

# Exam day tips: Cambridge English *paper-based* exams

Here are some tips so you know what to expect on the exam day. These tips are for your written, paper-based exams (not including the Speaking test or Young Learner exams). For more information, go to [www.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org)



## 1 Before the exam

**Check the date, time and address of your exam.** Your centre will send you this information. If you have any questions, contact your centre before the exam day.

**Remember to check how long it will take you to travel to the exam,** especially if your exam is at a weekend or on a holiday.

**Get to the exam early!** Follow the direction signs to find the exam room or go to the reception of the building and ask for directions.



## 2 Things to bring to the exam

**Bring your identification,** for example a passport. It must be an original (not a copy) and must have a photo of you.

**Bring pens and pencils.** Your centre will also give you pens and pencils if you need them.

You cannot have a bag at your desk, your centre will show you where to put any bags you have.

**Do not bring food or drink** to your desk in the exam room (except a bottle of water).

**You cannot bring your phone or any other electronic devices** to your desk in the exam. Your centre will tell you where to put them during the exam.



## 3 During the exam

**Do not bring bags, phones, etc. to your desk.**

**Listen carefully to the instructions** which the invigilator will read out.

**Do not talk to other people,** or try to see what they are writing.

**Make sure you follow the exam instructions.** If you have any questions, need help or want to leave the room, **raise your hand to ask for help.**

There will be a clock in the exam room to help you with your timing.

**If you are doing a Listening test, check that you can hear the test properly.** Raise your hand immediately if you cannot hear the recording.



## 4 At the end of each paper

At the end of each paper (e.g. the Writing paper, the Reading paper, etc.), the invigilator will tell you to stop writing. **Stop immediately.**

**Give all papers to the invigilator,** including question papers answer sheets, rough paper, etc.

Always **stay in your seat** until the invigilator gives you permission to leave the room.

If you have any questions or problems, **tell the invigilator immediately.**

## Good luck with your exam!