

LanguageCert International ESOL SELT B2 (Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking)

A 4-skills (Listening, Reading, Writing & Speaking) exam in English, aligned to the B2 level of the CEFR*. It is a Secure English Language Test (SELT) for UK Visas & Immigration (UKVI) delivered through LanguageCert's global network of SELT centres.

About the exam:

-) Consists of a Written (Listening, Reading, Writing) and Spoken (Speaking) component
-) Both components can be taken on the same day or within 14 days of each other

CEFR level B2 is the minimum requirement for the following visa types:

-) Tier 2 (Minister of Religion)
-) Innovator
-) Start-up
-) Tier 4 (General) student visa (below degree level)

Key features

EXAM LEVEL	B2
FORMAT	Computer-based
PASS MARK	Listening: 33/50 Reading: 33/50 Writing: 33/50

TEST REPORT Issued 5 business days after the exam

Exam format

Computer-based 2 hours & 40 mins
Listening: 30 mins
Reading & Writing: 2 hours & 10 mins uninterrupted

Listening

Part 1: 7 multiple choice questions (each with 3 options)

Task:

-) Listen twice to 7 short sentences between 2 speakers, 1 being a formal conversation
-) Choose the appropriate response for each question

Part 2: 6 multiple choice questions (each with 3 options)

Task:

-) Listen twice to 3 short conversations between 2 speakers to identify: topic, purpose, context, speakers, gist, relationship between speakers, roles, functions, attitudes, feeling and opinions
-) Choose the appropriate response for each question

Part 3: 7 questions (write notes on the message pad based on the information in the recording)

Task:

-) Listen twice to the recording to identify specific information
-) Jot down answers consisting of 1 to 3 words

Part 4: 6 multiple choice questions (each with 3 options)

Task:

-) Listen twice to a discussion to identify gist, examples, fact, opinion, contrast, purpose, key ideas, attitude, cause and effect
-) Choose the appropriate response for each question

Reading

Part 1: 5 multiple choice questions (each with 3 options)

Task:

-) 5 short texts each with one gap testing layout, lexis, cohesive devices, coherence
-) Choose the appropriate response for each question

Part 2: 6 questions multiple choice options to fill in an incomplete text (1 option is a distractor)

Task:

-) Choose the appropriate sentence for each gap in the text

Part 3: 7 questions (4 texts provide the answers)

Task:

-) Read the 4 texts, e.g. email, article, advert, etc. and choose which text answers which question

Part 4: 8 questions (requiring short answers of 1 to 3 words)

Task:

-) A continuous text: narrative, descriptive, expository, biographical, instructive

Writing

Part 1: 70 - 100 words (respond appropriately to a given text in order to produce a formal response for an intended public audience)

Task:

-) Write a response to a letter, poster, diary, timetable, leaflet, etc. for a specified reader addressing a clearly defined number of content points.

Part 2: 100 - 120 words (produce an informal letter to a friend)

Task:

-) Write a letter on a given topic of personal interest
- Include 2 functions e.g. invite a friend to stay, describe what you will do

Spoken component

Key features

EXAM LEVEL

B2

FORMAT Online interview with a real person
PASS MARK **Speaking:** 33/50

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Exam format

Online interview with a live interlocutor 13 minutes

Part 1

-) Give and spell name
-) State country of origin
-) Answer 5 questions

Part 2

-) 2 or 3 situations are presented by the interlocutor
-) Candidates are expected to respond to questions and initiate interactions

Part 3

-) Hold a short discussion to make a plan, arrange or decide something using visual prompts

Part 4

-) Candidates are given 30 seconds preparation time
-) Talk about a topic provided by the interlocutor for 1 and a half minutes
-) Answer follow-up questions