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B1 Preliminary (for Schools)



Exam Time



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Exam Time

Do you take the B1 Preliminary Speaking exam alone?

Answer: *No, you take it in pairs or in a group of three if there is an odd number of candidates.*



Exam Time

Your B1 Preliminary certificate will include:

- A. Grades: A, B and C.
- B. Pass, Pass with Distinction and Pass with Merit.
- C. Shaded shields for each exam component.

Answer: A



Exam Time

Do you have to pass all the papers in order to pass the exam?

Answer: *No, you can fail a paper and still pass an exam. Your final grade is based on your overall score in all the papers.*



Exam Time

B1 Preliminary exam has now:

- A. 3 papers: Reading & Writing, Listening , Speaking.
- B. 4 papers: Reading, Writing, Listening, Speaking.
- C. 3 papers: Reading & Listening, Writing, Speaking.

Answer: B



Exam Time

In Reading Part 4 you complete a text with gaps and you should:

- A. use all the sentences.
- B. use as many sentences as there are gaps.
- C. use more than one sentence in some gaps.

Answer: B



Exam Time

In Part 6 Reading you complete a text with 6 gaps. Do you:

- A. write only one word in each gap?
- B. write as many words in each gap as you can squeeze in?
- C. leave some gaps empty because some sentences are correct?

Answer: A



Exam Time

The Preliminary Writing paper includes:

- A. two writing tasks: an email and a story.
- B. two writing tasks: an email and a story or an article.
- C. three writing tasks: an email, a story and an article.

Answer: B



Exam Time

In Speaking Part 2 you discuss a topic with the other candidate(s). Do you:

- A. use the ideas presented in the picture?
- B. use the ideas presented in the picture only if you do not have your own ideas?
- C. use your own ideas that should be different than the ideas presented in the picture?

Answer: A



Exam Time

During the speaking exam, if you do not know a word, you should:

- A. start to speak your mother tongue, especially if the other candidate can speak it too.
- B. stop and ask for a dictionary.
- C. try to use a different English word or try to describe a word that you need.

Answer: C



Exam Time

When writing an email you should:

- A. use all the notes from the input e-mail.
- B. not refer to the notes at all but use your own ideas.
- C. refer only to the notes that you would like to include in your email.

Answer: A



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Spell it!



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Spell it!

**Can you spell your name
and surname?**

Answer: e.g. *Oliver Brown,*
O-L-I-V-E-R B-R-O-W-N



Spell it!

Can you spell your friend's name and surname?

Answer: e.g. *Agnes Right*
A-G-N-E-S R-I-G-H-T



Spell it!

**What's the surname of the person
who wrote Harry Potter books?
Can you spell it?**

Answer: Rowling R-O-W-L-I-N-G



Spell it!

**What's your favourite subject?
Can you spell it?**

Answer: Maths M-A-T-H-S



Spell it!

**What's the name of the city
where you live? Can you spell it?**

Answer: e.g. Rome R-O-M-E



Spell it!

**What's the day after Tuesday?
Can you spell it?**

Answer: Wednesday W-E-D-N-E-S-D-A-Y



Spell it!

**Can you spell the name
of your country?**

Answer: e.g. Spain S-P-A-I-N



Spell it!

What's the name of your favourite band or singer? Can you spell it?

Answer: e.g. Shakira, S-H-A-K-I-R-A



Spell it!

What's the name of the largest continent? Can you spell it?

Answer: Asia A-S-I-A



Spell it!

**What's the name of the river
that flows through London?
Can you spell it?**

Answer: The Thames T-H-A-M-E-S



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Speaking Challenge



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Speaking Challenge

Try to talk for 30 seconds without stopping about eating out with your family and/or cooking.



Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about what
you like doing with your friends
after school and why.**



Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about your
school and your favourite subjects.**



Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about
your last holiday.**



Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about your
plans for the next weekend.**



Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about the best
ways to celebrate your birthday.**



Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about
your favourite sports.**



Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about
listening to music or playing
a musical instrument.**



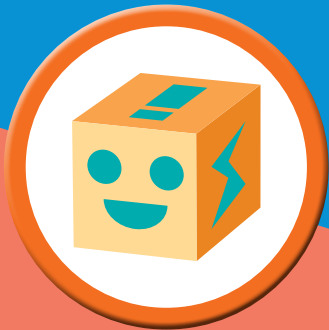
Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about
studying and doing homework.**



Speaking Challenge

**Try to talk for 30 seconds
without stopping about
your favourite festival.**



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Story Cubes



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Story Cubes

Use the following words and ideas to tell a short story:

- A. a boy / wake up late / get dressed and eat breakfast quickly
- B. run / miss his school bus
- C. see his teacher in a car / go together to school / be at school on time



