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*English for high achievers in the
professional and academic world*

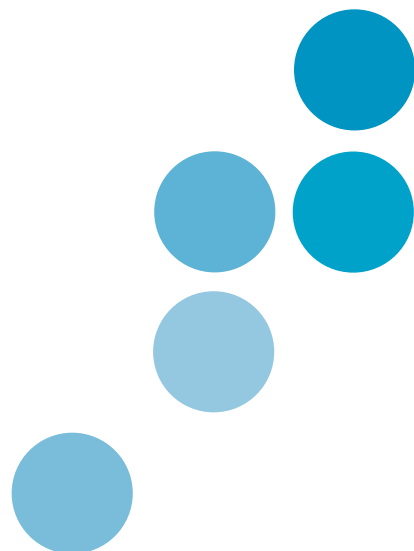
Why Cambridge English: Advanced?

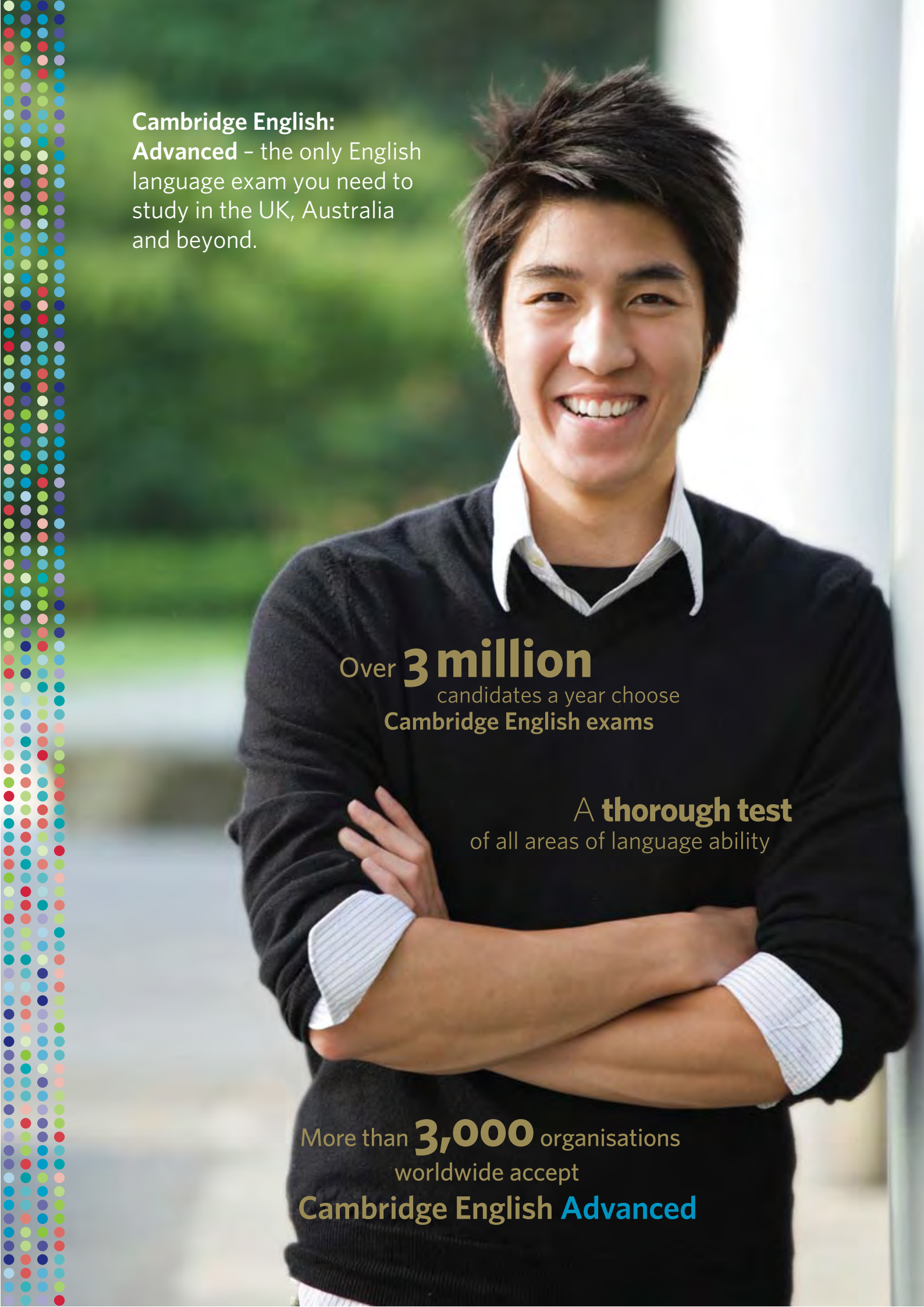
Cambridge English: Advanced, also known as *Certificate in Advanced English (CAE)*, is an international English language exam that shows you have the English language skills for success in the academic and professional world.

