

OVERVIEW

A2 Key, A2 Key for Schools, B1 Preliminary, B1 Preliminary for Schools 2020



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Aims

- Why change the exams?
- What are the changes?
- How is results reporting changing?
- Summary of the changes
- Exam support
- Official preparation materials
- Questions



Why change the exams?





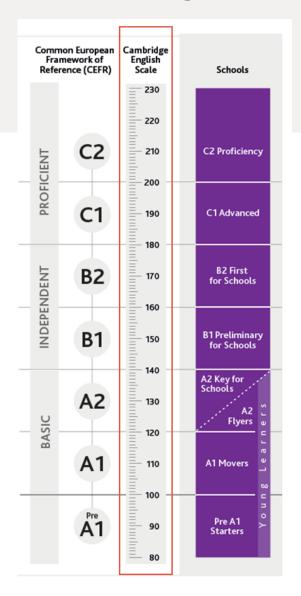
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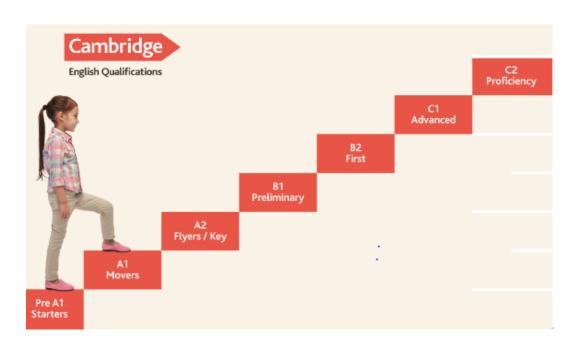
- To keep them relevant to the needs of learners
- To incorporate evolving approaches to assessment and learning
- To address feedback from stakeholders (teachers, learners, parents, exam centres, etc.)
- To align A2 Key/Key for Schools more closely with B1 Preliminary/Preliminary for Schools and higher levels exams.





