

English Language (AS and A Level)

1 Syllabus overview

1.1 Content

Cambridge International AS Level English Language provides candidates opportunities to make critical and informed responses to texts which are wide-ranging in their form, style and context. Candidates will also produce their own imaginative writing, and will demonstrate their ability to produce writing for given audiences. Those who opt for Cambridge International A Level English Language will develop a strong foundation in the study of linguistics, focusing on spoken language, English as a global language and language acquisition.

1.2 Assessment

For Cambridge International AS and A Level English Language, candidates:

- take Papers 1 and 2 only (for the Cambridge International AS qualification)
- or**
- follow a staged assessment route by taking Papers 1 and 2 (for the Cambridge International AS qualification) in one series, then Papers 3 and 4 (for the Cambridge International A Level qualification) in a later series
- or**
- take Papers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the same examination series, leading to the full Cambridge International A Level.

Cambridge International AS Level candidates take:

Paper 1 Passages	Duration	Weighting
The paper contains three questions. Candidates answer two questions: Question 1, and either Question 2 or Question 3. Questions carry equal marks. Externally assessed. 50 marks	2 hours 15 minutes	50%

and

Paper 2 Writing	Duration	Weighting
Two sections: Section A and Section B. Candidates answer two questions: one from Section A and one from Section B. Questions carry equal marks. Externally assessed. 50 marks	2 hours	50%

Cambridge International A Level candidates take:

Paper 1 Passages	Duration	Weighting
The paper contains three questions. Candidates answer two questions: Question 1, and either Question 2 or Question 3. Questions carry equal marks. Externally assessed. 50 marks	2 hours 15 minutes	25%

and

Paper 2 Writing	Duration	Weighting
Two sections: Section A and Section B. Candidates answer two questions: one from Section A and one from Section B. Questions carry equal marks. Externally assessed. 50 marks	2 hours	25%

and

Paper 3 Text Analysis	Duration	Weighting
The paper contains two questions. Candidates must answer both questions. Questions carry equal marks. Externally assessed. 50 marks	2 hours 15 minutes	25%

and

Paper 4 Language Topics	Duration	Weighting
The paper contains three questions, each on a separate topic area. Candidates answer two questions. Questions carry equal marks. Externally assessed. 50 marks	2 hours 15 minutes	25%

