

B2/C1 Overview

A comparison between the
B2 (FCE) and C1 (CAE) Exams



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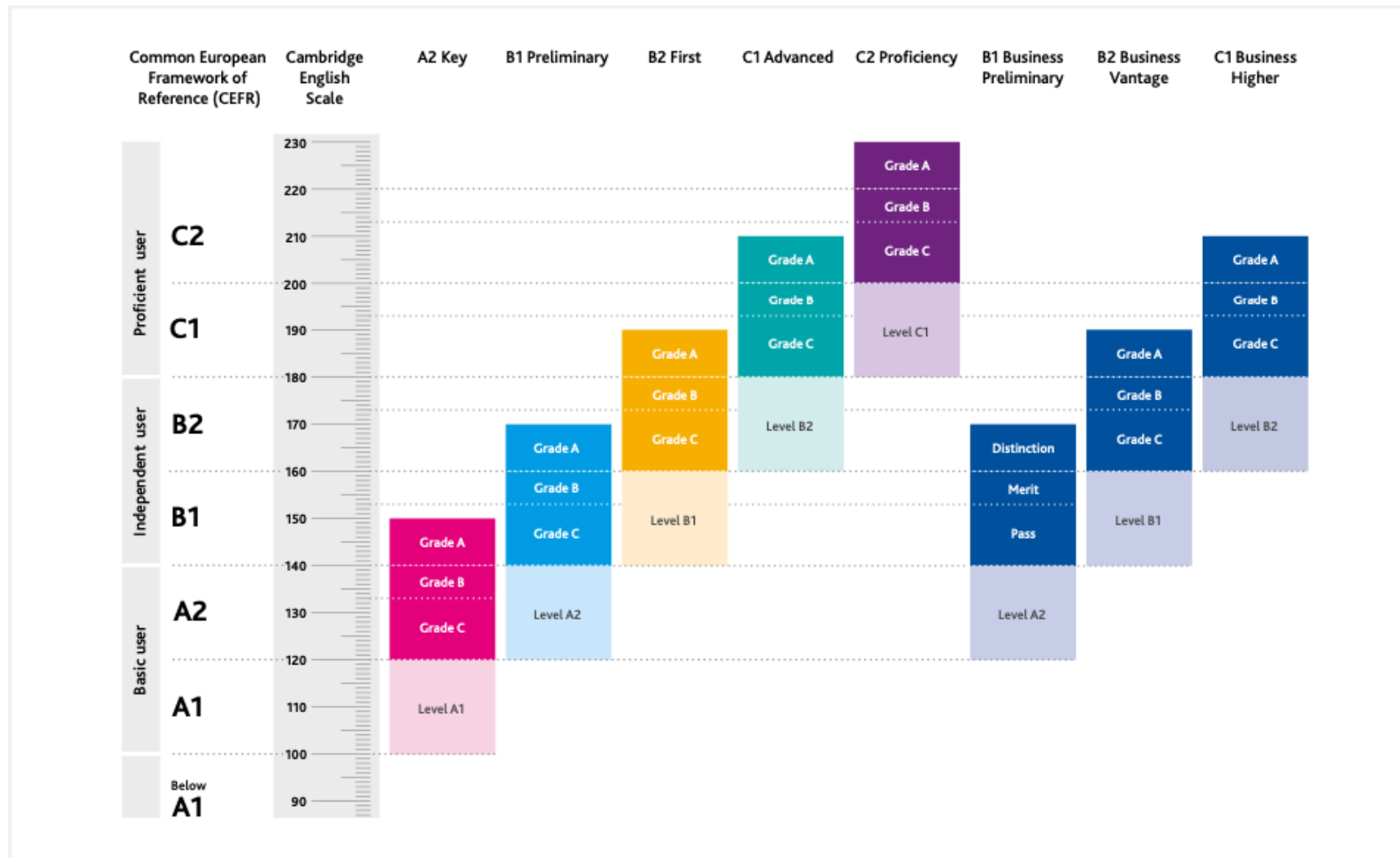


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/ Cambridge English Scale



/ Level B2 and C1

- * B2: Achieving a certificate at this upper-intermediate proves that a candidate is becoming **skilled** in English and now has **practical language skills** for **everyday written** and **spoken situations**
- * C1: Achieving a certificate at this level proves that a candidate has reached a **very advanced level** of English required in **demanding academic** and **professional settings**.

Taken from the B2 First and C1 Handbooks for teachers

/ Overview Timing B2 and C1

	Part	B2	C1
1	Reading and Use of English	75	90
2	Writing	80	90
3	Listening	40	40
4	Speaking	14	15
	Total Time	3h 29m	3h 55m

/ Reading and Use of English

	B2	Points	C1	Points
1	Multiple choice cloze	8	Multiple choice cloze	8
2	Open Cloze	8	Open Cloze	8
3	Word Formation	8	Word Formation	8
4	Key word transformation	12	Key word transformation	12
5	Multiple choice	12	Multiple choice	12
6	Gapped Text	12	Cross-text mult. matching	8
7	Multiple Matching	10	Gapped Text	12
8	N/A	N/A	Multiple Matching	10
	Total	70		78

/ Reading and Use of English

- * B2: Reading 42 points C1 Reading 50 points
- * C1: extra task: Cross-text multiple matching

/ Writing

	B2	C1
	80 minutes	90 minutes
	140-190 words per task	220 - 260 words per task
1	Essay	Essay
2	Article	
2	Email	Email
2	Letter	Letter
2		Proposal
2	Report	Report
2	Review	Review
2	Story (for Schools)	

/ Writing

Format largely the same but

- * B2 essay: 3 ideas, add your own idea
- * C1 essay: 3 ideas, choose 2, use opinions
- * B2: 140-190 words, C1 220-260 words
- * B2: 80 minutes, C1 90 minutes

/ Listening

	B2		C1	
1	Multiple choice	8	Multiple choice	6
2	Sentence completion	10	Sentence completion	8
3	Multiple Matching	5	Multiple choice	6
4	Multiple choice	7	Multiple Matching	10
	Total	30		30 points

/ Listening

Format largely the same but

- * Different numbers of questions
- * B2 Sentence completion most important task
- * C1 Multiple matching most important task
- * B2 Multiple matching 1 set of 5 questions
- * C1 Multiple matching 2 sets of 5 questions

/ Speaking

Part	Description	B2	C1
1	Conversation	2	2
2	Long Turn	4	4
3	Collaborative Task	4	4
4	Discussion	4	5
	Total	14 minutes	15 minutes

/ Speaking

Format largely the same but

- * B2 Long turn: compare 2 pictures; 1 question
- * C1 Long turn: choose 2 out of 3 pictures; 2 questions
- * C1 discussion task is 1 minute longer