

## First (FCE) – Get to Know the Exam

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### STUDENT A

**A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the First (FCE) exam:**

1. The exam has 5 sections: Reading, \_\_\_\_\_, Writing, Listening, and Speaking.
2. Each section of the exam is worth \_\_\_\_\_ of the final mark.
3. Combined, The Reading and Use of English exams have \_\_\_\_\_ activities.
4. Reading Parts 5 and 6 are worth \_\_\_\_\_ points each. The others are worth 1.
5. For Writing Part 1 you must always write a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Both writing parts are worth \_\_\_\_\_ points.
7. It is important to consider who the \_\_\_\_\_ of your writing is so that you write in the correct style.
8. The Listening exam lasts approximately \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.
9. During the Speaking exam, there are 2 \_\_\_\_\_ and 2 candidates in the room.
10. Some parts of the Speaking exam are individual and some are \_\_\_\_\_.



### STUDENT B

**A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the First (FCE) exam:**

1. You must \_\_\_\_\_ all 5 sections of the exam to get the final certificate.
2. The Reading and Use of English exams are done together in \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.
3. Both writing parts must be \_\_\_\_\_ words.
4. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_ your writings well to make sure they are high quality.
5. In Writing Part 2, the options include an article, letter/email, review or \_\_\_\_\_.
6. You have \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to complete both parts of the Writing exam.
7. You will hear a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Listening exam.
8. In part 2 of the Speaking exam, you have to describe \_\_\_\_\_.
9. When interacting with your speaking partner, it is important to show \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The Speaking exam evaluates your grammar and vocabulary, organisation, \_\_\_\_\_ and interaction.



### STUDENT C

**A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the First (FCE) exam:**

1. The exam certifies that you have a \_\_\_\_\_ level of English.
2. The Reading exam tests your ability to read for a general idea and for \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Use of English is more focussed on grammar and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In the Use of English exam, correct \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.
5. In Writing Part 2, you can choose from \_\_\_\_\_ different questions.
6. Your writings are assessed based not only on spelling, grammar and vocabulary, but also organisation, style, and \_\_\_\_\_.
7. You listen to each recording \_\_\_\_\_.
8. You are always given some \_\_\_\_\_ to prepare for the listening tasks.
9. The Speaking exam lasts \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.
10. You need a total mark of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the exam.



**60%**  
**14**  
**140-190**  
**PICTURES 7**  
**VOCABULARY 2**  
**INTERACTIVE 2**  
**ACCENTS**  
**SPELLING 3**  
**INTEREST 20**  
**PLAN**  
**75**  
**INTEREST 20**  
**TWICE**  
**USE OF ENGLISH 3**  
**PRONUNCIATION**  
**TARGET READER**  
**20%**  
**PASS**  
**EXAMINERS 35-45**  
**B2**  
**80**  
**REPORT**  
**CONTENT**  
**DETAIL 40**

## First (FCE) – Get to Know the Exam - ANSWERS

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### STUDENT A

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the First (FCE) exam:
1. The exam has 5 sections: Reading, *Use of English*, Writing, Listening, and Speaking.
  2. Each section of the exam is worth **20%** of the final mark.
  3. Combined, The Reading and Use of English exams have **7** activities.
  4. Reading Parts 5 and 6 are worth **2** points each. The others are worth 1.
  5. For Writing Part 1 you must always write an *essay*.
  6. Both writing parts are worth **20** points.
  7. It is important to consider who the *target reader* of your writing is so that you write in the correct style.
  8. The Listening exam lasts approximately **40** minutes.
  9. During the Speaking exam, there are **2 examiners** and 2 candidates in the room.
  10. Some parts of the Speaking exam are individual and some are *interactive*.



### STUDENT B

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the First (FCE) exam:
1. You must *pass* all 5 sections of the exam to get the final certificate.
  2. The Reading and Use of English exams are done together in **75** minutes.
  3. Both writing parts must be **140-190** words.
  4. It is important to *plan* your writings well to make sure they are high quality.
  5. In Writing Part 2, the options include an article, letter/email, review or *report*.
  6. You have **80** minutes to complete both parts of the Writing exam.
  7. You will hear a variety of *accents* in the Listening exam.
  8. In part 2 of the Speaking exam, you have to describe *pictures*.
  9. When interacting with your speaking partner, it is important to show *interest*.
  10. The Speaking exam evaluates your grammar and vocabulary, organisation, *pronunciation* and interaction.



### STUDENT C

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the First (FCE) exam:
1. The exam certifies that you have a **B2** level of English.
  2. The Reading exam tests your ability to read for a general idea and for *detail*.
  3. Use of English is more focussed on grammar and *vocabulary*.
  4. In the Use of English exam, correct *spelling* is essential.
  5. In Writing Part 2, you can choose from **3** different questions.
  6. Your writings are assessed based not only on spelling, grammar and vocabulary, but also organisation, style, and *content*.
  7. You listen to each recording *twice*.
  8. You are always given some *time* to prepare for the listening tasks.
  9. The Speaking exam lasts **14** minutes.
  10. You need a total mark of approximately **60%** to pass the exam.