Story Cubes

**Use the following words and ideas
to tell a short story:**

- A. a girl / come back home from school / find a wallet
- B. write a notice / next day put the notice on
an information board at school
- C. her classmate / call the girl / her wallet / be happy



Story Cubes

**Use the following words and ideas
to tell a short story:**

- A. a girl / come back home / study for a test alone
- B. too difficult / call her friend
- C. the friend / come / help / the girl happy



Story Cubes

**Use the following words and ideas
to tell a short story:**

- A. a boy / want to buy a birthday present for his dad / no idea
- B. go to a shop / look for a present / meet his friend
- C. the friend / help the boy / buy the present together



Story Cubes

Use the following words and ideas to tell a short story:

- A. a sister and a brother / want to get a game console for Christmas
- B. write a letter to Santa / leave the letter on the kitchen table
- C. parents / find the letter and buy the console / children happy



Story Cubes

**Use the following words and ideas
to tell a short story:**

- A. a boy / ill at home / bored and unhappy
- B. find a book / start to read
- C. his parents / come back home / boy finish the book/
be happy



Story Cubes

**Use the following words and ideas
to tell a short story:**

- A. a girl and her parents / on holiday / in the mountains
- B. want to climb a mountain / difficult and long
- C. everybody tired / at the top beautiful view /
relaxed and happy



Story Cubes

Use the following words and ideas to tell a short story:

- A. a boy / come back home / find a dog
- B. take it home / feed
- C. ask the parents / keep the dog / agree / happy



Story Cubes

Use the following words and ideas to tell a short story:

- A. two friends / plans / cycling together
- B. raining / not know what to do
- C. an idea / go swimming / have a good time



Story Cubes

**Use the following words and ideas
to tell a short story:**

- A. a girl / a birthday party at home / loud music /
lots of guests
- B. neighbours upset / too loud
- C. neighbours come / girl apologise / invite neighbours

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Vocabulary Challenge



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Vocabulary Challenge

Which is a synonym of awesome?

- A. very bad
- B. very fast
- C. very good
- D. very slow

Answer: C



Vocabulary Challenge

Which is the opposite of ordinary:

- A. unusual
- B. kind
- C. fine
- D. real

Answer: A



Vocabulary Challenge

You feel guilty when you have done something:

- A. great
- B. bad
- C. strange
- D. useful

Answer: B



Vocabulary Challenge

What is the opposite of spending money?

- A. ordering money
- B. changing money
- C. wasting money
- D. saving money

Answer: D



Vocabulary Challenge

If you are generous, you:

- A. like spending time with other people
- B. like spending money to help other people
- C. don't like spending time with other people
- D. don't like spending money to help other people

Answer: B



Vocabulary Challenge

Which is the item that you do NOT need when practising a sport?

- A. trainers
- B. a tracksuit
- C. a bat
- D. a bill

Answer: D



Vocabulary Challenge

Which can't you watch?

- A. a soundtrack
- B. a soap opera
- C. a series
- D. a podcast

Answer: A



Vocabulary Challenge

Which is good for the environment?

- A. pollution
- B. traffic
- C. litter
- D. recycling

Answer: D



Vocabulary Challenge

Which food is not good for vegetarians?

- A. lettuce
- B. turkey
- C. tuna
- D. cabbage

Answer: B



Vocabulary Challenge

Which do you get if you are ill and need a medicine?

- A. a prescription
- B. a bill
- C. a recipe
- D. a receipt

Answer: A



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Mime It!



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Mime It!

Can you mime these five jobs in 30 seconds?

- a barber
- a chef
- a journalist
- a musician
- a nurse



Mime It!

Can you mime these daily activities in 30 seconds?

- brushing your teeth while getting dressed
- having a shower and singing a song
- doing homework and listening to music
- eating lunch and talking to your friend
- sending a text message while walking a dog



Mime It!

Can you mime these five emotions in 30 seconds?

- frightened
- surprised
- depressed
- excited
- relieved



Mime It!

Can you mime these five hobbies and leisure activities in 30 seconds?

- keeping fit
- playing video games
- camping
- rock climbing
- sunbathing



Mime It!

Can you mime these places in a city in 30 seconds?

- an airport
- a petrol station
- a shopping mall
- a university
- a library



Mime It!

Can you mime these five items of clothing and accessories in 30 seconds?

- tights
- a sweatshirt
- trainers
- a handkerchief
- a necklace



Mime It!

Can you mime these five school subjects in 30 seconds?

- PE
- maths
- chemistry
- history
- economics



Mime It!

Can you mime these animals in 30 seconds?

- a lion
- a camel
- a donkey
- a dolphin
- a kangaroo



Mime It!

Can you mime these five technological items in 30 seconds?

- a screen
- a camera
- a smartphone
- a printer
- a keyboard



Mime It!

Can you mime these five sports in 30 seconds?

- cycling
- diving
- ice-hockey
- basketball
- high jump