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To the student

This book is for candidates preparing for the University of Cambridge ESOL Examinations Preliminary English Test (PET), and gives practice in all the written and oral papers. It contains four complete tests based on recent PET papers. PET tests Reading, Writing, Listening and Speaking.

PAPER 1 (1 hour and 30 minutes)

Reading

There are 35 questions in five Parts. You have to choose the right answer out of three or four options, match questions to texts or show that you think a sentence about a text is correct or incorrect.

Writing

There are three Parts: sentence transformations, a short message of 35–45 words and a letter or story of about 100 words.

PAPER 2 (about 35 minutes, including 6 minutes to transfer answers)

Listening

There are four Parts, and you will hear each of them twice. As you listen, you write your answers on the question paper. At the end, you have 6 minutes to copy your answers onto the answer sheet.

PAPER 3 (10–12 minutes for each pair of candidates)

Speaking

You take the Speaking test with another candidate. There are two examiners in the room. One examiner talks to you. This examiner sometimes asks you questions and sometimes asks you to talk to the other candidate. The other examiner listens to you. Both examiners give you marks. During the test the examiner gives you and your partner photographs and other pictures to look at and to talk about.

Preparing for PET by yourself

Reading

Have a look at some English language magazines, and read some articles about things that interest you. Look through some stories written in simplified English in your library or bookshop. Choose the ones which are interesting and just a little difficult for you, and guess the words you may not know before you look them up in your dictionary.

Writing

It can be very helpful to keep a diary in English, so that you find and learn the words that really mean something to you. You may also want to find an English-speaking penfriend or e-pal, or to exchange letters or e-mails in English with a friend who is learning with you. In those letters/e-mails you can describe something interesting you have done, what you are doing at present or talk about your plans. In that way everything you practise will be real for you and not just an exercise.

Listening

Watch any interesting English language films at your cinema, or on TV or video whenever you can. Watch or listen to any English language teaching programmes on TV or radio. (A free list of such programmes is available from the BBC, Programme Guides, Bush House, PO Box 76, London WC2B 4PH, United Kingdom.) Listen to learning materials on cassette, so that you can hear many different kinds of voices. You may also hear people speaking English in shops, restaurants or hotels, or a tourist guide telling English-speaking visitors about places of interest in your area.

Speaking

Practise talking English with a friend who is also learning, and arrange to spend time doing this regularly. Ask each other questions, tell each other what you have enjoyed doing, talk about your daily lives, your plans, your likes and dislikes – in English. It really does get easier, once you start practising!

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Do you want to approach the Cambridge Preliminary English Test (PET) with confidence? Then you need to familiarise yourself thoroughly with its format and content – and you need to practise examination techniques using material such as these PET exam papers from Cambridge ESOL, revised for the updated March 2004 syllabus.

Cambridge Preliminary English Test 2 is the 2nd collection of practice tests published for this level. It contains:

- a helpful overview of the PET exam
- four exam papers from Cambridge ESOL
- attractive visual material to stimulate discussion and help you practise for the paired Speaking test (Paper 3)
- photocopiable answer sheets so you can practise transferring your answers.

The Student's Book 'with answers' edition also contains a comprehensive section of answer keys and tapescripts, making it ideal for self-study. The Teacher's Book provides useful information about the format of the PET and a clear insight into marking and grading illustrated by sample answers. It also contains tapescripts of the recorded material and answer keys, making it a valuable all-round teacher's resource.

The material consists of:

Student's Book	Set of 2 Cassettes
Student's Book with answers	Set of 2 Audio CDs
Teacher's Book	Self-study Pack

The Cambridge Preliminary English Test corresponds to Council of Europe Level B1.

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