

Open Mind

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH: PRELIMINARY (PET)

INTERMEDIATE B1+

Open Mind Intermediate B1+ has been mapped to *Cambridge English: Preliminary (PET)*. This document shows which exercises teachers may want to use to help prepare learners for the exam.

UNIT 1	LIVE AND LEARN	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to advice and checking. Answering <i>wh-</i> questions.	Paper 2 Listening Parts 2 and 4
Speaking	Using short questions to encourage the speaker.	Paper 3 Speaking Parts 1 and 2
Reading	Reading for the main idea: finding topic sentences.	Paper 1 Reading Parts 1 and 3
Writing	Writing a diary entry. Describing events and expressing feelings.	Paper 1 Writing Part 3
LifeSkills	Setting goals. Discussing personal action plans.	All papers

UNIT 2	THEN AND NOW	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to and identifying emotion or attitude.	Paper 2 Listening Parts 1 and 4
Speaking	Talking about memories and experiences. Preparing a short presentation.	Paper 3 Speaking Parts 1 and 4
Reading	Reading a magazine article. Scanning for specific information, reading for detail.	Paper 1 Reading Parts 3 and 4
Writing	Planning an organised opinion paragraph.	Paper 1 Writing Part 3
LifeSkills	Preparing and giving a short presentation. Giving feedback.	Speaking and Writing

UNIT 3	BUYING POWER	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to a complaint for specific information and making notes.	Paper 2 Listening Part 2
Speaking	Politely insisting in a complaint situation. Describing problems with products.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 2
Reading	Reading an article for the main ideas.	Paper 1 Reading Parts 1 and 3
Writing	Writing an opinion paragraph. Comparing advantages and disadvantages, sequencing ideas.	Paper 1 Writing Part 2
LifeSkills	Persuading others. Raising objections. Making suggestions.	Speaking and Writing

UNIT 4	TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to and identifying emotion and attitude.	Paper 2 Listening Part 3
Speaking	Talking about business ideas. Explaining and responding to ideas.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 4
Reading	Reading an online guide to business start-ups.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4
Writing	Organising a paragraph to express a point of view.	Paper 1 Writing Part 2
LifeSkills	Turning problems into opportunities. Presenting a business idea.	Speaking

UNIT 5	THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to phone messages. Identifying attitudes and emotions, listening for specific information.	Paper 2 Listening Part 4
Speaking	Introducing a new topic.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 4
Reading	Distinguishing fact and opinion. Discussing impact of the article.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4
Writing	Writing a short article based on a journalist's interview notes.	Paper 1 Writing Part 3
LifeSkills	Reporting information. Interviewing and preparing a report about the media.	Speaking and Writing

UNIT 6	DECISIONS, DECISIONS	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Using pictures and questions to predict what you will hear.	Paper 2 Listening Part 4
Speaking	Talking about hopes and wishes. Preparing a short talk.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 3
Reading	Reading an opinion webpage.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4
Writing	Checking your work: using checklists to check grammar, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation.	Paper 1 Writing Part 1
LifeSkills	Becoming more self-aware. Responding to feedback.	Speaking

UNIT 7	THINK AGAIN!	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to a lecture on child prodigies and making notes.	Paper 2 Listening Part 2
Speaking	Using modals of deduction and question tags to speculate.	Paper 3 Speaking Parts 2 and 3
Reading	Distinguishing fact and opinion.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4
Writing	Writing a for and against text. Analysing opposing arguments.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4, Writing Part 3
LifeSkills	Thinking logically. Discussing logical thinking.	All papers

UNIT 8	STORIES WE TELL	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Predicting what you will hear before listening and while listening.	Paper 2 Listening Part 3
Speaking	Telling an anecdote using sequence phrases and relative clauses.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 1
Reading	Reading an African legend. Predicting and responding to a story.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4
Writing	Checking your work. Using a checklist and referring back to the task.	Paper 1 Writing Part 3
LifeSkills	Learning from experience. Discussing a past experience.	All papers

UNIT 9	BODY TALK	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to a medical consultation and making notes of symptoms and advice.	Paper 2 Listening Part 2
Speaking	Asking for clarification when giving and receiving advice. Expressing regrets.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 4
Reading	Speed reading and making notes. Evaluating your speed reading.	Paper 1 Reading Parts 1 and 4
Writing	Writing a persuasive email giving advice. Using common email language.	Paper 1 Writing Part 2
LifeSkills	Developing your memory. Using memory tools.	All papers

UNIT 10	STAGE AND SCREEN	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to a lecture and taking notes. Predicting what you will hear and summarising.	Paper 2 Listening Part 2
Speaking	Talking about a live event. Including and organising relevant topics.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 3
Reading	Reading a magazine article. Identifying and discussing advantages and disadvantages.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4
Writing	Writing a descriptive paragraph about a favourite TV show.	Paper 1 Writing Part 3
LifeSkills	Working as part of a team. Reflecting on teamwork.	All papers

UNIT 11	BREAKING THE RULES	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to an argument. Identifying and interpreting specific information.	Paper 2 Listening Part 2
Speaking	Using softening language to give criticism.	Paper 3 Speaking Parts 2 and 4
Reading	Speed reading and scanning a text for overall meaning before reading in detail.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4
Writing	Planning, brainstorming and writing a short story.	Paper 1 Writing Part 3
LifeSkills	Understanding graphs. Discussing a business based on information in charts.	Reading and Speaking

UNIT 12	JUST THE JOB!	Practice for Preliminary (PET)
Listening	Listening to a lecture. Using symbols and abbreviations to take short simple notes.	Paper 2 Listening Part 3
Speaking	Talking about ideal jobs. Asking and answering about important aspects of a job.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 4
Reading	Reading job adverts to identify specific information.	Paper 1 Reading Part 4
Writing	Writing a description using descriptive adjectives. Expressing likes and dislikes.	Paper 1 Writing Part 3
LifeSkills	Preparing for a job interview. Describing work experience.	Paper 3 Speaking Part 1