Cambridge English: First B2

(B2 First) - Exam Overview

READING & USE OF ENGLISH

1 hour 15 minutes



1. **Modified cloze** (8 gaps, **multiple choice**)
2. **Open cloze** (8 gaps)
3. **Word formation** (8 gaps)
4. **Key word transformation** (6)
5. **Multiple-choice reading** (6)
6. **Gapped text** (sentence insertion)
7. **Multiple matching** (10)

- Grammar & vocabulary control
- Understanding of detail
- Text organisation & structure

WRITING

1 hour 20 minutes



1. **Compulsory essay** (120–180 words)
2. **Choice of task:**
   - Article
   - Letter/Email
   - Review
   - Report

- Writing for different purposes
- Adjusting register & formality
- Expressing & justifying opinions

LISTENING

~40 minutes



1. **8 short extracts** (multiple choice)
2. **Sentence completion** (10 items)
3. **Multiple matching** (5 speakers)
4. **Interview/conversation** (7 multiple choice)

- **Understanding opinions** & attitude
- Identifying main ideas & detail
- Recognising purpose & agreement

SPEAKING

14 minutes



1. **Interview**
2. **Individual long turn** + response
3. **Collaborative task** (discussion with prompts)
4. **Extended discussion**

- Interactive communication
- Expressing & developing ideas
- Discussion & negotiation skills

LIVEWORKSHEETS