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# Cambridge English Young Learners

Cambridge Young Learners English (YLE)

## A guide for schools



*Giving children a head start in English*

## Cambridge English: Young Learners

Cambridge English: Young Learners, also known as *Young Learners English (YLE)*, is a series of fun, activity-based English language tests specially designed for children. Schools all over the world use these tests to **motivate children to learn English** and show parents the progress they are making.

### Benefits of offering Cambridge English: Young Learners

- ✓ Excellent way to motivate children at your school to learn English
- ✓ Gives children a good foundation in learning international English
- ✓ Shows parents your commitment to language learning - *These tests are extremely popular with parents and are taken in 70 countries*
- ✓ Lots of teaching and planning support for your English language teachers
- ✓ Good preparation for higher level Cambridge English exams

## Cambridge English: Young Learners *Giving children a head start in English*

Trusted by over

**12,000**

organisations worldwide

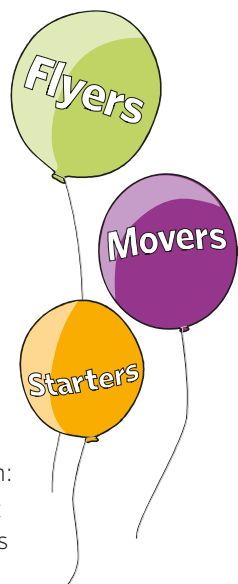
Over **3 million**  
candidates a year  
choose Cambridge ESOL



## Why offer Cambridge English: Young Learners?

### Three fun, activity-based tests

- Three levels – *Starters*, *Movers* and *Flyers* – so children have a clear route for progression.
- Quick to take so not intimidating:
  - E.g. Starters Listening (20 mins), Reading & Writing (20 mins), Speaking (3–5 mins).
- Specially designed for 7–12 year-olds to increase their motivation to learn English:
  - Familiar and interesting topics make it easier for children to relate to the tests and talk about them with confidence.
  - Appealing content and activities, such as drawing, colouring and conversation, make the tests fun and enjoyable.



### International English

- Developed according to international standards.
- Tests children's reading, writing, listening and speaking based on realistic everyday situations, making communication come naturally.
- Cambridge English tests are taken by over 3.3 million candidates each year and are recognised by over 12,000 organisations worldwide.



### Structured quality approach

- Aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) – the internationally accepted way to describe language ability:
  - Shows parents exactly how their children's English is improving.
- Reading and Writing, and Listening papers are marked in the UK, ensuring they are fairly and consistently marked.
- All Cambridge English tests are respected for their quality, fairness and positive educational impact.

### Support for teachers at your school

- Teachers preparing children for the tests benefit from a whole support package, including a dedicated website with:
  - sample papers
  - handbooks
  - exam reports
  - ideas for lesson planning
  - classroom activities.

[www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org](http://www.teachers.CambridgeESOL.org)

### A Cambridge English award for everyone

Every child who takes a *Cambridge English: Young Learners* test gets a Cambridge English award. This is a huge achievement and rewards a child's individual ability.

They get 1–5 Cambridge shields for each part of the test: Listening, Reading and Writing, and Speaking.



## What comes after Cambridge English: Young Learners?

Prepare children at your school for exciting opportunities in the future. The three *Cambridge English: Young Learners* tests lead naturally on to other Cambridge English exams for schoolchildren at secondary and high school level, and there are further tests for adults.

All Cambridge English tests are aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR).

## Next steps

- Offer Cambridge English: Young Learners at your school

Your local Cambridge ESOL exam centre can give you all the information you need about:

- how to offer the tests
- what they involve
- when students can take the tests and how much they cost.

Find a centre near you at:

[www.CambridgeESOL.org/Centres](http://www.CambridgeESOL.org/Centres)

- Support for English language teachers

Teachers who prepare students for Cambridge English exams have access to our free website which includes:

- information about the tests
- ideas for classroom activities
- lesson plans
- and much more.

Go to the Teacher Support website at:

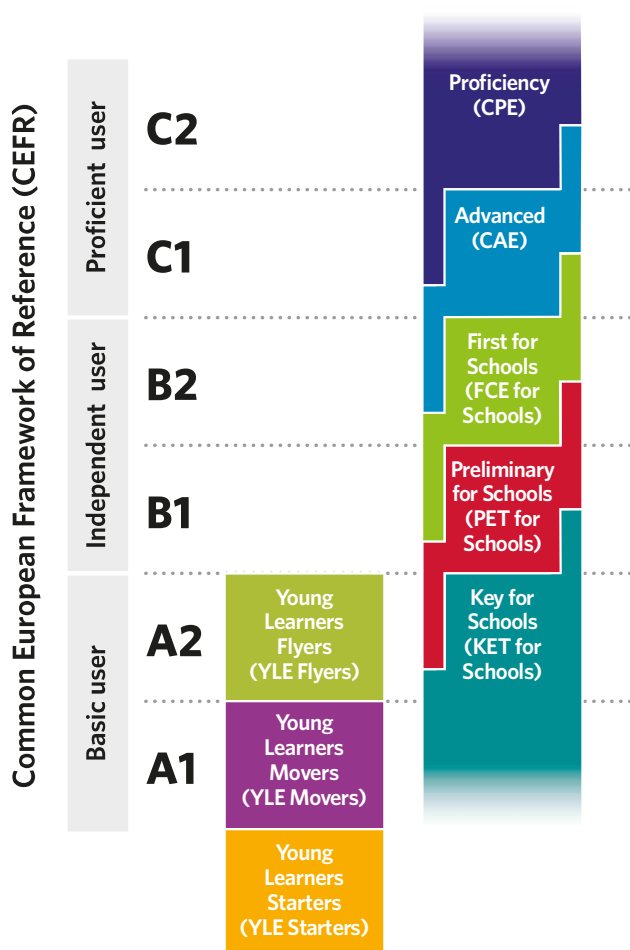
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*“Preparing for a Cambridge English exam is highly motivating for students ...”*

Mark Thomas,  
English Teacher,  
VHS Berlin-Pankow



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