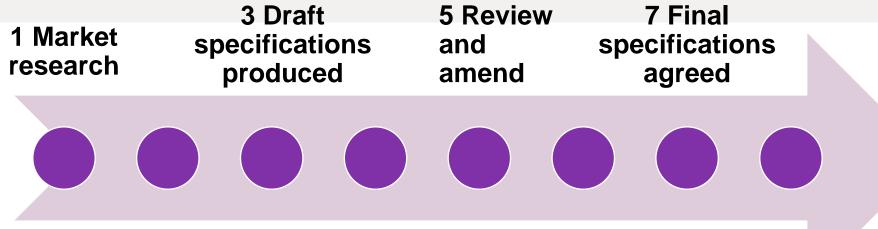
Understanding results







Revision process



2 Consultation with experts

4 Trialling and consultation

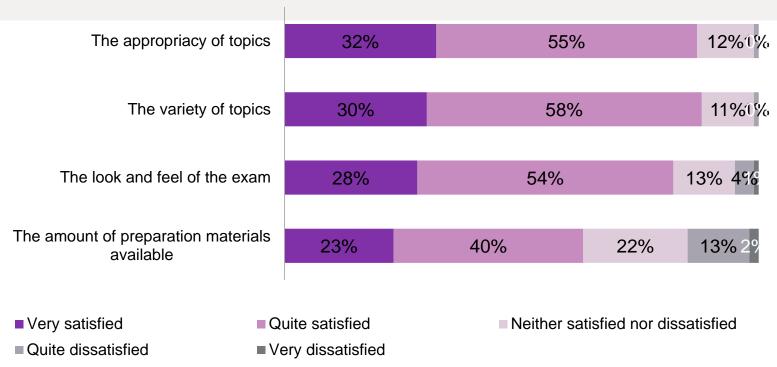
6 Second trialling

8 Production of live test materials and updated support materials



Market research

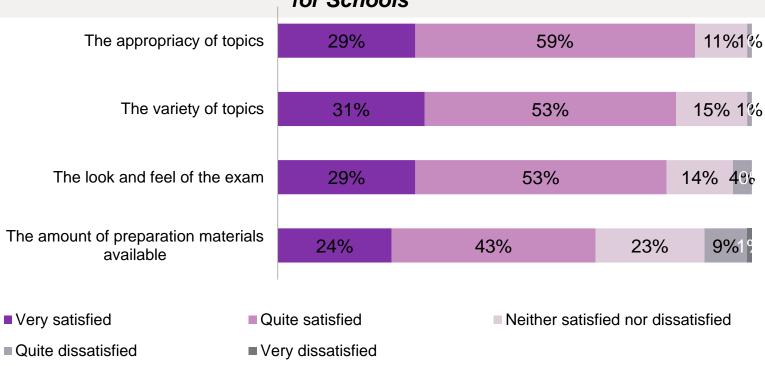
Satisfaction with Cambridge English: Key/Key for Schools





Market research





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Market Research Feedback: Key for Schools

Key for Schools makes candidates feel ready to take on the world.

School English Coordinator, Bolivia

The exam gives the students a good first-hand experience at exam taking and allows their growth in self confidence towards higher levels.

Teacher, Argentina

Topics are suitable for the students' age

Teacher, Italy

I like Key because it provides an international standard, students like the experience of doing the test and using real, every day English.

Centre Exams Manager, Brazil

My child liked the face-to-face Speaking test.

Parent, Taiwan

It's what students and parents choose.

Not only do they want to learn English
but it is important to gain a qualification
that will help them with further studies.

Centre Exams Manager, Italy



Market Research Feedback: Preliminary for Schools

I like that the topics have to do with the students' daily life, and that it tests the four skills.

Teacher, Switzerland

Teachers want their students to take
Preliminary because the preparation paves
the way to First. Students enjoy both the
preparation and the exam.

Centre Exams Manager, Argentina

The report explains the results accurately and the break down is easy to comprehend.

Parent, Malaysia

The whole preparation for the exam makes teenagers develop a lot their skills. They feel really proud at the end of the year.

Teacher, Brazil

It is a reliable exam that allows institutions and universities have a clear idea of their students' English level.

Centre Exams Manager, Colombia



What are the changes?





Key / Key for schools Reading & Writing – what's changed

Now 7 parts / 32 questions in 1 hour

Part What's changed

- 1 Revised multiple-choice task: understanding 6 short messages
- Matching: Read 3 short texts for specific information and detailed comprehension (similar to old Part 4)
- Multiple-choice: Read one longer text for detailed understanding and main ideas (similar to old Part 4)
- 4 Revised multiple-choice gap fill text: Lexico-grammatical focus (old Parts 2 and 5 combined)
- 5 Gap fill: Read a text and write words in the gaps (old Part 7 but now 6 gaps)
- Guided writing: write a short message based on instructions (old Part 9 but word count now 25 words or more)
- 7 New story task: write a story based on 3 pictures



Key / Key for schools Reading & Writing - Revised Part 1

Revised Part 1

For these questions, choose the correct answer.

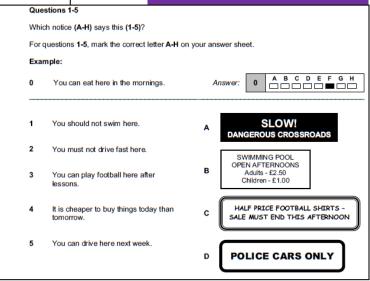
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Women's bicycle for sale

Small size
11 years old - needs new tyres
£90
Phone Debbie
- 0794587454

- A The bicycle that's for sale was built for a child.
- **B** Some parts of the bicycle must be changed.
- **C** Debbie is selling the bike because she's too big for it now.

Old Part 1



Key / Key for schools Reading & Writing – Revised Part 4

Part 4

Questions 19 - 24

For these questions, choose the correct answer for each gap.

