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Introduction

Welcome to the Parent's Guide to the Collins practice tests book for *Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters*.

This guide contains a comprehensive overview of each section of *Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters* to help parents and students to understand how the test works. It is also full of tips and ideas to help your child to prepare for the test and contains the answer keys to the tests in this guide, scripts for the Speaking papers and audio scripts of the online recordings.

We hope you and your child enjoy preparing for *Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters*. Good luck!

Cambridge English Qualifications Young Learners tests

Cambridge English Qualifications Young Learners tests are for learners of English between the ages of 7 and 12.

The tests are comprised of three levels: *Pre A1 Starters*, *A1 Movers* and *A2 Flyers*. These tests are designed to take learners from beginner level up to CEFR level A2.

There's no pass or fail in these tests – instead, every student gets a certificate with between one and five shields in each paper to show their level of achievement.

What's in the Pre A1 Starters test?

Pre A1 Starters is the first level of the series and is aimed at students aged 7+. Instructions are simple and the content of the test consists only of the words and structures outlined in the *Pre A1 Starters* syllabus. The official vocabulary list for *Pre A1 Starters* is included at the back of this guide, and the full syllabus can be found in the *Cambridge English Qualifications Young Learner's Handbook for Teachers*.

The test has three papers:

Paper	Length	Number of parts	Number of items
Listening	approx. 20 minutes	4	20
Reading & Writing	20 minutes	5	25
Speaking	3–5 minutes	5	–

On pages 6–21, you will find further detailed information for each part of each paper, together with teaching tips and ideas to help you to prepare your child.

How to use this guide and the practice tests

This guide has been designed to give you a thorough introduction to the *Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters* test. The guide accompanies the Collins practice tests book for *Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters* and includes for each of the three practice tests:

- audio scripts for Listening
- answer keys
- scripts for Speaking (also online, first without and then with student's responses).

The practice tests replicate the *Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters* test in terms of layout and content.

This guide also includes tips for your child on test day (see page 22) and vocabulary practice for you to do with your child (see page 23), so that they feel fully prepared and confident on test day.

Here are some suggestions as to how you can use the practice tests to help your child at home:

- **Examine the structure of the papers**
Help your child to become familiar with the structure of each paper, so that they don't leave out a part by mistake.
- **Study the rubrics in each part**
The rubrics used in the practice tests are identical to those used in the test papers – if your child becomes familiar with the rubrics, then they won't misinterpret instructions on test day and lose marks.
- **Create the exam experience**
You can get your child to do these practice tests under timed exam conditions so that they get used to this feeling and are not nervous on test day.
- **Revise grammar and vocabulary**
The practice tests use a wide variety of grammatical structures and vocabulary from the *Pre A1 Starters* syllabus. While the course book that your child is using is likely to deal with these language and topics separately, in these practice tests your child will find the language all mixed together as it will be in the test. The practice tests give your child the opportunity to recycle and revise topic work that they have done in class in an authentic way.

Guide to Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters

Listening

Summary

Time: 20 minutes

Number of questions: 20

Part	Material	Skills	Desired outcome	Number of questions
1	Picture, names and dialogue	Listening for names and descriptions	Draw lines to match names to people in a picture	5
2	Illustrated comprehension questions and dialogue	Listening for numbers and spelling	Write numbers and names	5
3	Three-option multiple-choice pictures and dialogues	Listening for specific information	Tick boxes below correct pictures	5
4	Picture and dialogue	Listening for words, colours and prepositions	Follow instructions, then find and colour objects	5

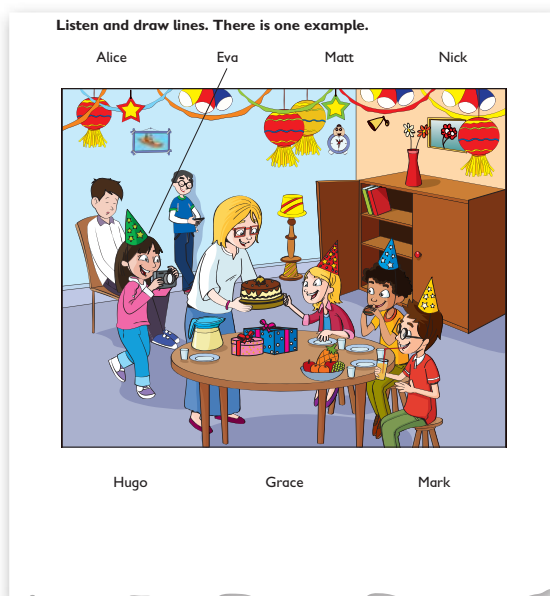
General tips for your child

- Listen carefully to the instructions.
- Remember that you will hear an example (or sometimes two examples) once at the start of each part.
- Stay calm – if you miss the answer to a question the first time you listen, you will get another chance to get it when you listen again.
- You don't have to spell the words perfectly if they are not spelt out for you in the recording.
- Make sure you know the vocabulary, grammar and structures in the *Pre A1 Starters* syllabus, including the expressions you will hear in the recordings such as *Pardon? Sorry? Right.*

Listening Part 1

Students look at a big picture showing people doing different things. There are seven names above and below the picture. Students listen to a dialogue between an adult and a child talking about the people in the picture. Students draw lines between the names and the correct people in the picture. There is one example.

This is what Part 1 looks like. In the test, there are five more extracts from the dialogue about the people in the picture.



This is what you hear ...

**Look at Part 1. Look at the picture.
Listen and look. There is one example.**

Girl: Here's a photo of my birthday party, Mr Black.
Man: Oh yes! That's fantastic! Who's that? The girl with the camera?
Girl: That's my friend, Eva. She loves taking photos.
Man: So do I!

Can you see the line? This is an example. Now you listen and draw lines.

