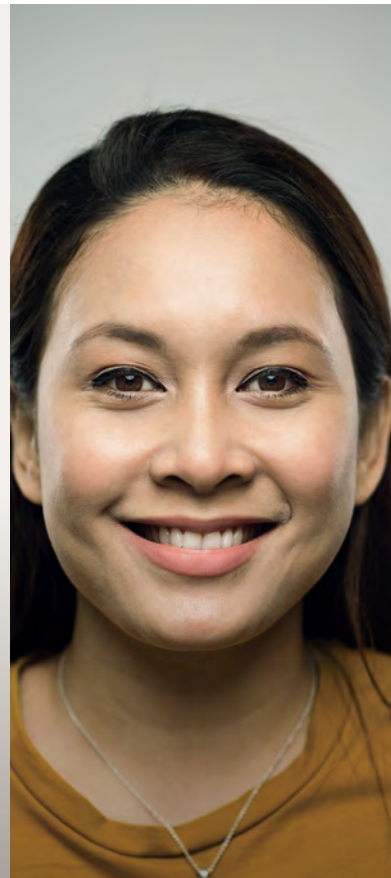


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Top Tips on exam day

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A1-B1 exams

Speaking & Listening

Top Tips

- 1 Remember, you can ask the friendly online interlocutor if you don't understand something at the start of a task or during it.
- 2 Speak naturally and give full answers, not one word responses.
- 3 Show what you know- use a range of language from the level.
- 4 Look carefully at the questions in the listening part of task 4a before you listen – this will help while you listen for the key information.
- 5 If you can't remember a word, then say it in another way.

B1-C2 exams

Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking

Top Tips

- 1 Leave enough time to proofread and edit your writing tasks as you may have missed something or made a mistake.
- 2 Answer and then check all your listening, reading and writing tasks. Check you have enough time to do this.
- 3 Answer Listening questions in the order they appear. Remember that they normally follow the order of the information in the recording.
- 4 In the Written exam, task instructions may also include a word limit, e.g. 'Use no more than three words' Keep to this by avoiding unnecessary words in your answer.
- 5 Whenever you reply 'Yes' or 'No' to the interlocutor's questions in the Spoken exam, add more details to your answer.
- 6 Remember that you are not being tested on your general knowledge but on your ability to communicate effectively.
- 7 Remember that skimming and scanning are important exam skills. Skimming is the quickest way of finding out what a text, or part of a text is about, and once you know the general subject, it's easier to read for detail. Scanning is the most efficient way of locating the information you need to answer exam questions.
- 8 In the Written exam try to show that you can use your own words (wherever possible) and a range of grammatical structures from the level.
- 9 In the Spoken exam, ask the interlocutor to repeat a question if you do not understand it. Then you will be able to respond more confidently and relevantly.
- 10 During the Spoken exam, try to develop your answers using linking words (e.g. 'also', 'what is more', 'on top of this'). This will help you to speak more fluently and minimise hesitation.
- 11 Don't be put off by words you do not know. You don't need to understand every single word to answer the questions in the reading section.
- 12 If you cannot answer a particular question in the reading section, then move on and try to come back to it later.
- 13 Read the instructions very carefully and know what to do before you answer any reading or listening questions.
- 14 In both writing tasks, using a variety of linking words is important, so that the flow of ideas in your writing is logical and easy for the reader to follow.
- 15 Be prepared and know what you have to say before you start your long turn in part 4 in the Spoken exam.