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Introduction

The Cambridge Young Learners English Tests offer an elementary-level testing system for learners of English between the ages of 7 and 12. The tests include 3 key levels of assessment: Starters, Movers and Flyers.

Flyers is the third level in the system. Test instructions are very simple and consist only of words and structures specified in the syllabus.

The complete test lasts about one hour and a quarter and has the following components: Listening, Reading and Writing, and Speaking.

	length	number of parts	number of items
Listening	approx. 25 minutes	5	25
Reading and Writing	40 minutes	7	50
Speaking	approx. 7–9 minutes	4	_

Candidates need a pen or pencil for the Reading and Writing paper, and coloured pens or pencils for the Listening paper. All answers are written on the question papers.

Listening

In general, the aim is to focus on the 'here and now' and to use language in meaningful contexts. In addition to multiple choice and short answer questions, candidates are asked to use coloured pencils to mark their responses to one task. There are 5 parts. Each part begins with a clear example.

part	main skill focus	input	expected response/item type	number of items
1		picture, names and dialogue	draw lines to match names to people in a picture	5
2	the main skill focus in all five parts of the Listening test is listening for specific	form or page of notepad with missing words and dialogue	write words or numbers in gaps	5
3	information of various kinds, e.g. numbers, describing people, etc	picture sets and list of illustrated words or names and dialogue	match pictures with illustrated word or name by writing letter in box	5
4		3-option multiple-choice pictures and dialogues	tick box next to correct picture	5
5		picture and dialogue	carry out instructions to colour, draw and write (range of colours is: black, blue, brown, green, grey, orange, pink, purple, red, yellow)	5

Reading and Writing

Again, the focus is on the 'here and now' and the use of language in meaningful contexts where possible. To complete the test, candidates need a single pen or pencil of any colour. There are 7 parts, each starting with a clear example.

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part	main skill focus	input	expected response/item type	number of items
1	reading definitions and matching to words	nouns and definitions	copy the correct words next to the definitions	10
	writing words			
2	reading and understanding sentences	picture and sentences	write 'yes' or 'no'	7
3	reading and completing a continuous dialogue	half a dialogue with responses in a box	select correct response and write A–H in gap	5
4	reading for specific information and gist copying words	gapped text with words in a box	write words in gaps choose the best title for the story from a choice of 3 by ticking a box	6
5	reading and understanding a story completing sentences	story, picture and gapped sentences	complete sentences by writing 1, 2, 3 or 4 words	7
6	reading and understanding a factual text copying words	gapped text and 3-option multiple choice (grammatical words)	complete text by selecting the correct words and copying them in corresponding gaps	10
7	reading and understanding a short text (e.g. page from diary or letter) providing words	gapped text	write words in gaps no answer options given	5

Speaking

In the Speaking test, the candidate speaks with 1 examiner for about 8 minutes. The format of the test is explained in advance to the child in their native language, by a teacher or person familiar to them. This person then takes the child into the exam room and introduces them to the examiner.

Speaking ability is assessed according to various criteria, including comprehension, the ability to produce a prompt, appropriate and accurate response, and pronunciation.

part	main skill focus	input	expected response
1	understanding statements and responding with differences	two similar pictures (one unseen) oral statements about unseen picture	identify six differences in Candidate's picture from oral statements about Examiner's picture
2	responding to questions with short answers forming questions to elicit information	one set of facts and one set of question cues	answer and ask questions about two people, objects or situations
3	understanding the beginning of a story and then continuing it based on a series of pictures	picture sequence	describe each picture in turn
4	understanding and responding to personal questions	open-ended questions about candidate	answer personal questions

Further information

The topics, structures, words and tasks upon which the Cambridge Young Learners English Tests are based are comprehensively described in the Handbook, so teachers or parents can know exactly what to expect.

Further information about the *Cambridge Young Learners English Tests* can be obtained from the Local Secretary for Cambridge ESOL examinations in your area, or from:

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