



KEY A2 ENGLISH TEST

Reading and Writing

Test: FINAL KEY 8

V01.2025

Time allowed: 1 hour

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this question paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name, centre number and candidate number on your answer sheet if they are not already there.

Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.

Answer all the questions.

Read the instructions on the answer sheet.

Write your answers on the answer sheet. Use a pencil.

You **must** complete the answer sheet within the time limit.

At the end of the test, hand in both this question paper and your answer sheet.

Part 1

Questions 1-6

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1

Mike,

My mum's ill and I need to visit her.
Can you pick up the kids? David's got
football until 5.

Sheila

- A Sheila wants Mike to get David a football.
- B Mike's mum is ill.
- C Sheila needs help with the children.

2

WAIT HERE

Please take a ticket and wait for
your number to come up.

- A You might have to wait.
- B If you take a ticket, you don't need to wait.
- C When your number comes up, you should
take a ticket.

3

Hi Maria,

My car's broken down, so I'm
getting the bus! I'll be there soon.
Sorry! Please order me something
simple, like a sandwich.

Heather

- A Maria's car is not working.
- B Maria is waiting for Heather.
- C Heather wants Maria to have a sandwich.

4

SCHOOL GYM

No outside shoes

No ball games

Equipment only for use with your
teacher.

- A Children can play football in the gym.
- B Children cannot wear shoes in the gym.
- C Children cannot use the equipment without
their teacher.

5

To: Grace

From: Keira

Dear Grace,

Poppy's away and I'm the only receptionist. Can you take her place until lunchtime when it will be quieter?

Regards,
Keira

- A Keira is too busy at work.
- B Keira wants to meet Grace for lunch.
- C Keira wants to have a quiet lunch.

6

Hi everyone,

The sports hall isn't available this Friday, so basketball training will take place on Thursday! Same time and place.

Tony

- A The time of day for basketball training has changed.
- B Basketball training will not take place in the sports hall this week.
- C Basketball training is usually on Friday.

Part 2

Questions 7-13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

	Laude	Polly	Stan
7. Who says children need to feel comfortable at school?	A	B	C
8. Who says what they like doing outside work?	A	B	C
9. Whose pupils have to pass important exams?	A	B	C
10. Who enjoys watching their pupils change?	A	B	C
11. Who didn't plan to be a teacher?	A	B	C
12. Who was surprised to find out how much work teachers have to do?	A	B	C
13. Who talks about the subject they teach?	A	B	C

Three teachers tell us why they love their jobs

Claudia

My mum and dad were teachers so it's not surprising that I became one. I saw how happy they were in their jobs and I always thought teaching was a possibility for me. But I didn't think it would be such hard work. During term time there is absolutely no time for any personal evening activities in the week. Luckily, we get good holidays and I love travelling when I get the chance.

Polly

I did a teacher training course in college and now I work in a school with children aged four to eleven. I love seeing them growing up in front of my eyes! I teach kids in their first year at school. At the beginning of the year they are usually shy and quiet, but I do everything I can to make them feel relaxed and happy. If they aren't happy and relaxed, they aren't going to learn. I'm glad tests aren't important for my pupils.

Stan

I teach history to children over the age of sixteen. Most of them work very hard because they want to get good marks and get into the university of their choice. I love discussing things with them and helping them understand the links between what has happened in the past and things that are happening now. I never thought I would be a teacher – I only turned to it when I was looking for a job after university – and I love it!

Part 3

Questions 14-18

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Little girl saves mother

A little girl from Newton has become the most famous person in town. Frances Brown, who is starting school next year, called 999 when her mother, Lisa, fell down the stairs. The emergency services immediately sent an ambulance to her house.

‘She’s an amazing little girl!’ said a doctor. ‘She knew that she had to call 999 to speak to someone who could help. She gave her name and her address, and she described what the problem was. She said her mother had just got out of bed and had fallen down the stairs. She said that her mum was sleeping, but there was something wrong. She looked after her mum until help arrived.’

When the ambulance arrived at the Browns’ house, they found out that Lisa, aged 30, is expecting her second child. The doctors kept Lisa in hospital for 24 hours to check that she was all right before allowing her to go home the next morning.

When Lisa found out what her daughter did she told friends and family. Then the local newspaper heard the story. Frances’s father, Liam, aged 32 and a teacher at the local school, said: ‘Frances’s quick thinking saved her mother’s life. Lisa is careful around the house, but accidents happen.’

Lisa is going to have a baby in two months, and she thinks this is why she fell down the stairs. ‘I’m so big now that I can’t see my feet!’ she said. ‘I can’t wait to give Frances a baby brother.’

14. Frances

- A. is still at school..
- B. has just started school.
- C. isn't old enough to go to school.

15. On the telephone, Frances

- A. told the emergency services where she lived.
- B. told the emergency services that she needed an ambulance.
- C. told the emergency services that her mother was in bed.

16. Lisa

- A. didn't stay in hospital
- B. stayed in hospital for one night.
- C. went to hospital but returned home that night.

17. Liam thinks

- A. Lisa might have died.
- B. Lisa should start thinking more quickly.
- C. Lisa should be more careful around the house.

18. Frances

- A. has two brothers.
- B. already has a brother.
- C. is going to have a brother soon.

Part 4

Questions 19-24

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Ella Fitzgerald

Ella Fitzgerald, the great American jazz singer, was born in Virginia in 1917. She (19) to New York when she was a young child.

When Ella was fifteen her mother died, and she went to live with her aunt. This was a hard time in her life and she got into (20) with the police. She (21) money from singing on the street and people started to notice her.

In 1934 she won first prize in a competition, and she (22) a well-known band. By 1938 she was famous and her songs were the best-selling recordings of the time.

Fitzgerald starred in films and appeared in many television shows. She also went on (23) around the world. She died in 1996. In the (24) of many people, she is the greatest ever jazz singer.

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| 19 | A | kept | B | changed | C | moved |
| 20 | A | trouble | B | problem | C | danger |
| 21 | A | won | B | made | C | took |
| 22 | A | became | B | played | C | joined |
| 23 | A | tour | B | guide | C | concert |
| 24 | A | idea | B | opinion | C | thought |

Part 5

Questions 25-30

For each question, write the correct answer.
Write **ONE** word for each gap.

Example: 0 you

From: Jonathan

To: Peter

I hope (0) ...*you*..... are well. I am writing to tell you some news. Amanda and I are getting married in (25) summer and we (26) love you to come. We have lots of plans! The wedding (27) be in June. We are (28) to have a big party afterwards at my parents' house. We have invited hundreds (29) guests. I know you live far away, but the house has a spare room and you can stay here for a few days.

Please (30) me know if you can come.

Jonathan

Part 6

You arranged a time to meet your English friend Mark at a cafe but you didn't go.
Write an email to your friend.

In your email:

- say you are sorry you didn't go.
- say why you missed the meeting.
- suggest a new time to meet.

Part 7

Look at the three pictures.
Write the story shown in the pictures.
Write **35 words** or more.

