

Exam Preparation Courses: KET

Key English Test

KET is Cambridge ESOL's exam which recognises the ability to deal with everyday written and spoken English at a basic level. KET is at Level A2 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)*. Please refer to the grid above.

Is KET for you?

- Do you have basic English skills?
- Can you understand simple written English?
- Can you communicate in familiar situations?
- Can you understand short notices and simple spoken directions?

If this describes your skills now, or describes the level of skills you are working towards, then KET is the right exam for you.

What will KET do for you?

Cambridge ESOL is a department of the world-famous and historic University of Cambridge. Attaining one of its certificates is an achievement and a reward in itself. However, there are many other benefits to taking KET:

- A KET certificate is valid for life. You will not need to take the exam again.
- KET is a truly international certificate, recognised around the world for business and study purposes.
- Thousands of employers, universities and government departments officially recognise KET as a basic qualification in English.
- Although KET is a basic exam, it offers a chance to find out your strengths and weaknesses in using English, and gives you a pathway to higher qualifications such as the [Preliminary English Test \(PET\)](#) and [First Certificate in English \(FCE\)](#).

What is involved in taking the KET exam?

KET has three papers:

Reading and Writing: 1 hour 10 minutes

You will need to be able to understand simple written information such as signs, brochures, newspapers and magazines. You will also have to fill gaps in simple sentences and write a short piece of around 25 words.

Listening: 30 minutes

You need to show your ability to understand announcements and other spoken material when spoken reasonably slowly.

Speaking: up to 10 minutes

You will need to demonstrate you can take part in a conversation by answering and asking simple questions. Speaking tests are normally held with two candidates.



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