- Take one exam for **student visa applications** and **university and college admissions** (including in the UK and Australia)
 - saving you time and money
- **Accepted by over 3,000 organisations globally**, including universities, colleges and employers
 - search for organisations that will accept your *Cambridge English: Advanced* scores at www.CambridgeESOL.org/institutions
- **Develop your language skills**
 - gain confidence to cope with demanding study and work settings
 - stand out from the crowd as a high achiever
- **Widely available at over 1,300 centres in 113 countries**
 - choice of computer-based and paper-based tests
 - large number of test dates throughout the year
 - fast results and no restrictions on resitting
- **A high-quality test you can afford**
 - the cost of taking *Cambridge English: Advanced* throughout the world can be up to 50% cheaper than some other language tests
- Lots of **free support and preparation materials** to help you succeed
 - free sample papers available on our website
 - join our Facebook community to practise your English and meet other learners preparing for the test at Facebook.com/CambridgeCAE

Register today

Find your nearest *Cambridge English: Advanced* test centre and register:
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Cambridge English:
Advanced – the only English
language exam you need to
study in the UK, Australia
and beyond.

Over **3 million**
candidates a year choose
Cambridge English exams

A thorough test
of all areas of language ability

More than **3,000** organisations
worldwide accept
Cambridge English Advanced

About Cambridge English: Advanced

Who is the test for?

Cambridge English: Advanced is a high-quality test for people who want to show they have an advanced level of English for study, work and life in an English-speaking environment.

The test can be taken by candidates from all nationalities and linguistic backgrounds, and covers all major varieties of English (e.g. American English, British English).

What level is the test?

The test is targeted at CEFR* Level C1 (IELTS 7-8) – the right level for academic and professional success. It also provides reliable assessment at all levels from CEFR Level B2-C2 (IELTS 5-9).

Preparing for *Cambridge English: Advanced* gives you the practical English skills to:

- follow an academic course at university level
- communicate effectively at managerial and professional level
- participate with confidence in workplace meetings or academic tutorials and seminars
- carry out complex and challenging research
- express yourself with a high level of fluency
- react appropriately in different cultural and social situations.

How will the test improve my English?

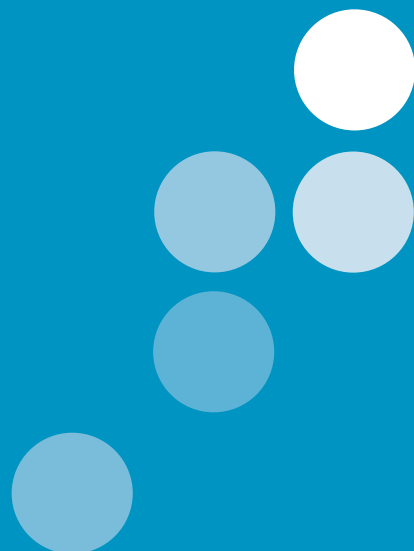
Cambridge English: Advanced is a rigorous and thorough test of English focused on the language skills you need to study and work in English.

Whether you choose to follow a *Cambridge English: Advanced* preparation course to get ready for the test or prepare by yourself, you will be improving your skills in reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as your knowledge of grammar and vocabulary.

Because you take the Speaking test face-to-face and with another candidate, you are encouraged to practise and develop your ability to communicate effectively in real-life situations.

www.CambridgeESOL.org/Advanced

* Common European Framework of Reference for Languages – the internationally accepted system for describing language ability



Test format

Cambridge English: Advanced is a focused and comprehensive test. There are five papers – Speaking, Use of English, Reading, Listening and Writing. Each paper carries 20% of the total marks.

Test focus of the five papers

Speaking: 15 minutes

The Speaking test format, taken with two examiners and at least one other candidate, gives you the opportunity to show your ability to use spoken language skills effectively in a range of contexts.

By taking a face-to-face test with another candidate, you experience a more **authentic exercise in communication** and gain a more **reliable measure of your ability** to use English.

At this level, you are required to show your ability to organise your thoughts and ideas and express yourself coherently using appropriate language.

You need to show you can exchange information, express and justify your opinions, and agree or disagree with the other candidate.

Use of English: 1 hour

In the Use of English test you need to show you can apply your knowledge of English **vocabulary and grammatical structures** appropriate to this level.

Reading: 1 hour 15 minutes

In the Reading test you need to show you can understand and **deal confidently with different types of text**.

You are tested on your ability to understand the main ideas and detail of written text along with the opinion, tone, purpose, attitude and text organisation features (such as exemplification, comparison, reference).

Listening: 40 minutes

The Listening test requires you to be able to follow and understand a range of spoken materials such as lectures, speeches, interviews, discussions and anecdotes.

You will need to demonstrate understanding of gist and detail, feeling, attitude, opinion and purpose expressed.

A variety of voices, styles of delivery and accents are heard in each paper to reflect the international contexts of the test takers.

Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes

You will need to show you can write non-specialised types of text, such as an article, essay, letter, proposal or report.

You will need to show that you can use writing to **communicate effectively**, demonstrating ability to advise, persuade, compare, evaluate, express opinions, hypothesise and justify.

Download sample papers at www.CambridgeESOL.org/Advanced

After the test

Understanding your Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE) results

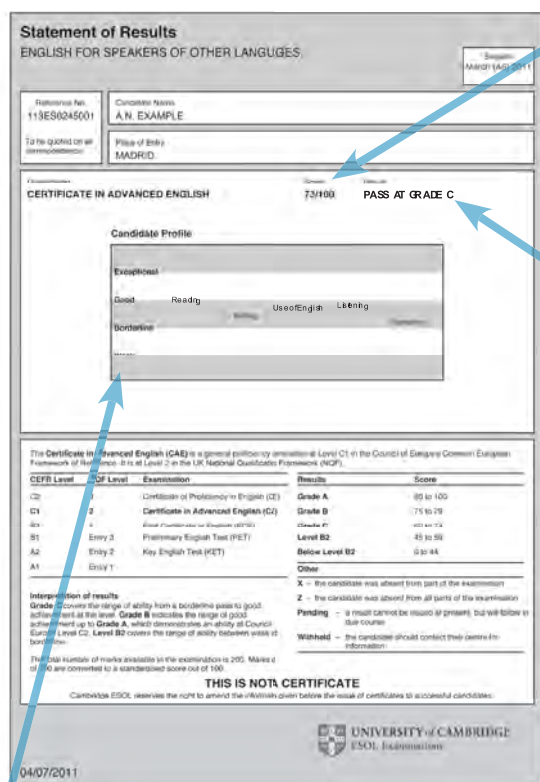
If you are successful in the exam you will receive two documents which can help you with your admissions: a **Statement of Results** and a **certificate**. The organisation(s) you apply to may ask you for either of these documents as proof of your English language skills.

Statement of Results

The **Statement of Results** contains three pieces of information:

1. Score
2. Grade
3. Candidate profile

Depending on which university, college or organisation you are applying to, you may be asked to achieve a specific score or grade. Organisations may also ask you for a particular candidate profile if they need you to have a specific level of English in one of the five skills.



1. Score

This is the score for the whole exam across the five papers (Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, Use of English). The score is shown as a number on a scale of **0 to 100** which is converted from the total number of marks available in the exam.

2. Grade

The grade you are awarded relates to your score. In the table below, you can see the score range for each grade:

Cambridge English: Advanced		
Grade	Score	CEFR level
A	80-100	Level C2
B	75-79	
C	60-74	Level C1
Level B2	45-59	Level B2

3. Candidate profile

This shows how you have performed in each of the papers in the exam. This information can be useful if you are asked to show you have a particular level of competence in certain language skills.

Certificate

As well as your Statement of Results, if you achieve a score of 45 or above, you will also receive a certificate. The certificate shows your grade and the CEFR level you achieved. (Note that the certificate does not show your score.)

Depending on your result, you will receive one of the following certificates:

- Cambridge English: Advanced – CEFR Level C2**
Grade A
 Exceptional candidates sometimes show ability beyond C1 level. If you achieve a grade A in your exam, you will receive the Certificate in Advanced English stating that you demonstrated ability at Level C2.
- Cambridge English: Advanced – CEFR Level C1**
Grade B or C
 If you achieve grade B or C in your exam you will be awarded the *Certificate in Advanced English* at Level C1. Reaching this level reflects your commitment to high standards and your passion for English.
- Level B2 certificate**
 We believe it is important to recognise your achievement, even if you do not reach Level C1. If your performance falls within Level B2, you will receive a Cambridge English certificate stating that you demonstrated ability at B2 level.



The Common European Framework of Reference

C Proficient user	C2
	C1
B Independent user	B2
	B1
A Basic user	A2
	A1

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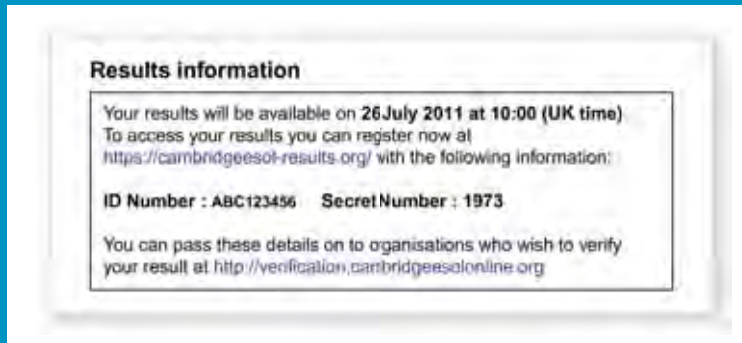
Grade A
Grade B
Grade C
Level B2

Level of English needed for most academic purposes

How organisations can check your results

It is very easy for an organisation to check your results with our free online Results Verification Service. Just give them your **ID Number** and **Secret Number** which you can find in the **Confirmation of Entry** you get when you register for the exam. Your chosen university, college or employer can then check your results online.

If you cannot find your Confirmation of Entry, please contact your test centre.



Cambridge English: Advanced and IELTS

If you are applying to a university or college that specifies an *IELTS (International English Language Testing System)* band score, you can use the table below to see how *Cambridge English: Advanced* scores relate to *IELTS* band scores.

Cambridge English: Advanced	IELTS
Score (0-100)	Band scores
93-100	9
87-92	8.5
80-86	8
74-79	7.5
67-73	7
58-66	6.5
52-57	6
47-51	5.5
41-46	5
36-40	4.5
32-35	4

Find out more about how *Cambridge English: Advanced* is benchmarked to *IELTS* at www.CambridgeESOL.org/Advanced-IELTS



A globally accepted test for high achievers

Cambridge English: Advanced is accepted globally as a high-quality test of English for study, work and immigration purposes. It is trusted and accepted by over 3,000 organisations in 76 countries, including some of the world's top universities and colleges in Australia, North America and the UK.