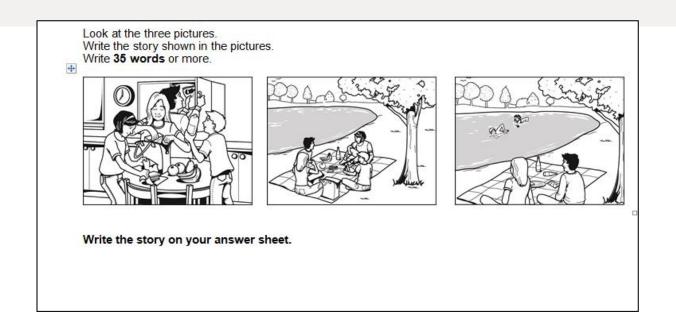
William Perkin

William Perkin was born in London in 1838. As a child he had many hobbies, including model making and photography. But it was the (19) of chemistry that really interested him. At the age of 15, he went to college to study it. While he was there, he was (20) to make a medicine from coal. This didn't go well, but when he was working on the problem, he found a cheap (21) to make the colour purple. At that (22) it was very expensive to make clothes in different colours. William knew he could make a business out of his new colour. Helped by his father and brother, William (23) his own factory to make the colour. It sold well, and soon purple clothes (24) very popular in England and the rest of the world.

19	Α	class	В	subject	С	course
20	Α	thinking	В	trying	С	deciding
21	Α	way	В	path	С	plan
22	Α	day	В	time	С	hour
23	A	brought	В	turned	С	opened
24	Α	began	В	arrived	С	became



Key / Key for schools Reading & Writing – New Part 7





Key / Key for schools Listening – what's changed

25 questions in 5 parts in 30 minutes, as before. Some parts are in a different order so that the tasks gradually increase in complexity.

Part What's changed

- 1 Multiple-choice task: Listen to 5 short texts for specific information and choose the right picture (A, B, C)
- 2 Gap fill: Listen to a longer text (a monologue) and write down missing information in gaps (old Part 5)
- 3 Multiple-choice: Listen to a longer text (a dialogue) for specific information, feelings and opinions
- 4 New multiple-choice task: Listen to 5 short texts for gist understanding (main idea / message)
- Matching task: Listen to a longer text for specific information (old Part 2)

Key / Key for schools Listening – New Part 4

Listening • Part 4

Questions 16 - 20

For these questions, choose the correct answer.

- 16 You will hear a teacher talking to her class. What does the teacher want her class to do?
 - A work more quickly
 - B make less noise
 - C help each other more
- 17 You will hear two friends talking about their day. What have they just done?
 - A They've been to a concert.
 - B They've had a meal.
 - C They've played a sport.
- 18 You will hear a teacher talking to one of his students called Sarah. Why must Sarah do her homework again?
 - A She made too many mistakes.
 - B She did the wrong work.
 - C She forgot to do some of it.
- 19 You will hear a girl, Lara, talking about shopping. Why did Lara buy the bag?
 - A The size was right.
 - B The price was right.
 - C The colour was right.
- 20 You will hear a man talking to his daughter before she goes out. What's the weather like today?
 - A It's cold.
 - B It's wet.
 - C It's sunny.



Key / Key for schools Speaking – what's changed

2 parts in 8-10 minutes, as before

Part What's changed

- 1 Introductory phase: focus on interactional and social language (similar to old Part 1)
- New collaborative task: compare, describe and express opinions



Key / Key for Speaking – Part 1

Now, let's talk about home.

B, who do you live with?

How many bedrooms are there in your house?

A, where do you watch TV at home?

What's your favourite room in your house?

Extended Response

Now, **B**, please tell me what you like doing at home.

Back-up prompts

Do you live with your family?

Are there three bedrooms in your house?

Do you watch TV in the kitchen?

Do you like your bedroom?

Back-up questions

Do you like cooking?

Do you play computer games?

Did you stay at home last weekend?



Key / Key for Speaking – New Part 2

Interlocutor

Phase 1

Do you like these different holidays?













Key / Key for schools Speaking – New Part 2 Examiner feedback

- Better fit with classroom practice
- Candidates produce a wider range of language than the old Part 2 task with increased focus on fluency
- Meaningful interaction better test of interactive communication

Preliminary / Preliminary for schools Reading – what's changed

Reading now a separate paper from Writing - 45 minutes each.

