would like to enrol your child, please also complete the reply coupon and proceed to payment online (265€).



My child will take the exam

will not take the exam

I, undersigned, allow my
child born.....

to take the FCE exam at the school (EPBI 2) on 06/06/2026.

Payment of 265€ online.

Date:

Signature: