

## Preliminary (PET) – Get to Know the Exam

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### STUDENT A

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Preliminary (PET) exam:
1. The exam has 4 sections: Reading, Writing, \_\_\_\_\_ and Speaking.
  2. Each section of the exam is worth \_\_\_\_\_ of the final mark.
  3. The reading exam has \_\_\_\_\_ activities.
  4. Reading parts 1, 4 and 5 have \_\_\_\_\_ questions.
  5. Writing part 1 is mostly focussed on \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. Writing part 3 \_\_\_\_\_ than the other parts (100 words) and it is worth more points.
  7. A strong answer in Writing Part 3 uses a range of language and shows \_\_\_\_\_.
  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 Preliminary (PET) exam:
1. You \_\_\_\_\_ pass all 4 sections of the exam to get the final certificate.
  2. You have \_\_\_\_\_ minutes to complete the reading and writing exam.
  3. Reading part 3 has \_\_\_\_\_ questions.
  4. Writing part 2 is very short, only \_\_\_\_\_ words.
  5. It is important to use the correct \_\_\_\_\_ depending on the type of writing.
  6. The listening exam has \_\_\_\_\_ activities.
  7. All of the speakers in the listening exam are \_\_\_\_\_ English speakers.
  8. In part 3 of the speaking exam, you have to describe a \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. When interacting with your speaking partner, it is important to ask \_\_\_\_\_.
  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 Preliminary (PET) exam:
1. The exam certifies that you have a \_\_\_\_\_ level of English.
  2. Vocabulary and \_\_\_\_\_ are the most important elements of the Reading part.
  3. Reading part 5 is more focussed on grammar and \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. In Writing Part 1, correct \_\_\_\_\_ is essential.
  5. In Writing Part 3, you can choose to write a letter or a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
  6. In Writing Part 3, you are assessed based not only on spelling, grammar and vocabulary, but also \_\_\_\_\_, style, and staying on topic.
  7. You listen to each recording \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. The recordings can monologues or \_\_\_\_\_.
  9. The speaking exam lasts \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.
  10. You need a total mark of approximately \_\_\_\_\_ to pass the exam.



**STORY** **LONGER** **GRAMMAR NATIVE**  
**DIALOGUES PICTURE**  
**EXAMINERS** **90**  
**VOCABULARY**  
**PRONUNCIATION** **MULTIPLE-CHOICE** **STYLE** **MUST**  
**25%** **10-12** **LISTENING** **ORGANISATION** **35-45**  
**TRUE/FALSE** **INTERACTIVE**  
**5** **30** **MULTIPLE-CHOICE** **QUESTIONS** **TECHNIQUE** **B1**  
**TWICE** **SPELLING** **4** **AMBITION** **70%**

## Preliminary (PET) – Get to Know the Exam - ANSWERS

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### STUDENT A

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Preliminary (PET) exam:
1. The exam has 4 sections: Reading, Writing, *Listening* and Speaking.
  2. Each section of the exam is worth **25%** of the final mark.
  3. The reading exam has **5** activities.
  4. Reading parts 1, 4 and 5 have *multiple-choice* questions.
  5. Writing part 1 is mostly focussed on *grammar*.
  6. Writing part 3 *longer* than the other parts (100 words) and it is worth more points.
  7. A strong answer in Writing Part 3 uses a range of language and shows *ambition*.
  8. The listening exam lasts approximately **30** 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*.

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### STUDENT B

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Preliminary (PET) exam:
1. You *must* pass all 4 sections of the exam to get the final certificate.
  2. You have **90** minutes to complete the reading and writing exam.
  3. Reading part 3 has *true/false* questions.
  4. Writing part 2 is very short, only **35-45** words.
  5. It is important to use the correct *style* depending on the type of writing.
  6. The listening exam has **4** activities.
  7. All of the speakers in the listening exam are *native* English speakers.
  8. In part 3 of the speaking exam, you have to describe a *picture*.
  9. When interacting with your speaking partner, it is important to ask *questions*.
  10. The speaking exam evaluates your grammar and vocabulary, organisation, *pronunciation* and interaction.

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### STUDENT C

- A. See how many of these sentences you can complete about the Preliminary (PET) exam:
1. The exam certifies that you have a **B1** level of English.
  2. Vocabulary and *technique* are the most important elements of the Reading part.
  3. Reading part 5 is more focussed on grammar and *vocabulary*.
  4. In Writing Part 1, correct *spelling* is essential.
  5. In Writing Part 3, you can choose to write a letter or a *story*.
  6. In Writing Part 3, you are assessed based not only on spelling, grammar and vocabulary, but also *organisation*, style, and staying on topic.
  7. You listen to each recording *twice*.
  8. The recordings can monologues or *dialogues*.
  9. The speaking exam lasts **10-12** minutes.
  10. You need a total mark of approximately **70%** to pass the exam.