Here is just a small selection:



UK



US



Canada



Australia



Australia



Hong Kong

- University of Cambridge, UK
- University of Oxford, UK
- King's College London (University of London), UK
- University of Toronto, Canada
- University of Tokyo, Japan
- ICN Business School, France
- Università Roma Tre, Italy
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Spain
- Hewlett-Packard (HP)
- Microsoft
- KPMG
- IBM
- Sony
- Bosch
- DHL
- Credit Suisse
- Nokia

A full list of organisations using *Cambridge English: Advanced* is available at www.CambridgeESOL.org/institutions

Working and studying in the UK

Cambridge English: Advanced is accepted by:

- the **UK Border Agency** as meeting its language requirements for all categories of UK visa, including Tier 4 student visas
- **nearly all universities and colleges in the UK**
- the UK's **Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (UCAS)**
 - it awards 70 Tariff points towards your UK college or university application if you achieve a *Cambridge English: Advanced* score of 80 (Grade A)
- Ofqual, the statutory regulatory authority for qualifications in England, and its counterparts in Wales and Northern Ireland, as an accredited exam.

www.CambridgeESOL.org/Advanced/Study-UK

Studying in Australia

- The Australian government's Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) accepts *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* for student visa applications. DIAC accepts results for exams taken up to two years before the date a visa application is made. For more information about Australian student visas, subclasses of visa and the *Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)* scores required to apply for them, please visit the DIAC website www.immi.gov.au
- It is also accepted by almost all universities and TAFE (Technical and Further Education) institutions.

www.CambridgeESOL.org/Advanced-Australia

"I am a Spanish university student.

**My Cambridge English: Advanced certificate
got me onto a course in Canada at the
University of British Columbia.**

**My ambition? To work for an organisation that
builds and develops international relations."**

*Alexandra, Student
Audiovisual Communications
Pompeu Fabra University,
Barcelona*



How to take Cambridge English: Advanced

Step 1 – Register today

You can take *Cambridge English: Advanced* at more than 1,300 Cambridge ESOL exam centres in 113 countries.

Your centre will tell you:

- how to register
- when you can take the test
- how much the test will cost
- how you can prepare for the test.

Find your nearest centre at www.CambridgeESOL.org/centres

Step 2 – Get ready for your test

Many candidates choose to **follow an English language course** to prepare for *Cambridge English: Advanced*. Your centre can tell you about courses running in your area. You can also **prepare on your own** without following a preparation course.

There is a **huge range of support and practice materials** available to you. Using these materials can help you increase your chances of doing well in the test. Find out more at www.CambridgeESOL.org/Advanced



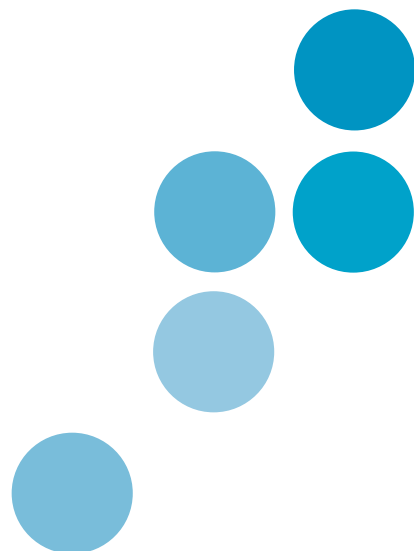
For quizzes, tips and information, join our Facebook community at [Facebook.com/CambridgeCAE](https://www.facebook.com/CambridgeCAE)

On test day

As part of your test preparation, make sure you know what:

- to check before your test
- you should bring to the test
- you can and cannot do during the test.

You can find all this information at www.CambridgeESOL.org/exam-day



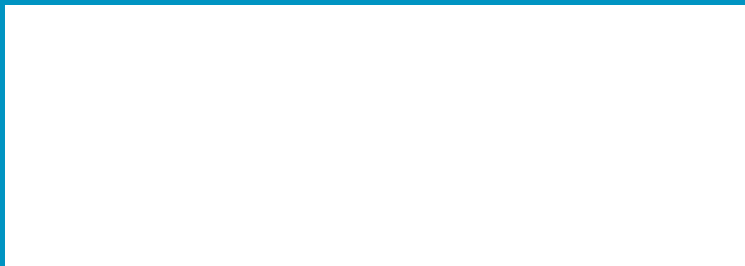
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