Part What's changed

- 1 Multiple-choice task: understanding 5 short messages
- Matching: Match descriptions of people with texts reading for specific information
- 3 Multiple-choice: Read a longer text for detailed understanding (old Part 4)
- 4 New multiple-choice gapped text: choose correct sentence to put in gaps understanding gist and text structure
- Multiple-choice gap fill: Read a text and choose the right word for each gap understanding vocabulary
- 6 New gap fill: Read a text and write words in the gaps detailed understanding



Preliminary / Preliminary for Schools Reading – New Part 4

Questions 1 - 5

You are going to read an article about a famous bicycle race.

Five sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from sentences A-H the one which fills each gap (1-5). There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

The world's most famous bicycle race

- A On the most important days, many of them camp out along the route.
- B That's why people want to know all about famous international cyclists.
- C But there is also a winner of every individual stage.
- D It was a long way so they asked the reporters for help.
- E They were required to fix them themselves if this happened.
- F However, the exact route changes every year.
- G The winner of that stage was allowed to do this the following day.
- H In order to complete these distances, many competitors had to carry on until the middle of the night.



Preliminary / Preliminary for Schools Reading – New Part 6

Part 6

Questions 27 - 32

For each question, write the correct answer. Write **one** word for each gap.

The Natural History Museum

This is one of my favourite places to visit. I've learned a huge amount about animals and plants (27) time I've visited. I've even seen bits of rock from the moon!

The building's really beautiful and it's easy to find your way around. There are hundreds of interesting things on display, but (28) you like dinosaurs the best time (29) see them is during term-time. I've been twice in the school holidays and the queue was (30) long that I wasn't able to visit that part (31) the museum.

You'll probably want something to eat while you're there. You can take **(32)** own picnic and eat in the museum garden, or try one of the two museum cafés.



Preliminary / Preliminary for schools Writing – what's changed

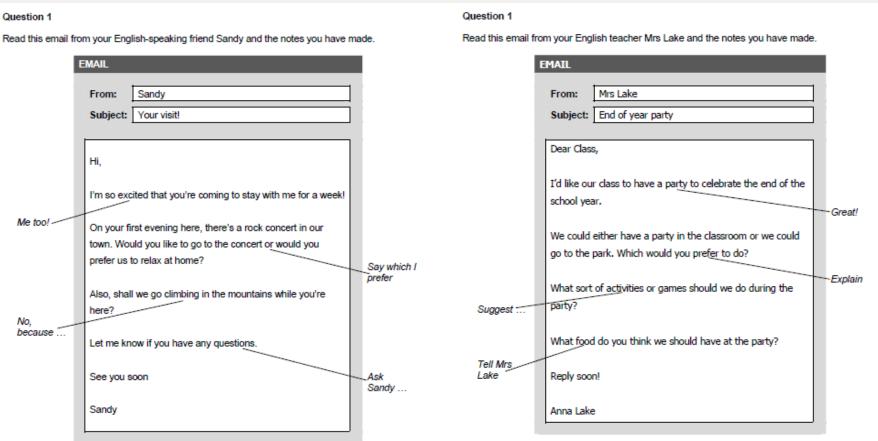
Writing now a separate paper from Reading. Now 2 parts in 45 minutes.

Part What's changed

- 1 New task: write an email in response to information given
- Write an article or story on a given topic



Preliminary / Preliminary for Schools Writing – New Part 1



Write your email to Sandy using all the notes.

Write your email to Mrs Lake using all the notes.

Preliminary

Preliminary for Schools



Preliminary / Preliminary for Schools Writing – Part 2



OR

STORY

You see this announcement in your school English-language magazine.

Articles wanted!

WHAT MAKES YOU LAUGH?

Write an article telling us what you find funny and who you enjoy laughing with.

Do you think it's good to laugh a lot? Why?

The best articles answering these questions will be published next month.

Write your article.

- Your English teacher has asked you to write a story.
- Your story must begin with this sentence:

I knocked on the door and waited.

Write your story in about 100 words on the opposite page.



Preliminary / Preliminary for schools Listening – what's changed

25 questions in 4 parts in 35 minutes, as before. Some parts are in a different order so that the tasks gradually get more complex as students progress through the test.

