

B1

English Practice Test

This sample English B1 Core Test provides a test structure, questions and tasks similar to the certificated Tracktest exam.

The Core Test is focused on the assessment of English receptive skills and contains three sections:

SECTION I: Grammar (Use of English)

SECTION II: Reading Comprehension

SECTION III: Listening Comprehension

Time: 45 minutes.

In the official online version, you must complete each section (grammar, reading, listening) before proceeding to the next section. The optional Speaking&Writing exam can be completed after the successful completion of the Core test.

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SECTION I: Grammar (Use of English)

1. **This castle by our king George II.**
a) built b) was built c) was building
2. **I can paint, but I want to be better than my sister.**
a) nice b) good c) well
3. **The kid was fast that no one saw him.**
a) so b) too c) such
4. **..... adults know how to use the Internet.**
a) Little b) Few c) Much
5. **..... to the Martin's party next Friday.**
a) Do you come b) Are you coming c) Did you come
6. **Could you please turn the volume? I'd like to listen to the news.**
a) up b) out c) on
7. **Can I have sugar, please.**
a) a b) any c) some
8. **I TV, when suddenly something crashed into our house.**
a) watched b) am watching c) was watching
9. **Jeudith to the club every day, but now she doesn't.**
a) was going b) used to go c) didn't use to go
10. **He hasn't seen Gill he left school.**
a) just b) since c) for

11. Susan eat meat, but now she does.
a) didn't use to b) used to c) doesn't
12. "This is a nice bathroom." "Yes. It's the one we've just redecorated."
a) when b) who c) which
13. "Did you know that John is getting married?" "Yes. He me yesterday."
a) told b) said c) spoke
14. Judy type since she went to college.
a) can't b) has been able to c) can
15. I'm thirsty. I for fifty minutes.
a) am running b) have run c) have been running
16. When I am older, I live by myself.
a) will be able to b) can't c) have been able to
17. I'm going to the doctortomorrow morning.
a) on b) - c) at
18. Thea my best friend since 2008.
a) was b) is being c) has been
19. "I didn't enjoy that film last night." "Neither did I. It was boring that I almost fell asleep."
a) such b) so c) such a
20. I take your order, please?
a) Mustn't b) Must c) May

End of Section I (Grammar). Correct: _____

SECTION II: Reading Comprehension

Reading Task 1

Read the holiday brochure and decide if each statement is True or False.

YUKON ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS

Looking for the perfect place for a holiday? Then come to the Yukon, in north-western Canada, where we have package holidays to please everyone.

From October to March you can choose one of our „winter wonderland“ holidays. These include skiing, snowmobiling and dogsledding. From March to August we have organised hiking or mountain climbing activities, as well as canoeing or white water rafting down some of the most beautiful rivers in the Yukon Valley. All of our adventure package holidays include guides and instructors to help you enjoy activities you have never tried before. Accommodation ranges from four-star hotels to log cabins or camping grounds.

For more information check out our website: www.yukonholidays.com or call us toll free at 1-800-YUKON.

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| 1. Package holidays are available all year round. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 2. You can travel by dogsled in July. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 3. You can do watersports in the Yukon. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 4. You can only stay at campsites. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 5. Phone calls to the company are free of charge. | ☐ True | ☐ False |

Reading Task 2

Read the article and mark the statements as True or False.

TRAVEL GUIDE: SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is one of the most beautiful countries in the world and a favourite destination for many travellers. From Kruger National Park to the Kalahari Desert, South Africa provides a great introduction to Africa, but it has more to offer than stunning landscapes.

If you visit South Africa, make sure you stop off in Cape Town. There is so much to see and do, you'll never get bored. There's always something happening in this exciting city, and it has great shops, too. The more adventurous can take a trip up Table Mountain or take a boat trip to see great white sharks and seals. Cape Town has something for everybody.

South Africa is a place that everyone should visit at least once in their lifetime! Book now for a holiday you will never forget.

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| 1. South Africa is not every popular with tourists. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 2. The Kalahari Desert is in Cape Town. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 3. There is not much going on in Cape Town. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 4. You can see some big, scary fish there. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 5. The author recommends that everyone should go to South Africa. | ☐ True | ☐ False |

Reading Task 3

SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA

A slow and heavy step, which had been heard upon the stairs and in the corridor, paused immediately outside the door. Then there was a loud knock on the door.

"Come in!" said Holmes.

A very tall man entered, with the chest and limbs of a Hercules. His dress was rich with a richness which would, in England, be considered bad taste. He was wearing a double-breasted coat with fur-trimmed collar and cuffs, over which he wore a deep blue cloak lined with flame-coloured silk. His boots, which went halfway up his legs, were also trimmed with fur, completing his appearance of barbaric richness. He had a thick moustache and a straight chin suggesting strong determination, but a black mask hid the upper part of his face. He was carrying a hat in one hand, while his other hand was raised, as if he had just finished straightening his mask.

