



# Help your child practise English

Activities you can try at home to help your  
child when they are learning English

These activities are designed for learners  
taking A2 Key for Schools, B1 Preliminary  
for Schools and B2 First for Schools

# Activities to try at home

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Cambridge English Qualifications test all four skills – speaking, writing, reading and listening – and help your child develop the skills they need inside and outside the classroom. Here are some ideas your child can try at home to practise English and prepare for their exams. These activities are designed for learners taking A2 Key for Schools, B1 Preliminary for Schools and B2 First for Schools.

## Reading

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- Encourage your child to read different kinds of texts, both fiction (e.g. short stories and cartoons) and factual (e.g. news articles, magazines and brochures).
- Support your child to find English language reading materials related to their favourite topics, whether that is football or fashion.
- Read stories that have been made into films. Discuss the differences between the story and the film. Which do they prefer?

## Writing

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- Encourage your child to practise lots of different types of writing. For example, holiday postcards, emails, short stories, diary entries, blog posts or online reviews.
- Is your child looking forward to a new movie, music album or a sports event? Ask them to summarise the highlights and choose how to present it. For example, they could write a short story, make a scrapbook with labels, or write a newspaper article.

## Listening

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- Try doing some of your child's favourite activities in English. For example, watch a TV series in English, listen to English-language songs, watch a sports match with English commentary, listen to an audiobook in English, or play some board games in English.
- Ask your child to think about their favourite song lyrics. What would they put in the music video for this song? Then watch the official video. Are the ideas the same or different?

## Speaking

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- Many of our Speaking tests ask children to speak about pictures. You can practise this at home in a fun way. One person can see a picture and describes it. The other person listens and draws what's being described. At the end, compare the drawing with the original picture.
- Encourage your child to record themselves speaking in English. For example, when they are reading aloud or making videos. Encourage them to notice how they speak and make corrections.

## Vocabulary and grammar

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- Practise the words in our free vocabulary lists by playing charades or Pictionary™.
- If learning English seems very challenging, break it down into smaller tasks. For example, your child shouldn't try to learn lots of new words in one go. Focus on a few new words every week.

Download materials to practise vocabulary:

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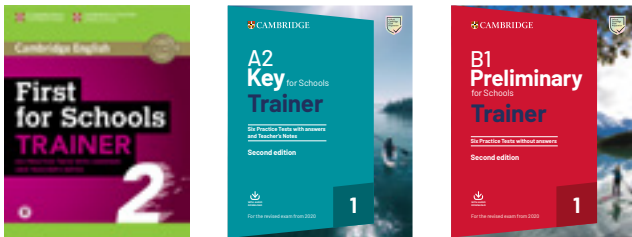
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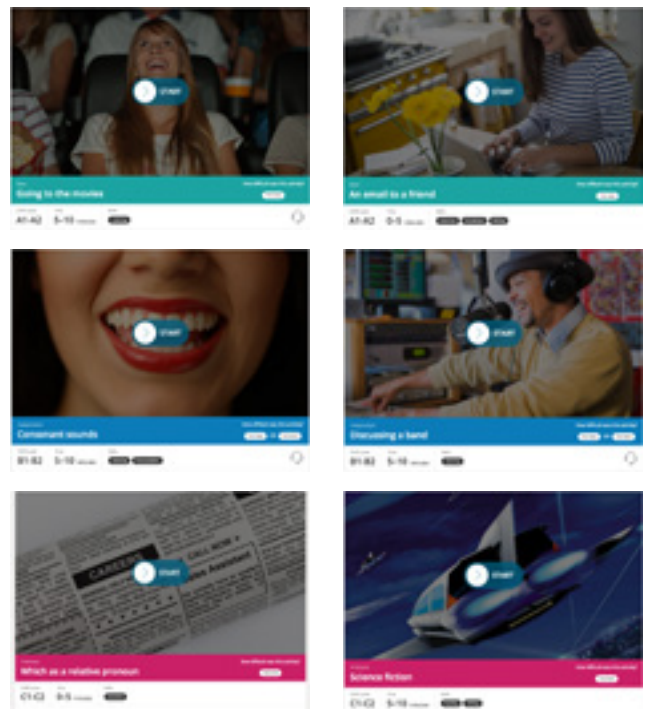
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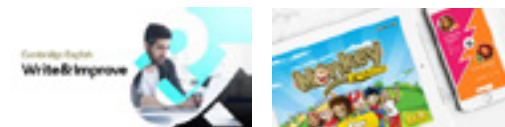
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