Part What's changed

- 1 Multiple-choice task: Listen to 7 short recordings and choose the right picture listening for key information
- 2 New multiple-choice task: Listen to 6 short texts for gist understanding (focus on attitudes and opinions)
- 3 Note or sentence completion: Listen to a longer text and write missing information in the gaps
- 4 Multiple-choice task: Listen to a longer text and choose the right answer (old Part 2)



Preliminary / Preliminary for schools Listening – New Part 2

Listening • Part 2

Questions 8 - 13

For each question, choose the correct answer.

8 You will hear two friends talking about a campsite they have been to.

What did the boy like best about it?

- A It was very close to the beach.
- B There were lots of people his age.
- C The activities were free.
- 9 You will hear two friends talking about homework.

The girl thinks that doing homework with friends

- A is fun.
- B helps concentration.
- C takes longer than doing it alone.
- 10 You will hear a boy telling his friend about a rock-climbing trip.

How did he feel about it?

- A grateful for the help he got
- B satisfied with his climbing
- C hopeful of going again
- 11 You will hear two friends talking about learning to play the guitar.

The girl advises the boy to

- A practise more often.
- B play in a variety of styles.
- C listen to the best guitarists.



Preliminary / Preliminary for schools Speaking – what's changed

4 parts in 10-12 minutes, as before. Some parts are in a different order.

Part What's changed

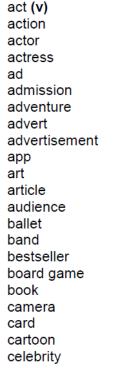
- 1 Introductory phase: focus on interactional and social language
- 2 Individual long turn: describing a photo (similar to old Part 3)
- 3 Collaborative task: making suggestions and discussing alternatives (old Part 2)
- 4 Discussion: talking about likes/dislikes and habits, giving opinions (similar to old Part 4)



Word list changes

APP

Entertainment and Media



CD (player) channel chat show chess cinema circus classical music comedy comic competition concert dance dancer disc disco display DJ / disc jockey documentary drama draw drawing DVD (player)

entrance exhibition exit festival film film maker film star fireworks folk music fun go out group quitar quitarist headline headphones hero heroine hip hop hit song horror instrument

interval interview(er) jazz music iournalist keyboard laugh listen to look at magazine magic MP3 player museum music musician news newspaper opera orchestra paint painter perform performance



performer programme
play quiz
podcast recording
poem review
pop music rock music
presenter romantic
production row

scene screen selfie series soap opera soundtrack stage

SELFIE television thriller video

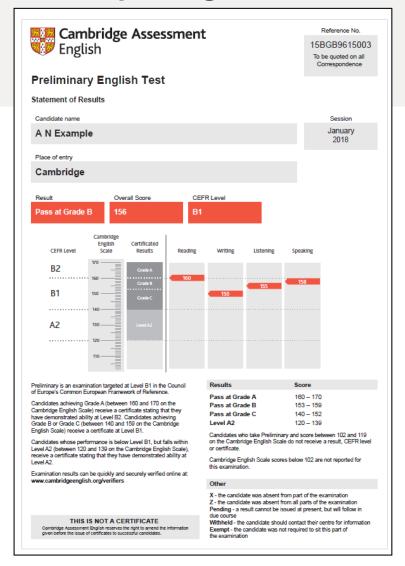


Results reporting





Results reporting







Summary of the changes





What's changed?

- Enabling upwards certification
- Separate Reading and Writing papers at Preliminary/Preliminary for Schools
- Better balance between Reading and Writing in Key/Key for Schools
- More focus on fluency and interactive skills in Key/Key for Schools Speaking
- Greater alignment across Cambridge English Qualifications
- Very minor changes to word lists



Exam support





Available now

- Overviews of the changes
 - postcards and video
- PB sample tests 1
- Handbooks
- Word lists

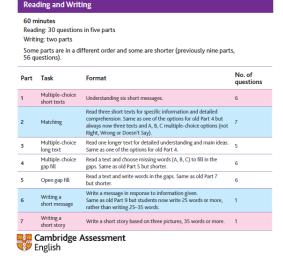


A2 Key and A2 Key for Schools

2020 exam update

At a glance - what's new?