Tips for your child

- Look carefully at the picture before you listen to the dialogue. You will need to focus on the differences between similar people so try to think about what sort of language might be used to describe them before you listen.
- Be aware that the language of this part of the task will include descriptions of people's clothes and physical appearance, as well as what they are doing.
- Draw neat, straight lines so that your answers are clear.

How to help your child at home

- Make sure that your child is familiar with the names listed in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide.
- Practice describing people as much as you can.
 - Describe people you see when you are out and about.
 - Cut out some pictures from magazines and get your child to describe them.
 - Describe a picture of someone to your child and ask them to draw the person.
- Make sure that your child understands these common expressions from the recordings of this part of the test:
 - *Can you see ...?*
 - *Who's that boy/girl/man/woman?*
 - *Is he the boy/girl/man/woman in the ...?*
 - *Is he/she wearing a ...?*
 - *Yes, that's him/her.*
 - *That's ...*
- Get your child to practise drawing lines accurately and neatly.

Listening Part 2

Students see a picture and listen to a dialogue between an adult and a child. There are five questions on the question paper. Students have to write a number or a name for each answer. If the answer is a name, it is spelt in the dialogue. If the answer is a number, students can write it as a figure or a word. There are two examples.

This is what Part 2 looks like. In the test there are five more questions.

Read the question. Listen and write a name or a number.
There are two examples.



Examples

What's the number of Lucy's house. 18

What's the boy's name? Tom

This is what you hear ...

Part 2. Look at the picture. Listen and write a name or a number. There are two examples.

Man: Hello, Lucy. Do you live here?

Girl: Yes, I do.

Man: Which is your house?

Girl: Number 18.

Man: The house with the blue door?

Girl: Yes, that's right.

Man: Do you know that boy?

Girl: Yes, that's Tom. He likes football a lot.

Man: How do you spell Tom?

Girl: T-O-M, Tom.

Man: OK.

Can you see the answers? Now you listen and write a name or a number.

Tips for your child

- Make sure you know all the names on the *Pre A1 Starters* syllabus and how to spell them (*Alex, Ann, Anna, Ben, Bill, Jill, Mr White, Miss Green*, etc.).
- Remember that you only have to write names or numbers for the answers. The names you need to write will be spelt, and numbers can be written as a figure or a word.

How to help your child at home

- Make sure your child knows numbers 1–20 by playing *Bingo!* (see page 24) counting games, guessing games and whispering games. For example, say a number and ask your child to write the word. Or write a list of different numbers in random order on a piece of paper. Whisper one of the numbers to your child and ask them to point to the correct number on the paper.
- Play spelling games and guessing games with words in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide. For example, hold up a flashcard and ask your child to say and then spell the word. Focus on words with double letters where possible, e.g. *G-I-R-A-double F-E*.

Listening Part 3

Students listen to five short dialogues between different pairs of people. For each dialogue there is one question and a row of three pictures A, B and C. Students have to tick (✓) the picture which gives the answer to the questions. There is one example.

This is what Part 3 looks like. In the test there are three more questions.

Listen and tick (✓) the box. There is one example.

What's Kim wearing?

A ☐ B ☒ C ☐

1 Where's Dad's camera?

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

2 What does Tony like?

A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

This is what you hear ...

Part 3. Look at the pictures. Now listen and look. There is one example.

What's Kim wearing?

Girl: Do you like my new T-shirt?
Woman: Yes, it's very nice.
Girl: I like blue. It's my favourite colour.
Woman: Me too.

Can you see the tick? Now you listen and tick the box.

Tips for your child

- Look carefully at each set of three pictures. You should describe them to yourselves silently first, and then decide what the differences are between them before you choose your answer.
- Listen to the whole dialogue first. Remember that you will hear each dialogue twice, so you have plenty of time to think about your answer.

How to help your child at home

- Make sure your child knows the words in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide. Play vocabulary games to practise and revise the words, e.g. *Snap! Bingo! Memory chain*, etc (see page 24).
- Practise describing pictures. Stick three or four pictures around the room and ask your child to silently choose one, and then describe it for you. You have to guess which picture is being described.

Listening Part 4

Students see a big picture. Hidden in the picture are seven identical objects, e.g. seven books, or seven dolls. Students listen to a dialogue between an adult and a child about the picture. The adult tells the child to find six of the objects and to colour them. Students listen to the dialogue and colour five objects according to the instructions they hear. There is one example.

This is what Part 4 looks like. In the test there are five more objects to colour.



This is what you hear ...

Part 4. Look at the picture. Listen and look. There is one example.

- Man: Can you see the people in the living room? Let's colour the picture.
Girl: OK.
Man: Can you see the robot next to the sofa?
Girl: Yes, it's on the floor.
Man: That's right. Can you colour it orange?
Girl: Yes, OK.

Can you see the orange robot next to the sofa? This is an example. Now you listen and colour.

Tips for your child

- Bring the full range of coloured crayons or pencils you will need for the test (black, blue, brown, green, grey, orange, pink, purple, red, yellow).
- Listen carefully for the preposition which will tell you where the object is and which colour to use. Remember that using the correct colour is more important than how neatly you colour the picture.

How to help your child at home

- Make sure your child knows the colours in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide. Play guessing games and spelling games. For example, spell a colour with dashes only _ _ _ _ _ (yellow). Allow your child to choose a maximum of ten letters to find out the colour.
- Practise listening for instructions by playing *Colour dictation* (see page 24). Choose colours which aren't obvious for the objects in the picture, e.g. *Colour the man next to the girl green*, etc.

Reading & Writing

Summary

Time: 20 minutes

Number of questions: 25

Part	Material	Skills	Desired outcome	Number of questions
1	Words, pictures and sentences	Reading short sentences and recognising words	Add tick or cross to show if sentences are true or false	5
2	Picture and sentences	Reading sentences about a picture and writing one-word answers	Write <i>yes</i> or <i>no</i>	5
3	Pictures and sets of jumbled letters	Spelling single words	Write words	5
4	Gapped text, words and pictures	Reading a text and copying words	Choose and copy missing words	5
5	Story presented through three pictures and five questions	Reading questions about a picture story and writing one-word answers	Write one-word answers to questions	5

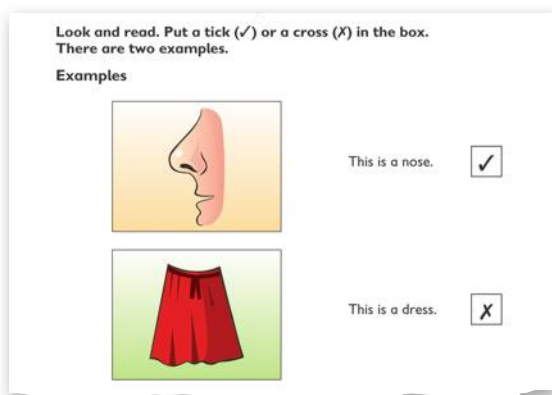
General tips for your child

- Write neatly and spell words correctly. Don't use joined-up writing as you could lose marks if your answers are unclear.
- Read the instructions carefully and write the correct amount of words for each question.
- Make sure you know the vocabulary, grammar and structures in the *Pre A1 Starters* syllabus.

Reading & Writing Part 1

Students see five pictures of different objects and read a sentence about each one. The sentences begin *This is a ...* or *These are ...*. They add a tick (✓) if the sentence is true or a cross (X) if it is false. There are two examples.

This is what Part 1 looks like. In the test there are five more pictures and sentences.



Tips for your child

- Look at the pictures carefully before you decide your answer.
- Draw the ticks and crosses accurately and carefully so that they are clear for the examiner.

How to help your child at home

- Use flashcards to practise the structures *This is a ...* and *These are ...*. Put the flashcards face down in the middle of the table. Take turns with your child to pick up a card and describe it, saying *This is a ...* or *These are ...*. Vary the activity by deliberately giving a false statement. If your child notices the false statement, they must give the correct description.
- Practise writing ticks and crosses accurately and neatly. Play ticks and crosses (a variation of noughts and crosses).

Reading & Writing Part 2

Students will look at a big picture and read five sentences about it. Some of the sentences are true and some of them are false. Students have to write *yes* if the sentence is true or *no* if it is false. There are two examples.

This is what Part 2 looks like. In the test there are five more sentences.



Tips for your child

- You only need to write *yes* or *no* in your answer. Remember that if any part of the sentence is false the answer should be *no*.
- Focus on the components of the sentence (adjectives, nouns, verbs, prepositions, numbers, etc.) in order to decide if it's true or not.

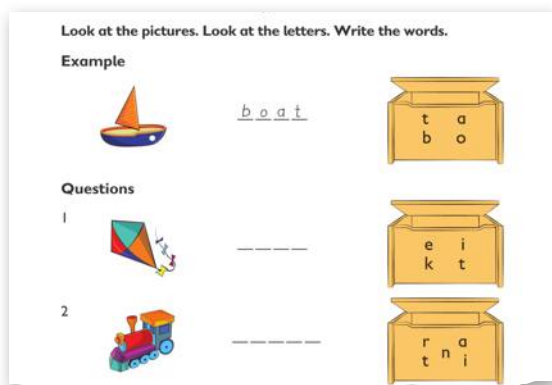
How to help your child at home

- Practise describing pictures. Find a suitable picture and describe it using a mixture of true and false statements, e.g. *A man is standing next to a car.* (true) *There's a hippo in the water.* (false) Your child must decide if your statements are true or not and say *yes* or *no*. Repeat with different pictures, taking turns to describe them.
- Practise focusing on the components of a sentence, e.g. nouns, adjectives, verbs, numbers, etc. (see glossary on page 43). Write a sentence on a piece of paper e.g. *The old man is sitting on a big sofa.* Cross out a word (e.g. old) and ask your child to think of a substitute word, e.g. *The **young** man is sitting on a big sofa.* Continue with one word at a time, making sure the sentence is always grammatically correct, until the sentence is completely different.

Reading & Writing Part 3

Students see five pictures and read a word anagram for each picture. There is a line of dashes next to the anagram which shows how many letters are in the word. Students have to rearrange the letters and write a letter on each dash in order to spell the word. There is one example.

This is what Part 3 looks like. In the test there are three more pictures and jumbled letters.



Tips for your child

- Count the letters in the anagram first. Then identify the first letter, before trying to spell the word.
- Cross out each letter in the anagram as you write it.

How to help your child at home

- Practise and revise the vocabulary in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide. For example, play *Bingo!* or other vocabulary games (see pages 23–24) to revise words in specific word groups, e.g. colours, food, sport, etc.
- Play spelling games. For example, hold up a flashcard for your child to guess the word. Then write the word as an anagram on a piece of paper, and below it the correct number of dashes for each letter. Ask your child to write one letter at a time to complete the word. Practise words with difficult spelling and double letters, e.g. *photo*, *giraffe*.

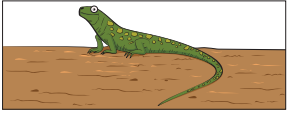
Reading & Writing Part 4

Students see a picture and read a short text about it. There are five gaps in the text. Below the text students see eight small labelled pictures. Students must choose five words from the eight, and write them in the five gaps within the text. There is one example.

This is what Part 4 looks like.

Read this. Choose a word from the box. Write the correct word next to numbers 1–5. There is one example.

Lizards



Lizards have got four^{legs}....., a long (1) and two (2) Their babies come from (3) Lizards like sitting in the (4) on hot days. They can run and they can (5) but they cannot fly.