"Please take a seat," said Holmes. "This is my friend and colleague, Dr Watson. Whom have I the honour to address?"

"You may address me as Count von Kramm, a Bohemian aristocrat. I hope your friend is a man I can trust. If not, I prefer to speak to you alone," said our strange visitor.

"You can say anything in front of this man that you can say to me," Holmes replied. The Count nodded and continued. "You will excuse the mask; my employer wishes my true identity to remain a secret."

"If your majesty would like to tell us your problem," Holmes remarked, "I will be happy to advise you."

The Count sprang from his chair, paced nervously up and down the room, then took off the mask and threw it on the floor.

"You are right!" he cried. "I am the King. Why should I try to hide it?"

"Why, indeed?" said Holmes. "I knew, even before you spoke, that you were the Grand Duke of Cassel-Felstein and the King of Bohemia."

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| 1. The visitor's mouth and chin are hidden by a mask. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 2. The visitor says he is Count von Kramm. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 3. The visitor is unsure whether to trust Watson. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 4. Holmes does not know why the visitor has come. | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 5. Holmes realises the visitor is the King when he takes off the mask. | ☐ True | ☐ False |

Reading Task 4

Read the text and decide if the sentences are **True**, **False** or **Doesn't Say**.

FACE YOUR FEARS DAY

What are you afraid of? Snakes, heights, the dark?

Whatever it is, it's time to face your fears! Face Your Fears Day is on the third Tuesday in October, and it is the day when people stand up to the things that scare them and say "You don't scare me anymore!" The day was started by a blogger called Steve Hughes in 2007 to help people become a little braver.

On Face Your Fears Day, people do brave things. Last year, The Grove School in England met 'scary' animals like snakes and spiders, and even had a climbing wall setup in the playground for students who wanted to face their fear of heights. Many charities visit schools and colleges to do presentations about how to beat social fears, like public speaking or hanging out with people they don't know. Also, over the last few years, bloggers have posted videos of themselves facing their fears in order to encourage others to do the same.

Facing your fears can be difficult. If you are afraid of something, you should try slowly facing it. For example, if you are afraid of snakes, start by looking at pictures and videos of them. Do some research and learn everything you can about them, because a lot of the time it is the fear of the unknown that is the biggest fear of all. When you feel you are ready, maybe take a trip to the zoo to watch them behind the glass. After a while you'll feel comfortable and confident enough to hold them. It'll take time, but don't worry or rush, all fears are beatable!

Our fears can hold us back in life, but we shouldn't let them. Face Your Fears Day gives people the boost they need to defeat the things that scare them. This day is actually more about courage than fear. Will you be brave enough to face your fears this year?

1. The first Face Your Fears Day was in 2007.
☐ True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say
2. On that day, people avoid the things that scare them.
☐ True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say
3. Some people are afraid of going to parties.
☐ True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say
4. It's easier to beat a phobia if you do it quickly.
☐ True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say
5. Face Your Fears Day focuses more on people being brave than being scared.
☐ True ☐ False ☐ Doesn't say

Reading Task 5

Read the text and choose the correct answer.

ALEXA'S BLOG

Hi everyone! Thanks for all your thoughts on my previous blog post. I loved reading all your comments. I've got some great news! My friend, Alice, and I have just booked our summer holiday.

We're going to Mexico to take part in a coastal conservation volunteer programme. We're leaving on the 1st August and we're going to stay there for three weeks! I think it'll be an unforgettable experience. We arrive at Guadalajara International Airport early in the morning and then we are going to leave for the town of Guyutlán by bus. It's about a four-hour drive from the airport. However, I don't mind as we'll be able to look at the view on our way there.

During the programme, we are going to help with the conservation of the sea turtles and crocodiles. We're going to help protect the turtle nests and study the behaviour of other wildlife. But that's not all! We're also going to have two hours of Spanish lessons every day. It's going to be hard work! At the weekends, we don't have to work and can enjoy ourselves at the beach. I can't wait! I will tell you all about it when I get home since there isn't any Wi-Fi there and I'm not going to take my smartphone or tablet with me. What are your plans for this summer? Let me know in the comments below.

1. The main purpose of the blog post is

- a) to ask people to volunteer abroad
- b) to advertise a holiday destination in Mexico
- c) to inform people of future plans

2. Alexa will spend her summer holidays

- a) volunteering abroad.
- b) studying the behaviour of sea turtles.
- c) travelling around Mexico.

