

## Exam Preparation Courses: PET for Schools

### *Preliminary English Test for Schools*

PET for Schools is a certificate that shows a pupil can deal with everyday written and spoken English at an intermediate level. PET for Schools is at Level B1 of the *Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)*.

There are two versions of PET available: PET and PET for Schools. Both follow exactly the same format and the level of the question papers is identical. The only difference is that the content and treatment of topics in PET for Schools have been particularly targeted at the interests and experience of school pupils.

### Why PET for Schools?

- PET for Schools is specially tailored to suit the interests of pupils, so it increases their motivation to learn English.
- Because it is based on familiar topics and situations, PET for Schools gives pupils the confidence to use their English.
- Passing PET for Schools inspires enthusiasm in pupils to move on to further qualifications.
- A Cambridge ESOL qualification gives pupils a head start in life. Our qualifications are recognised by colleges, universities, employers and governments around the world.

### What is involved in taking the PET for Schools exam?

PET for Schools has three papers:

#### *Reading and Writing: 1hr 30 minutes*

Candidates need to be able to read texts from signs, journals, newspapers and magazines and understand the main points. They will need to show they can use vocabulary and structure by completing tasks such as producing a short message, and writing a story or letter of around 100 words.

#### *Listening: 30 minutes (approx)*

Candidates need to show they can understand the meaning of a range of recorded spoken material, including announcements, interviews and discussions about everyday life. They will also need to be able to understand the attitudes and intentions of the speakers.

#### *Speaking: 12 minutes*

Candidates take part in a conversation, asking and answering questions, and talking freely about their likes and dislikes. They take the Speaking test with another candidate or in a group of three.

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