Example

 legs	 tree	 eyes	 swim
 apples	 eggs	 sun	 tail

Tips for your child

- Read the text first and try and guess the missing words based on the general meaning of the text. After that, you should look for the word in the pictures below.
- Look for clues in the gapped text, e.g. *a, an, these, one, two*. which will help you to decide if the word you need is singular, plural or begins with a vowel or a consonant.
- Remember that only one word is needed for each answer.

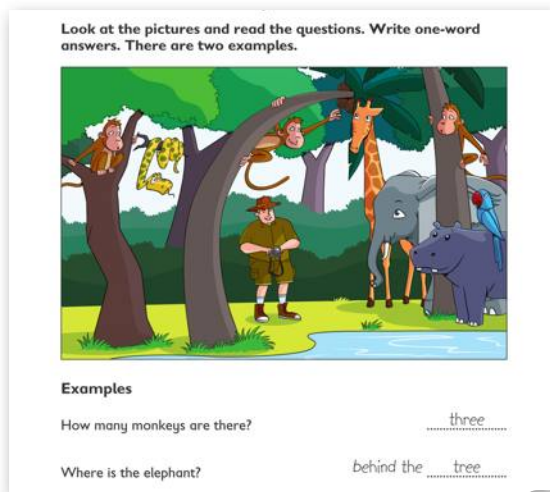
How to help your child at home

- Play matching games with flashcards to practise matching words to pictures.
- Play a guessing game. For example, choose four or five nouns from one lexical group in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide and write them on a piece of paper, e.g. *cat, bird, hippo, crocodile, horse*. Choose one and say a statement which describes it. Ask your child to identify the word or words that are excluded by the statement, e.g. *It's got four legs. (bird)*. Cross the word(s) off the list. Continue saying statements until your child has guessed the word you have chosen, e.g. *It's got a long tail. (hippo)*; *it lives in water. (horse, cat)*. The answer is *crocodile*. Ask your child to give you more statements that describe the crocodile, e.g. *It's got lots of teeth. It's got two eyes. It can swim. It can run.*

Reading & Writing Part 5

Students look at a picture story. Each picture has one or two questions below it. There are three pictures and five questions in total. Students write one word for each answer. In some cases, one or two words are provided in the answer, but in all cases students only have to write one word. The word may be a noun, a verb or a number. There are two examples.

This is what Part 5 looks like. In the test there are five more questions.



Tips for your child

- Take the time to focus on the *Wh-* question word so that you don't make a mistake when answering the question.
- Think carefully about your answer. Remember it is only one word and it could be a noun, a verb or a number.

How to help your child at home

- Revise the difference in meaning between *Wh-* question words, e.g. *Who* (about a person); *Where* (about a place); *What* (about information); *How many* (about numbers). Find a picture. Write a jumbled *Wh-* question next to it for your child to work out, e.g. *elephant/the/Where/is?* Continue with more examples (*Who*, *What*, *Where*, *How many*). Choose another picture for you and your child to practise asking and answering questions about.
- Play a clapping game to practise numbers 1–20. Hold up a number flashcard or say a number (8). Clap with your child the correct number of times (eight times), counting as you do so. Add variety by clapping faster or slower for different numbers.
- Play *Colour dictation* (see page 24) to practise colours.

Speaking

Summary

Time: approximately 4 minutes

Part	Material	Skills	Desired outcome
1	Scene picture and eight small object cards	Understanding and following some spoken instructions	Point to correct parts of the picture, following examiner's instructions Put object cards on the scene picture, following examiner's instructions
2	Scene picture	Understanding and answering spoken questions	Answer questions with short answers including a response to one <i>Tell me about ...</i> question
3	Three object cards	Understanding and answering spoken questions	Answer questions with short answers
4	None	Understanding and responding to personal questions	Answer questions with short answers

General tips for your child

- Say *Hello* at the beginning, say your name when asked, and say *Thank you* and *Goodbye* at the end.
- Listen carefully and pay attention to what the examiner asks you to do or say.
- Take plenty of time and to ask the examiner to repeat an instruction if you don't understand.
- Make sure you know the vocabulary, grammar and structures in the *Pre A1 Starters* syllabus.

How to help your child at home

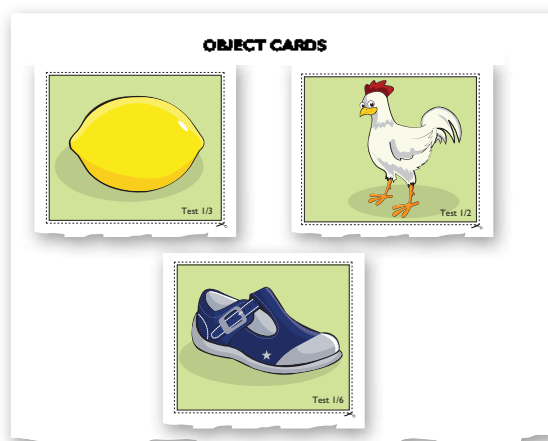
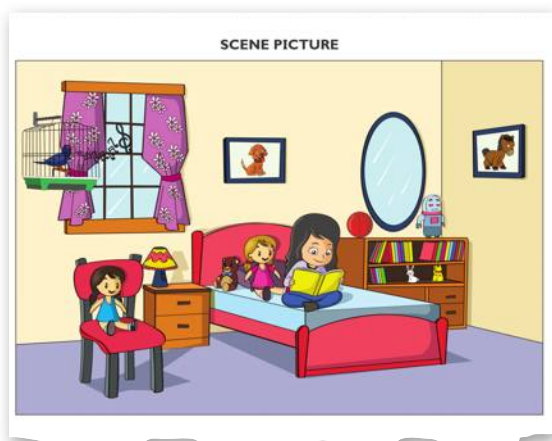
- Use the scripts for Speaking to help your child to practise for this part of the test. The website provides recordings for each of the practice tests, first without student's responses so that your child can practise giving their own responses, then with responses – sometimes, you might need to pause the track for longer, to give your child time to respond. Then the recording is repeated with student's responses which can be used as a model.