3. What is NOT true about the volunteer programme?

- a) It involves learning a skill.
- b) It involves working seven days a week.
- c) It involves working with various types of animals.

4. Alexa thinks it will be difficult to

- a) not have any free time.
- b) learn Spanish.
- c) work and study at the same time.

5. During the trip, Alexa

- a) will use her tablet to access the Internet.
- b) won't be updating her blog.
- c) will tell her friends about her experience.

End of Section II (Reading Comprehension). Correct: _____

SECTION III: Listening Comprehension

Listening Task 1

(from <https://tracktest.eu/english-practice-test-with-answers-B1>)

You will hear a radio interview of a restaurant. For each question choose the right answer A, B or C.

1. The Italian restaurant has
 - a) moved to the centre of the city.
 - b) only just opened.
 - c) changed its décor.
2. The restaurant is different from others because
 - a) it is spacious
 - b) the atmosphere is very formal
 - c) it has an unusual name.
3. All the food at Angelo's
 - a) tastes good.
 - b) is served with pasta.
 - c) looks beautiful.
4. What does the presenter say about the starters?
 - a) There is a wide variety
 - b) They are all very light.
 - c) You can choose between hot or cold soup
5. What does the presenter say about the desserts?
 - a) They are all homemade.
 - b) They are all delicious.
 - c) They aren't as good as the coffee.

Listening Task 2

Listen and mark the correct item.

1. **Harrods is a shop in**
 - a) Kensington.
 - b) Knightsbridge

2. **The Chairman of Harrods is**
 - a) Charles Henry Harrods
 - b) Mohamed Al Fayed

3. **Harrods has survived**
 - a) 3 wars
 - b) a fire and two bombings

4. **Harrods employs over staff.**
 - a) 4000
 - b) 6000

5. **..... are the heart and soul of Harrods.**
 - a) The Toy departments.
 - b) The Food Halls.

Listening Task 3

Listen and mark the statements True or False

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| 1. Dogs make bad house pets | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 2. They never show their happiness | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 3. They are difficult to train as watchdogs | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 4. Dogs do not need any attention | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 5. Having a dog is tiring | ☐ True | ☐ False |

Listening Task 4

Listen and mark True or False

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| 1. Near Cracow, in northern Poland, is The Wieliczka Salt Mine | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 2. A king called The Blessed Kinga threw her ring into a salt mine | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 3. The salt used to be dug by hand | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 4. A chapel was destroyed by fire in 1769 | ☐ True | ☐ False |
| 5. A special attraction is the Chapel of The Blessed Kinga | ☐ True | ☐ False |

Listening Task 5

Listen to five people talking and match them to their reactions to books

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| 1. Speaker 1: | a) bored | b) excited | c) moved | d) confused | e) furious |
| 2. Speaker 2: | a) bored | b) excited | c) moved | d) confused | e) furious |
| 3. Speaker 3: | a) bored | b) excited | c) moved | d) confused | e) furious |
| 4. Speaker 4: | a) bored | b) excited | c) moved | d) confused | e) furious |
| 5. Speaker 5: | a) bored | b) excited | c) moved | d) confused | e) furious |

End of Section III (Listening). Correct: _____

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Answer Key:

Section I: Grammar:

1b (Past tenses), **2c** (Adjectives/Adverbs), **3a** (Adjectives/Adverbs), **4b** (Articles), **5b** (Future tenses), **6a** (Vocabulary), **7c** (Articles), **8c** (Past tenses), **9b** (Past tenses), **10b** (Prepositions), **11a** ((Past tenses), **12c** (Conjunctions), **13a** (Vocabulary), **14b** (Modal verbs), **15c** (Present tenses), **16a** (Modal verbs), **17b** (Prepositions), **18c** (Present tenses), **19b** (Past tenses), **20c** (Adjectives/Adverbs).

Questions: 20

Correct answers: _____

Section II: Reading:

Task 1: 1F, 2F, 3T, 4F, 5T

Task 2: 1F, 2F, 3F, 4T, 5T

Task 3: 1F, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5F

Task 4: 1T, 2F, 3DS, 4F, 5T

Task 5: 1c, 2a, 3b, 4c, 5b

Questions: 25

Correct answers: _____

Section III: Listening:

Task 1: 1c, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5b

Task 2: 1b, 2b, 3b, 4a, 5b

Task 3: 1F, 2F, 3F, 4F, 5T

Task 4: 1F, 2F, 3T, 4F, 5T

Task 5: 1d) confused, 2c) moved, 3a) bored, 4e) furious, 5b) excited

Questions: 25

Correct answers: _____

Total questions: 70

The TOTAL correct answers: _____

Calculation of the result: (Correct answers _____ / 70) * 100 = _____ %

Cut score for passing the level core test is 65% and more.

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