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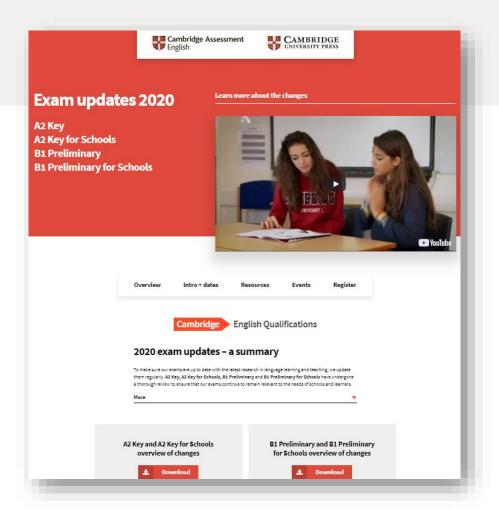


Part	Task	Format	No. of questions
1	Multiple-choice short texts	Listen to five short texts for specific information and choose the right picture (A, B, C). Same as old Part 1.	5
2	Gap fill	Listen to a longer text and write down missing information in the gaps (a word, number, date or time). Same as old Part 5.	5
3	Multiple-choice long text	Listen to a longer text for specific information, feelings and opinions. Same as old Part 3.	5
4	Multiple choice	Listen to five short texts for the main idea or message.	5
5	Matching	Listen to a longer text for specific information. Same as old Part 2.	5

New tasks



Website



keyandpreliminary.cambridgeenglish.org/



In development

- PB sample tests 2, and computer-based sample tests
- Speaking test videos with Examiner comments
- New lesson plans
- Information for candidates
- New classroom posters





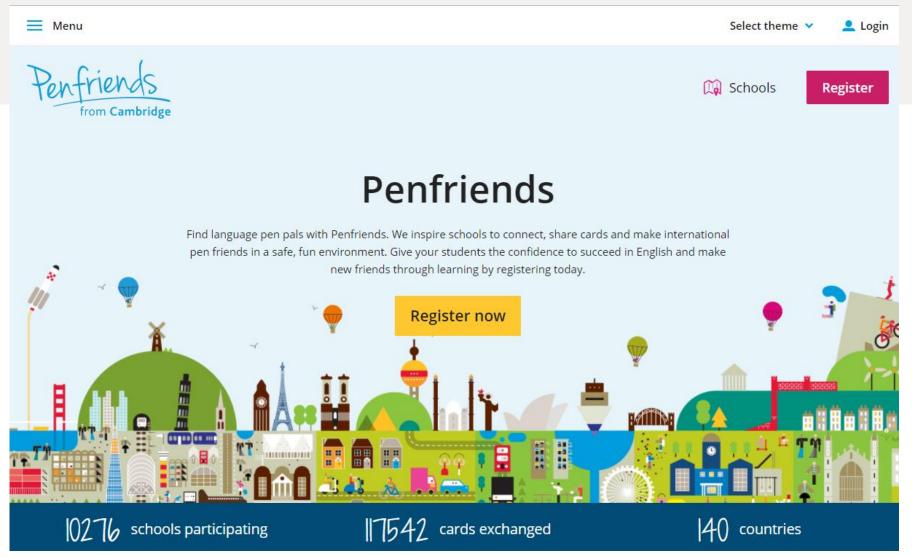
Preparing for Preliminary/ Preliminary for Schools Writing



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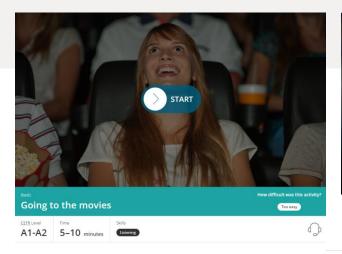


Preparing for Key/Key for Schools Reading and Writing





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Official preparation materials

Revised exams for 2020 and Re-brand





Cambridge Exams Publishing re-brand





Current brand (last 5 years)







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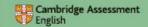








