

What our students need for revised Key and Preliminary - and beyond!

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Cambridge English Qualifications

By school stage



						C2 Proficiency	
						C1 Advanced	
					B2 First for Schools		
			B1	Preliminary foi	Schools		
			A2 Key for Schools		Ň		
		A2 Flyers					
	A1 Movers						
Pre A1 Starters							

Primary

Lower-Secondary

Upper-Secondary



4 skills





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Reading Task 1 (Key & Prelim)

Questions 1 - 6

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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- A The bicycle that's for sale was built for a child.
- B Some parts of the bicycle must be changed.
- C Debbie is selling the bike because she's too big for it now.

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Reading Task 1 (Key & Prelim)

Tasha



Last year I wrote for my college magazine, which I found really difficult, but I don't think it's hard to write a good blog. Mine is about things from daily life that make me laugh. My older brother also has a blog, but we're writing about different subjects. We don't discuss what we're planning, but we read each other's blogs sometimes. I like giving advice to people who write in asking for it – it's good to know I've helped.

Young blog writers

Danni



I started writing my popular film blog because I love movies. I like it when readers send me articles by email about a film they've seen, and I put these on my blog for everyone to read. I'm still at college, so I'm careful about spending too long on my blog, which is difficult as writing well takes time. I don't think I'll write it for much longer. I'm busy, and it's time to do something new.

Questions 7 – 13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

		Tasha	Danni	Chrissie
7	Who writes both a magazine and a blog?	А	В	с



Writing Task 1 (Key)

Part 6

Question 31

You want to go swimming on Saturday with your English friend, Toni. Write an email to Toni.

In your email:

- ask Toni to go swimming with you on Saturday
- say where you want to go swimming
- say how you will travel there.

Write 25 words or more.

Write the email/story on your answer sheet.







Writing Task 1 (Preliminary)

You must answer this question.

Write your answer in about 100 words on the answer sheet.

Question 1

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	What food do you think we should have at the party?	
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Writing Task 2 (Key)

Part 7

Question 32

Look at the three pictures. Write the story shown in the pictures. Write **35 words** or more.



Write the email/story on your answer sheet.







Listening Task 1 (Key & Preliminary)

2 Which part of the boy's body hurts now?



Α

в

С



Listening Task 2 (Key)

Jobs for students with *Sunshine Holidays*

Work in:

Children's summer camps

Dates of jobs:

(6) 15th June – 20th



Listening Task 4 (Key)

- 16 You will hear a woman talking to her fr Why did she buy it?
 - A It's fast.
 - B It was cheap.

For <u>Key</u>: Listening for Gist Listening for Specific Information For <u>Preliminary</u>: Listening for Specific Information Listening for Attitudes and Opinions

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Listening Task 5 (Key)

Questions 21 – 25

For each question, choose the correct answer.

You will hear Simon talking to Maria about a party. What will each person bring to the party?

Example

0 Maria B







Spea	aking	
12 m i Four	nutes parts, as before.	
Part	Task	Format
1	Introductory phase	Candidates show ability to use general interactional and social language. Same as old Part 1.
2	Individual long turn	Describing photographs and managing discourse, using appropriate vocabulary in a longer turn. Same as old Part 3 but photos are not necessarily on the same topic.
3	Collaborative task	Using functional language to make and respond to suggestions, discuss alternatives, make recommendations and negotiate agreement, based on picture prompts. Same as old Part 2.
4	Discussion	Talking about likes/dislikes, preferences, habits, opinions and agreeing/disagreeing. Similar to old Part 4 but is now linked to the collaborative task. In the old paper it was linked to the long turn picture description.



Do you like these different holidays?









Look at the pictures. Work with a partner and decide:

- 1) What kind of language will learners need to complete the task?
- 2) What things OTHER THAN LANGUAGE might learners need to know in order to complete the task?