Speaking Part 1

The examiner greets the student and asks their name. The student says *Hello* and says their name. The student will see a big scene picture. The examiner points to some things in the picture and asks the student to do the same. The student finds the objects in the picture and points to them, to show that they have understood. The student doesn't have to say anything.

The examiner shows the student some object cards. The examiner names an object and asks the student to point to it. The examiner then gives the student instructions and asks them to place three of the object cards in certain positions in the big scene picture. Students shouldn't worry if the instruction seems silly.

This is what Part 1 looks like.



The examiner might say:

*Look at this picture. This is a girl's bedroom. ...
The girl is reading a book. Here's the girl. ...
Where's the mirror? ...
Where are the books? ...*

*Now look at these. Which is the chicken? ...
I'm putting the chicken under the bed. ...
Now you put the chicken between the ball and the robot. ...
Which is the lemon? ... Put the lemon next to the lamp. ...
Which is the shoe? ... Put the shoe behind the chair. ...*

Tips for your child

- Say *Hello* to the examiner at the beginning and *Thank you* and *Goodbye* at the end.
- Look closely at the picture and identify people, animals and objects and where they are.
- Pay attention to what the examiner says. He/She will show you what you have to do by pointing to an object in the picture. Follow the instructions and point to the objects. At this stage you don't have to say anything.
- When the examiner gives you an instruction, listen carefully for the prepositions so that you know where to place the object cards in the picture, e.g. *Put the shoe behind the chair*.

How to help your child at home

- Provide plenty of practice on how to say *Sorry*, or *I don't understand*. For example, play *Secret whispers* to practise this structure (see page 23).
- Play games with flashcards to practise identifying people, animals and things in pictures. For example, hold up some flashcards and then put them in different places around the room. Ask a question, e.g. *Where are the flowers?* Your child has to point to the correct flashcard and answer the question, e.g. *They're under the table*.
- Provide lots of practice of prepositions (*in, on, between, behind, next to, under, in front of*) and nouns. Take a selection of objects and put them in different places around the room. Ask *Where's the (orange)?* Encourage your child to say the answer using complete sentences and the correct preposition, e.g. *It's under the chair*.
- Play drawing dictation games using prepositions and vocabulary from the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide. This will provide practice of listening to instructions.

Speaking Part 2

The examiner asks the student some questions about the big scene picture again, including one *Tell me about...* question. The student gives one-word answers apart from the *Tell me about...* question where they are expected to say a sentence.



The examiner might say:

Now ... what's this? ...

What colour is it? ...

How many dolls are there? ...

What's the bird doing? ...

Tell me about the girl.

Tips for your child

- Listen carefully to the *Wh-* question word so that you know how to answer the question correctly, e.g. *What, Where, How many ...*
- Remember that you only have to give one-word answers except for the *Tell me about...* question.

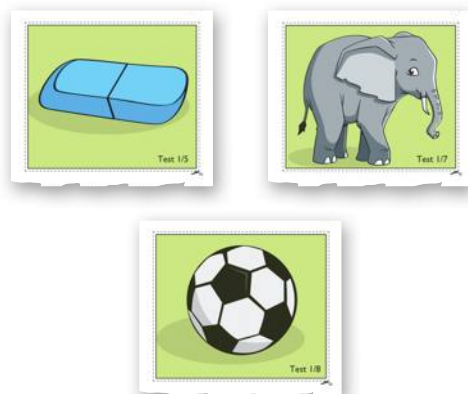
How to help your child at home

- Make sure your child knows the difference in meaning between the different *Wh-* question words. Play vocabulary games to practise and revise the words in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide.
- Revise asking and answering *Wh-* questions. For example, use flashcards to play guessing games. Hold up a flashcard but only show a part of it. Ask questions using a variety of forms, e.g. *What's this? What colour is the shirt?* and also the present continuous tense, e.g. *What's the girl doing? Where are the children playing?*

Speaking Part 3

The examiner chooses three object cards and asks the student questions about each one. The first question is about the object and the next two questions are personal questions.

OBJECT CARDS



The examiner might say:

[points to the rubber card] *What's this? ...*
Have you got a rubber? ...
What colour is it? ...

[points to the elephant card] *What is this? ...*
Do you like elephants? ...
What's your favourite animal? ...

[points to the football card] *What's this? ...*
Do you play football? ...
What sport do you play at school? ...

Tips for your child

- Listen carefully to the examiner. The examiner will choose an object card and ask you a question about it, e.g. *What sport is this? (tennis)*. Then the examiner will then ask two personal questions related to this first question, e.g. *Can you play tennis? (Yes, I can.)*; *Do you like tennis? (no)*.
- Listen carefully to the question words in the questions so that you know how to answer, e.g. *How many brothers and sisters have you got?* *How old are you?* *Do you like animals?*, etc.
- Make sure you can answer personal questions about yourself correctly, e.g. *How many brothers and sisters have you got?* *How old are you?* *Do you like animals?* etc.

How to help your child at home

- Give your child plenty of practice in identifying and describing the nouns in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide. Use flashcards to play *What is it?* and other vocabulary games to revise and practise vocabulary (see pages 23–24).
- Practise asking and answering questions. For example, write some questions on a piece of paper, e.g. *What's your favourite food?* *How old is your friend?* *Can you play tennis?* *Do you like ice cream?* Take turns with your child to ask and answer the questions.
- Write some suitable questions on separate pieces of paper and shuffle them. Place them face down on the table between you. Take turns to choose a piece of paper and ask and answer questions.

Speaking Part 4

The examiner asks the student some questions about themselves, e.g. their age, family, school.

The examiner might say:

Now ... how old are you? ...

How many brothers and sisters have you got? ...

Is your house big or small? ...

OK. Thank you ... Goodbye.

