



THE LADY
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SCHOOL

English as a Second Language



Cambridge Assessment
English

In the Sixth Form **English as a Second Language** lessons we prepare students for the **Cambridge Assessment English** examinations.

We offer **all levels** although most students in Year 12 and Year 13 will be preparing to take the **Advanced (C1)** or **Proficiency (C2)** exam.

CAMBRIDGE ASSESSMENT ENGLISH

Cambridge English Qualifications are in-depth exams that make learning English enjoyable, effective and rewarding.

Our qualifications are based on research into effective teaching and learning. They motivate people of all ages and abilities to learn English and develop practical skills for the real world. Each exam focuses on a level of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), helping learners to improve their speaking, writing, reading and listening skills step by step.

Whatever your goals or ambitions, Cambridge English Qualifications are a mark of excellence, accepted and trusted by thousands of organisations worldwide.

Why should I take a Cambridge English exam?



Accepted worldwide

Our qualifications are accepted and trusted by thousands of leading higher education institutions, employers and governments worldwide.

They are a mark of excellence, and open doors to exciting higher education and employment opportunities both in Spain and the rest of the world.

Why should I take a Cambridge English exam?



Real-life communication

Our exams are based on real-life situations, helping you develop the skills you need to communicate effectively. The Speaking test is taken face to face with our expert examiners, so you will develop the ability to express your opinions and speak confidently.

Why should I take a Cambridge English exam?



Practice materials

We offer a broad range of learning and support materials to sharpen your language skills and help you communicate with confidence, for life.



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English Qualifications

DESCRIPTION OF THE LEVELS



English Qualifications

C1 Advanced

C1 Advanced is the in-depth, high-level qualification that shows you have the language skills that **employers** and **universities** are looking for.

A C1 Advanced qualification shows that you can:

- follow an academic course at university level
- communicate effectively at a managerial and professional level
- participate with confidence in workplace meetings or academic tutorials and seminars
- express yourself with a high level of fluency



English Qualifications

C2 Proficiency

C2 Proficiency is the **highest-level** Cambridge English qualification – proof that you are a **highly competent** speaker of English.

A C2 Advanced qualification shows that you can:

- study demanding subjects at the highest level, including postgraduate and PhD programmes
- negotiate and persuade effectively at senior management level in international business settings
- understand the main ideas of complex pieces of writing
- talk about complex or sensitive issues, and deal confidently with difficult questions.

Reasons to choose C2 Proficiency

- This is our highest-level exam. Passing it proves that you have mastered English to an exceptional level.
- Helps you to develop the English skills needed to succeed in very high level academic or professional environments



English Qualifications

Exam Format

Both the C1 Advanced and the C2 Proficiency are rigorous and thorough tests of English at a high level. They cover all four language skills – reading, writing, listening and speaking – and include a fifth element focusing on the candidate's understanding of the structure of the language. There are four papers and the overall focus of each test is as follows:

Reading and Use of English: 1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates need to be able to understand texts from publications such as fiction and non-fiction books, journals, newspapers and magazines.

Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes

Candidates have to show that they can produce two different pieces of writing: a compulsory essay in Part 1, and one from a choice of three tasks in Part 2.

Listening: 40 minutes (approximately)

Candidates need to show they can understand the meaning of a range of spoken material, including lectures, radio broadcasts, speeches and talks.

Speaking: 15/16 minutes

Candidates take the Speaking test with another candidate or in a group of three, and are tested on their ability to take part in different types of interaction: with the examiner, with the other candidate and by themselves.

Where do the exams take place?



Our students take their
Cambridge English language
exams in a Cambridge
Assessment authorised exam
centre in Denia.

When do the exams take place?



There are exam sessions held multiple times throughout the year so students are able to enrol whenever they reach the necessary level, usually either at the end of Y12 or mid Y13.



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If you are still unsure whether you should take a Cambridge English language exam or wish to receive further clarification of the course or some personal advice regarding studying English as a Second Language in the 6th Form, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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