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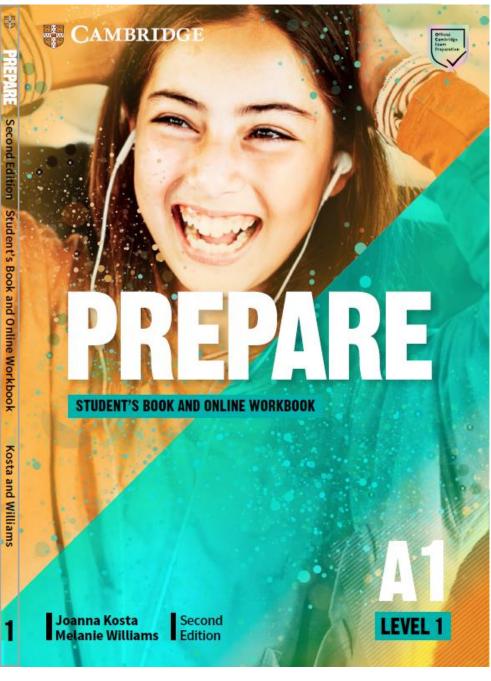
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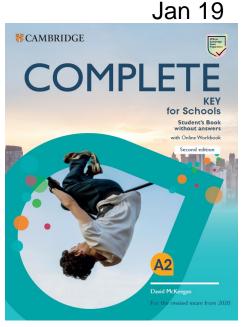
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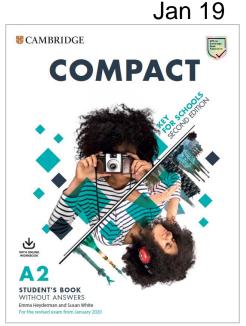




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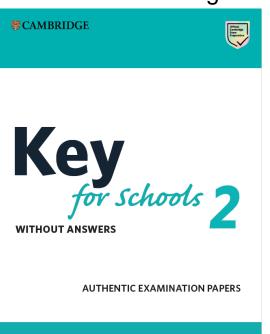




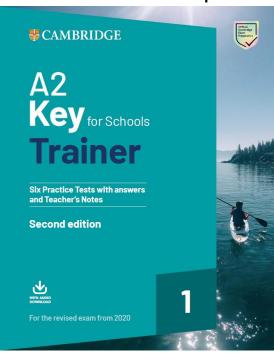


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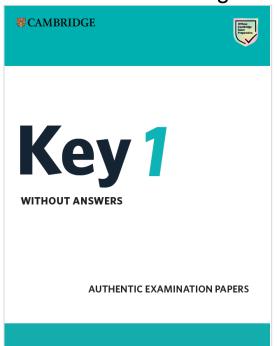
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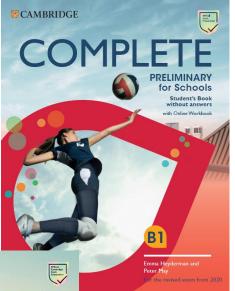


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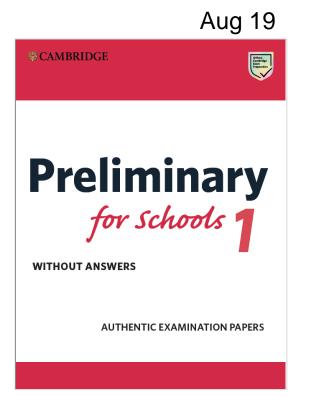
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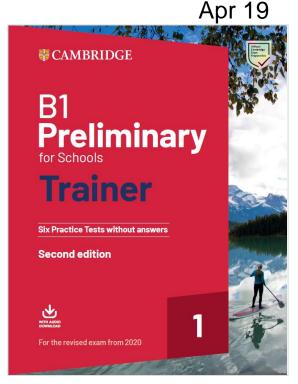


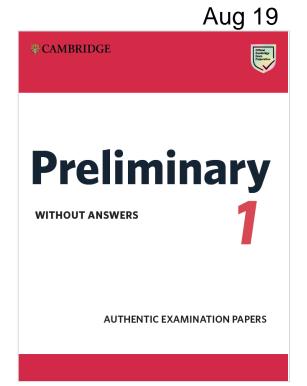




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