Tips for your child

- Remember to say *Thank you* and *Goodbye* at the end.
- Be prepared to answer questions about yourself.

How to help your child at home

- Remind your child to say *Goodbye* and *Thank you* at the end. You can practise this together.
- Help your child to prepare a list of personal information about themselves that they can prepare and revise. Help them to write the questions and answers that go with them. Practise asking the questions with your child until they can answer them comfortably.

Name: Helena	What's your name? I'm Helena.
Age: 8	How old are you? I'm eight.
Favourite animal: elephant	What's your favourite animal? An elephant.
Friend: Anna	What's your friend's name? Anna.
Can: ride a bike.	Can you ...? Yes, I can / No, I can't.
Like: mangoes, cats, football	Do you like ...? Yes, I do. / No, I don't.
Don't like: swimming, spiders	Do you like ...? Yes, I do. / No, I don't.

- Explain to your child that if they don't know the exact word they need in order to answer a question truthfully, they can invent the answer. Explain that, in the test, it's more important that they give a correct answer with a word they know, than make a mistake because they're trying to give a true answer.

Tips for your child on test day

Before the test

- Bring pencils, a rubber and a pencil sharpener with you. Write answers in pencil so that you can easily correct any mistakes.
- Bring coloured crayons or pencils in the full range of colours you will need for the colouring exercise (black, blue, brown, green, orange, purple, red, pink, grey, yellow).
- Arrive in plenty of time for the test.

During the test

- Don't be nervous. This test is designed to help you to show what you do know and not what you don't.
- Read all the instructions carefully, so that you know exactly what to do.
- Look at the pictures and the details in them carefully.
- Remember that in the Listening paper you will hear the dialogue twice. This will give you time to think about your answer.
- Think about each word carefully before you write it so that you spell it correctly.
- Check your answers carefully when you've finished.

Vocabulary practice

At the back of this guide, you will find a list of all the vocabulary in the *Pre A1 Starters* syllabus. Use the topic-by-topic list with the games below to focus on particular areas of vocabulary that your child needs practice in. Some topics regularly appear in specific parts of each paper (see pages 6–21 for advice on this), so you can use the games below to provide extra practice in these areas.

Some American equivalent words are included in the vocabulary list. Although the British variant will be used in texts, your child may need to understand the American words in some of the other parts of the test.

The vocabulary list also includes the names that your child will need to recognise at this level.

Make sure that your child understands the words used in instructions that they will hear/see during the test by practising them. These are the words used most frequently:

Verbs			Nouns		
<i>choose</i>	<i>listen</i>	<i>see</i>	<i>answer</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>story</i>
<i>colour</i>	<i>look</i>	<i>tick</i>	<i>box</i>	<i>name</i>	<i>tick</i>
<i>draw</i>	<i>read</i>	<i>write</i>	<i>cross</i>	<i>number</i>	<i>word</i>
			<i>example</i>	<i>picture</i>	
			<i>letter</i>	<i>question</i>	

Make a set of flashcards for use in some of the vocabulary games below. Draw pictures, or stick pictures from magazines on same size-pieces of card, to represent nouns or actions. Make sets of cards for the different lexical sets that are in the *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list, e.g. animals, the body, clothes, family, food (see *Pre A1 Starters* vocabulary list at the back of this guide). Use the flashcards for vocabulary practice as follows:

- Hold up a flashcard for your child to say the word, e.g. *basketball*.
- Hold up a flashcard for your child to build a sentence with, e.g. *I can't play basketball. I like basketball*.
- Use flashcards to get your child to answer questions, e.g. *What is it? (a basketball); Where is it? (under the chair); How many (basketballs) are there? (two); Is it a (basketball)? (no); Are these (basketballs)? (yes); Is that a basketball? (no)*.

Vocabulary games

Mystery word

- Choose a group of words that you want to practise.
- Choose a flashcard. Then next to it, write the correct number of dashes for each letter of the word, e.g. _ _ _ _ _ (*apple*).
- Your child spells the word by first saying the letter and, if it is correct, writing it on one of the letter dashes. If it is incorrect, they write it in a circle next to the word and cross it out, so that they don't say the letter a second time.
- Continue until your child has spelt the word correctly.

Secret whispers

- Write a group of words on a piece of paper or display a group of flashcards on the table. Ask your child to silently choose a word and whisper it to you.
- You then repeat the word to your child. If you've understood the word chosen by your child, give your child one point. Continue playing the game until your child has scored five points.

Anagram words

- Choose a flashcard. Write the jumbled letters of the word on a piece of paper. Then next to it, write the correct number of dashes for each letter.
- Point to the flashcard and ask your child to say the word.
- Your child writes the word, one letter at a time. Each time they write a letter they must cross it out from the anagram.
- They continue until they have completed the word.

Snap!

- Choose a set of flashcards. Shuffle them and deal them evenly between you and your child.
- Take turns to place a card face up in a pile in the middle of the table. When two identical cards are placed one after the other in the pile, the first person to shout *Snap!* and say the word is the winner.

Bingo!

- Choose a group of words you want to practise. Write the words in a list on a piece of paper.
- Ask your child to draw a 3 x 3 grid on a piece of paper. In each of the squares, they write a different word from the list.
- Call out words from the list in turn. Keep a secret note of the words as you say them, so that you don't repeat them.
- Your child must cross out the words on their grid as they hear them. When they have crossed off a line of three they shout *Bingo!*

Mime it!

- Write a group of action words on a piece of paper or display a group of flashcards on the table.
- Your child chooses a word and mimes it for you to guess.
- As you guess the words, cross it off the list or turn over the flashcard.
- Take turns to mime and guess the words.

Yes or no?

- Hold up a flashcard and say a sentence using or not using the word.
- For example, hold up the apple card and say *I'm eating an apple*. Your child calls out *yes*. Hold up the football card and say *I'm playing tennis*. Your child calls out *no*.

