



## What to expect on the exam day?

### Overview

Cambridge English qualifications consist of four components (some higher exam also include Use of English test). The written tests – Reading (Use of English where applicable), Writing, and Listening – are always taken on the same day. The Speaking component may be taken on the same day as the written tests or up to seven days prior to the main exam day.

### On the Exam Day

Arrive early for your exam to allow time to be registered and be seated in the exam room. The venue (and room) details are in your exam timetable. If you arrive late, you may not be admitted to the exam.

Have good breakfast. You will have several hours of concentration ahead of you so you may want to take a drink and some snacks with you for the short breaks between the written tests. You cannot take food into the exam room. However, water in a clear plastic bottle is allowed.

### Check-in your personal belongings

No mobile phones, watches and electronic items are to be taken into the test room. Our staff will collect and safely store your personal belongings. You are only allowed to take into the exam room your ID, stationery items (pens, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and highlighters) and water.

### Identification documents

When you arrive on a test day, a staff member will check your identification (ID). For C1 Advanced exam the ID must be the same ID that you used when you booked the test. Your ID must also be valid (non-expired) and have a recognisable photo of yourself.

On the day of your exam we will capture your photograph (which will be added to the Result Verification website). Your identity will be checked prior to each test.

## Entering the exam room

When it is time to enter the exam room, staff will help you find your designated seat. Once you are in the exam room you cannot speak to other candidates. If you have a question, put your hand up and our staff member will assist you.

On your desk, you are only allowed to have your ID, pens, pencils, eraser, sharpener, highlighter, and water in a clear plastic bottle.

## Breaks and seeking assistance

You are not permitted to leave the exam room during the last 10 minutes of the first two written tests. If you need to go to the bathroom during a test, raise your hand and wait for a staff member to escort you to the bathroom. Please note you cannot leave the exam room during the Listening test (not even to the bathroom). If you finish the first two tests early you can leave the exam room after the first 30 minutes.

If you have a problem (e.g. you cannot hear the instructions, or you feel ill) raise your hand to attract the attention of our staff. Remember that the invigilators will not provide any explanation on the exam questions.

Keep track of time. There will be a clock in the exam room. It is essential that you pace yourself as you are taking the test. The transfer of your responses must be done within the test time.

## At the end of the written tests

You can only leave your seat when permitted by the supervisor (after collecting all the exam scripts). You must not take any notes and materials out of the exam room.

## After the exam

You can collect your belongings and leave the exam venue. You may want to check your speaking test time (if the speaking test is on the same day as the written tests).

Paper-based results are released four to six weeks after the exam (and computer-based one two to three weeks after the exam).

Certificates are scheduled to be available around ten days after the results have been released. You can collect your certificate from the exam centre office, or have it posted (we will contact you to find out your certificate postal address).