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Language:

- Collocations with go to discuss outdoor activities:
 Go swimming, go skiing, go camping, go sightseeing....
- Present Perfect / Past Simple: I've been skiing before. I went two years ago.
- Phrases for giving opinion:
 I like / don't like / don't mind...
- Linkers for describing cause and effect:
 Skiing is great because you can go have a good time and be outside, so you feel more relaxed

Additionally:

- Background knowledge of the things shown in the pictures
- Knowledge of how to structure an answer: Opinion -> supporting fact -> ask for partner's opinion / change topic
- Familiarity with the task structure (who talks to who, for how long, about what, how many pictures to talk about)



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Compare the two tasks below. They are both a type of gap-fill activity, but are they testing the same thing? What does each task test?

Task 7 (Multiple-Choice Cloze)

Scientists have built a 300kph racing car that uses chocolate as a fuel! The project is (21) to show how car-making could (22) environmentally friendly. The car meets all racing car

21	Α	intended	в	wished	С	decided	D	insisted
22	Α	develop	в	move	с	become	D	arrive

Task 8 (Open Cloze)

Is there a great skatepark in your town? We've now got the (27) fantastic skatepark ever, and it's all because of my friends and me!

Our old skatepark was full of broken equipment, so none of us ever went there. But we all agreed that (28) we had a better skatepark in our town, we'd use it. And teenagers might come



Task 7 (Multiple-Choice Clara)



- 22: ...how car-making could **become** environmentally friendly.
 - Develop transitive verb, needs an object (incorrect pattern)
 - Move needs to be used as part of a phrase (move in a more environmentally-friendly direction) (no collocation)
 - Arrive no sense, also needs a preposition at

English

Takeaway for our students: Ss Task 8 (Op/ need to be aware of different Is there a categories of function words, and it's a including: OI Pronouns Prepositions Auxiliary Verbs **Determiners** Quantifiers Articles Delexicalized verbs (have, get, do..) 28: Bu ∕er skatepark Second conditional ∡st simple, Sub + would (d) + inf.

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Indonesian Adventure

TUESDAY 22ND APRIL

We've arrived and it's really exciting! It was a long flight, but I slept most of the way, so I'm not tired. When I got off the plane, I noticed the heat first – 32 degrees! It's really humid, because this is the rainy season. Everything they say about the roads in Jakarta is true! When we left the airport, there was a huge traffic jam. It took a very long time to get to the centre of town. We got a taxi to the hostel (where we're staying). The taxi driver was very friendly, but he didn't speak much English. I just showed him the address of the hostel on a piece of paper and he brought us here. I think we paid him too much, because he seemed very happy when he drove away! Sam's telling me to get ready to go and eat, so I have to finish now – more tomorrow.

From Dolf, A. et. al (2015) Empower B1 Pre-Intermediate SB, CUP (pp. 24)



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2)	A carried	Β	brought	С	arrived	D	went



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Or... a close cousin, dictogloss



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Great!

- I really like the idea of (having an end-of-course party).
- Explain classroom or park
- I'd prefer to have the party (in the classroom / in the park) because...
- Suggest activities or games
- One game we could play is (charades). You need / you play it with...
- Tell Mrs. Lake about food
- I suggest that we (order pizza / go to a restaurant after the party).



Hello Mrs. Lake!

Thanks for writing about the class party. I really like the idea!

Regarding where to have the party, I'd prefer to have the party in the park because the weather is really nice this time if year. If people want, we can go to a restaurant after we finish there.

Also, you asked about games. One game we could play is charades. You only need a few people who are creative and aren't afraid to look silly.

If we have the party in the park, I suggest that we order pizza because this is something that everyone likes.

I'm looking forward to it! Sincerely, Nataliia



Hello (Mrs. Lake)!

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Think carefully about what's being tested and what students might need to know!

Really **use your coursebook** with a little bit of **adaptation**, it's an amazing tool for exam preparation

Remember to give learners a **process** to follow - or a **strategy** and not just the language!



Questions?





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