Colour dictation

- Photocopy a black and white line drawing of a scene which is suitable for the level, e.g. a park scene or a playground scene. Give a copy to your child and keep a copy for yourself.
- Give colouring instructions, e.g. *Colour the duck blue. Colour the man next to the tree red*. Colour your own picture as you do so, making sure your child can't see what you're doing.
- When you've finished, compare both your pictures. They should be the same.

Memory chain

- Say a sentence that ends with a word from a vocabulary group you want to practise, e.g. *I don't like pineapples ...*
- Ask your child to repeat the sentence and add a word, e.g. *I don't like pineapples and oranges ...* Then you repeat the sentence and add another word.
- Continue until one of you forgets a word in the chain or until you have practised all the words.

What is it?

- Choose a selection of flashcards from different word groups and shuffle them.
- Take one, look at it and put it face down on a table. Start describing it for your child to guess what it is, e.g. *It's a fruit. It's long. It's yellow*. Your child calls out the answer. *It's a banana!*
- Take turns to describe or guess the word.

Key to tests

Test 1: Audio scripts for Listening

Listening Part 1

Track 01

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Hello. This is the Collins practice tests for Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters Listening Test, Test 1.

Look at Part 1. Look at the picture. Listen and look. There is one example.

- Girl: Here's a photo of my birthday party, Mr Black.
Man: Oh yes! That's fantastic! Who's that? The girl with the camera?
Girl: That's my friend, Eva. She loves taking photos.
Man: So do I!

Can you see the line? This is an example. Now you listen and draw lines.

1

- Girl: Can you see my mum?
Man: Is she holding the cake?
Girl: Yes, she is.
Man: What's her name?
Girl: Her name's Alice.
Man: Oh, OK.

2

- Man: Who's that boy with the yellow hat?
Girl: The boy with the orange juice?
Man: Yes, who's he?
Girl: That's my friend Nick.

3

- Man: And what's that boy's name? The boy on his phone.
Girl: That's Matt. He's my brother.
Man: Oh! He's got a nice phone.
Girl: I know! It's new. He loves it!

4

- Man: One person is sleeping.
Girl: Yes! That's my dad!
Man: What's his name?
Girl: His name is Hugo.

5

- Girl: And there's my friend, Mark. He's got a yellow T-shirt and a blue hat.
Man: The one with a burger in his hand?
Girl: Yes, that's him. He loves burgers!
Man: Me too!

*Now listen to Part 1 again.
[The recording is repeated.]*

That is the end of Part 1.

Listening Part 2

Track 02

Part 2. Look at the picture. Listen and write a name or a number. There are two examples.

- Man: Hello, Lucy. Do you live here?
Girl: Yes, I do.
Man: Which is your house?
Girl: Number 18.
Man: The house with the blue door?
Girl: Yes, that's right.

- Man: Do you know that boy?
Girl: Yes, that's Tom. He likes football a lot.
Man: How do you spell Tom?
Girl: T-O-M, Tom.
Man: OK.

Can you see the answers? Now you listen and write a name or a number.

1

- Man: Where does Tom live?
Girl: He lives at number 16.
Man: Has he got any brothers and sisters?
Girl: Yes, he's got one baby sister.

2

- Man: And who's that girl?
Girl: She's my sister.
Man: What's her name?
Girl: Her name's Pat.
Man: Pat? How do you spell Pat?
Girl: P-A-T.

3

Man: Is that your cat, Lucy?
Girl: Yes, it is. He's an old cat.
Man: How old is he?
Girl: He's 12. That's old for a cat.
Man: Yes, it is.

4

Man: What's his name?
Girl: His name's Sam.
Man: I like that name. Is that S-A-M?
Girl: Yes, that's right.

5

Girl: We've got lots of cats.
Man: Oh? How many cats have you got?
Girl: Three. But Sam's my favourite cat.
Man: Yes, he's a very nice cat.

Now listen to Part 2 again.
[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of Part 2.

Listening Part 3

Track 03

Part 3. Look at the pictures. Now listen and look. There is one example.

What's Kim wearing?

Girl: Do you like my new T-shirt?
Woman: Yes, it's very nice.
Girl: Blue is my favourite colour.
Woman: Me too.

Can you see the tick? Now you listen and tick the box.

1

Where's Dad's camera?

Man: I can't find my camera.
Woman: Is it on your desk?
Man: No, I can't see it.
Woman: I know. Is it on the bookcase?
Man: No. Oh here it is. It's under the chair.

2

What does Tom like?

Woman: Do you like chicken and rice Tom?
Boy: Hmm. I like chicken but I don't like rice.
Woman: Oh, I see. Do you like burger and chips?
Boy: Well, I like chips. But my favourite food for dinner is egg and chips.

3

What's Jill drawing?

Man: Hi, Jill. Are you drawing a picture?
Girl: Yes, I'm drawing a picture of my cat.
Man: Oh, it's very nice. What colour is your cat?
Girl: He's brown and orange. I'm colouring it now.
Man: Has he got a long tail?
Girl: Yes, look!
Man: What a beautiful cat!

4

What sport does Bill play at school?

Woman: Do you play hockey at school Bill?
Boy: No. I can't play hockey.
Woman: What sports do you play?
Boy: We play basketball ... but my favourite sport is football. We play a lot of football too.

5

Which is Sue's bike?

Man: Hi, Sue. Is that your bike?
Girl: The red bike in front of the house?
Man: Yes, that's right.
Girl: No, that's Jill's bike. My bike's pink.
Man: Where is it?
Girl: It's in the garden.

Now listen to Part 3 again.
[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of Part 3.

Listening Part 4

Track 04

Part 4. Look at the picture. Listen and look. There is one example.

Man: Can you see the people in the living room? Let's colour the picture.
Girl: OK.
Man: Can you see the robot next to the sofa?
Girl: Yes, it's on the floor.
Man: That's right. Can you colour it orange?
Girl: Yes, OK.

