

Use of English: Ten more practice tests for the Cambridge B2 First

Cambridge B2 First | Parts 1–4

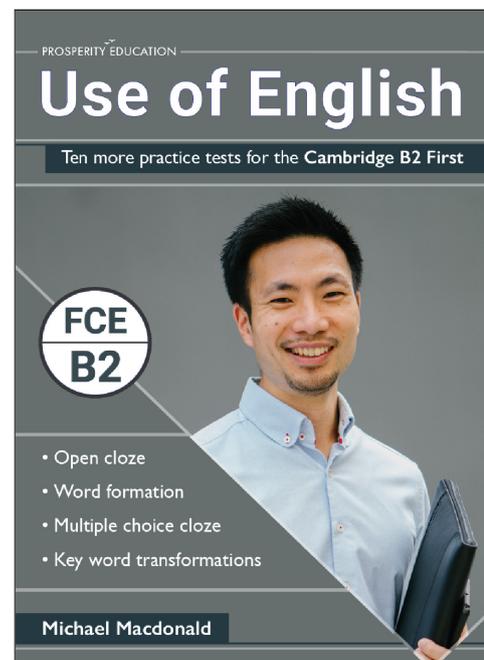
10 exam-styled practice tests

40 texts | 300 individual assessments

Answers included

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These sample tests have been written to closely replicate the Cambridge B2 exam experience and so each one follows the same structure and wording as official test papers.

Each print-ready test comprises:

Part 1: Multiple choice cloze

Part 2: Open cloze

Part 3: Word formation

Part 4: Key word transformations

Write-in answer sheets, answer keys and a markscheme complete this large bank of high-quality practice material for students preparing for the Cambridge B2 First (FCE).

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For questions 1–8, read the text below and decide which answer best fits each gap. In the separate answer sheet, mark the appropriate answer (A, B, C or D).

Virtual reality in the real world

Most of us are **(1)**_____ with virtual reality, or VR, from sci-fi and may even have tried a cheap headset at home or in school. But did you know VR is **(2)**_____ transforming the real world? Here are some examples:

1. Car manufacturers use VR to build virtual prototypes, which is far quicker and enables them to make **(3)**_____ changes to their designs before building anything.

2. Sportspeople, including golfers, skiers, cyclists and Formula One drivers, use VR to **(4)**_____ courses and learn their way around the track from the safety and comfort of their own training centre.

3. The heritage industry uses virtual 'walkthroughs' to allow people to experience fragile sites, **(5)**_____ as Stonehenge, archaeological digs, and prehistoric cave **(6)**_____. It is now possible to visit museums and galleries using a headset.

4. In the world of **(7)** _____, VR has been used to train medical staff, but even more radically, it allows for 'telesurgery', in which a surgeon operates on a patient **(8)** _____.

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|---|---|--------------|---|--------------|---|----------|---|------------|
| 1 | A | conscious | B | aware | C | known | D | familiar |
| 2 | A | albeit | B | already | C | still | D | yet |
| 3 | A | ready | B | hurried | C | express | D | rapid |
| 4 | A | preview | B | inquire | C | probe | D | search |
| 5 | A | how | B | similar | C | such | D | like |
| 6 | A | dwellings | B | livings | C | housing | D | apartments |
| 7 | A | healthcare | B | healthy | C | caring | D | medical |
| 8 | A | accidentally | B | incidentally | C | casually | D | remotely |

For questions 9–16, read the text below and decide which word best fits each gap. Use only one word for each gap. In the separate answer sheet, write your answers in capital letters, using one box per letter.

Glastonbury

Regarded **(9)**_____ many as the most important of all British music festivals, the ‘Glastonbury Festival’ is known the world over as a true modern-day celebration of the original ‘hippie’ culture of the 1960s.

Founded by farmer Michael Eavis in 1970, the festival first ran intermittently for several years before becoming an annual event. Roughly **(10)**_____ five years there is no festival, so that the farmland on which the massive celebration of music and art takes place can **(11)**_____ allowed to recover.

Each summer, more than 175,000 people descend on the small English town of Mendip, in Somerset, eager **(12)**_____ witness the year’s greatest assembly of artists, old and new. **(13)**_____ order that so many revellers can be accommodated safely, and in relative comfort, a medium-sized city is constructed. Hundreds of bars, shops, food stalls, showers and toilets **(14)**_____ erected, and first-aid and security tents dot the site. This large organisational effort, **(15)**_____ starts shortly after each year’s festival ends, is made possible by approximately 2,000 volunteers, **(16)**_____, in exchange for basic shelter and food provisions, look after the crowds of happy ‘party people’. It truly is a rare and beautiful example of ‘peace and love’ in today’s world.

For questions 17–24, use the stem word on the right to form the correct word that fills each gap. In the separate answer sheet, write your answers in capital letters, using one box per letter.

Czechia

Slovakia and The Czech Republic were formed in 1993 when Czechoslovakia **(17)**_____ **GO** through a peaceful split – a ‘velvet divorce’. The beautiful country of The Czech Republic, which has borders with Germany, Poland, Austria and, of course, now Slovakia, has **(18)**_____ **QUICK** become a big attraction to tourists from all over the world.

At the time of the split, the Czech authorities failed to register in the UN list of countries the short, geographical name of the new state and entered only its formal **(19)**_____ **POLITIC** name, ‘The Czech Republic’. It has been said that, until now, The Czech Republic has had no **(20)**_____ **SHORT** version of its name like, for example, ‘France’ when we refer to The French Republic.

However, in 2016 officials decided to rectify the situation, **(21)**_____ **DECLARE** that the country should henceforth be **(22)**_____ **KNOW** as Czechia. Some cynics say that the reason for this is to make it easier to use when **(23)**_____ **PROMOTE** the country. This idea has **(24)**_____ **BE** met with anger by many of its 10.5 million citizens.

For questions 25–30, complete the second sentence, using the word given, so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Do not change the word provided and use between two and five words in total. In the separate answer sheet, write your answers in capital letters, using one box per letter.

25 I have never had such a good time before.

EVER

That was the most _____ had.

26 The last time I spoke to Mohammed was seven years ago.

SEEN

I have _____ seven years.

27 They started to argue during the football match.

TOOK

The _____ during the football match.

28 I don't recommend doing it that way.

ADVISABLE

It is _____ it that way.

29 The school decided to postpone the sports day until the following week.

OFF

The sports day _____ until the following week.

30 Liam broke the window by accident.

MEAN

Liam did _____ the window.

Name _____

Date _____

Part 1: Multiple choice

8 marks

Mark the appropriate answer (A, B, C or D).

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8	A	B	C	D	
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Part 2: Open cloze

8 marks

Write your answers in capital letters, using one box per letter.

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Part 3: Word formation

8 marks

Write your answers in capital letters, using one box per letter.

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Part 4: Key word transformation

12 marks

Write your answers in capital letters, using one box per letter.

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29																			
30																			

Part 1: Multiple choice					
1	D	familiar	5	C	such
2	B	already	6	A	dwellings
3	D	rapid	7	A	healthcare
4	A	preview	8	D	remotely

Part 2: Open cloze					
9	by		13	In	
10	every / each		14	are	
11	be		15	which	
12	to		16	who	

Part 3: Word formation					
17	went		21	declaring	
18	quickly		22	known	
19	political		23	promoting	
20	shortened		24	been	

Part 4: Key word transformation					
25	fun		I have ever		
26	not seen Mohammed		in / for		
27	argument		took place		
28	not advisable		to do		
29	was		put off / called off		
30	not mean		to break		