Can you see the orange robot next to the sofa? This is an example. Now you listen and colour.

1

Man: OK. Now can you see the girl?
Girl: Yes, she's drawing a picture.
Man: That's right. There's a robot under the table.
Girl: Um ... Oh, yes. There it is.
Man: Good. Well, colour it red please.
Girl: OK. I'm colouring it red now.

2

Man: There's a robot in the bookcase.
Girl: Where?
Man: It's under the lamp.
Girl: Yes, I can see it now.
Man: Can you colour it yellow?
Girl: OK.

3

Man: Can you see the boy and the dog?
Girl: Yes, they're playing on the floor.
Man: And can you see the robot?
Girl: Yes, it's between the boy and the dog.
Man: That's right.
Girl: Can I colour it brown?
Man: Yes, OK. Colour it brown.

4

Man: Right. Now find the robot behind the sofa.
Girl: Behind the sofa?
Man: Yes.
Girl: Umm ... Here it is.
Man: Do you want to colour it pink?
Girl: OK. Now it's pink.

5

Man: OK. Now there's a robot on the table. Can you see it?
Girl: Yes, there it is.
Man: That's right. Colour it grey please.
Girl: Grey. OK.
Man: That's very good.

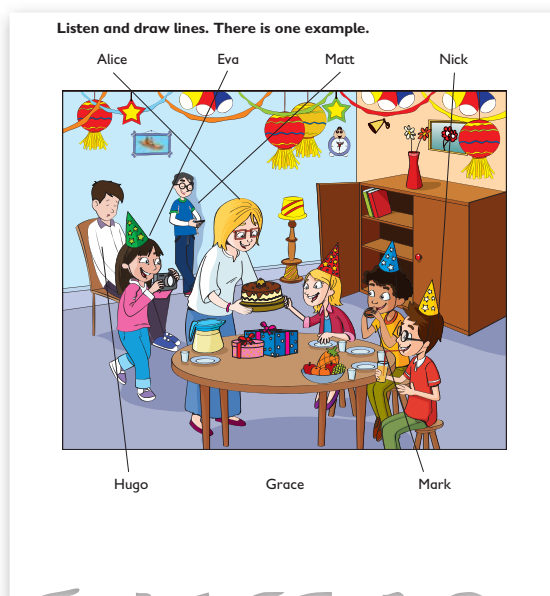
Now listen to Part 4 again.

[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of the Pre A1 Starters Listening Test, Test 1.

Test 1: Answer key

Listening Part 1 (5 marks)



Listening Part 2 (5 marks)

- | | |
|------|-------|
| 1 1 | 2 Pat |
| 3 12 | 4 Sam |
| 5 3 | |

Listening Part 3 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 C | 2 B |
| 3 A | 4 B |
| 5 C | |

Listening Part 4 (5 marks)

- 1 robot under the table = red
- 2 robot under the lamp = yellow
- 3 robot between the boy and the dog = brown
- 4 robot behind the sofa = pink
- 5 robot on the table = grey

Reading & Writing Part 1 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 ✓ | 2 X |
| 3 ✓ | 4 ✓ |
| 5 X | |

Reading & Writing Part 2 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-------|------|
| 1 yes | 2 no |
| 3 yes | 4 no |
| 5 yes | |

Reading & Writing Part 3 (5 marks)

- | | |
|--------------|---------|
| 1 kite | 2 train |
| 3 robot | 4 lorry |
| 5 helicopter | |

Reading & Writing Part 4 (5 marks)

- | | |
|--------|--------|
| 1 tail | 2 eyes |
| 3 eggs | 4 sun |
| 5 swim | |

Reading & Writing Part 5 (5 marks)

- | | |
|--------|-----------|
| 1 red | 2 monkey |
| 3 tree | 4 coconut |
| 5 man | |

Test 1: Scripts for Speaking

Speaking Parts 1–5

Track 05

[This is the recording without student's responses. This recording includes pauses so that students can practise taking part in the Speaking Test. Sometimes, you might need to pause the track for longer, to give your child time to respond.]

Track 06

[This is the recording with student's responses.]

Part	To do	To say	Student's response (variations possible)	Back-up questions
1	[The usher brings the student in.]	[The usher to the examiner: <i>Hello. This is (student's name).</i>]		
	Point to the scene picture.	<i>Hello (student's name). My name's (examiner's name).</i>	<i>Hello.</i>	
	Point to the girl in the scene picture.	<i>Look at this picture. This is a girl's bedroom. The girl is reading a book.</i>		
		<i>Here's the girl.</i>	Points to the items in the scene picture.	
		<i>Where's the mirror?</i>		<i>Is this a mirror?</i>
		<i>Where are the books?</i>		<i>Are these books?</i>
	Point to the object cards.	<i>Now look at these. Which is the chicken?</i>	Points to the chicken card.	<i>Is this a chicken?</i>
		<i>I'm putting the chicken under the bed.</i>		
		<i>Now you put the chicken between the ball and the robot.</i>	Puts the chicken card in place.	<i>Where's the chicken? It's between the ball and the robot.</i>
		<i>Which is the lemon?</i>	Points to the lemon card.	<i>Is this a lemon?</i>
		<i>Put the lemon next to the lamp.</i>	Puts the lemon card in place.	<i>Where's the lemon? It's next to the lamp.</i>
		<i>Which is the shoe?</i>	Points to the shoe card.	<i>Is this a shoe?</i>
		<i>Put the shoe behind the chair.</i>	Puts the shoe card in place.	<i>Where's the shoe? It's behind the chair.</i>

Part	To do	To say	Student's response (variations possible)	Back-up questions
2	Remove the object cards and point to the doll on the bookcase in the scene picture.	<i>Now ... what's this?</i>	<i>A doll.</i>	<i>Is it a doll?</i>
		<i>What colour is it?</i>	<i>Pink.</i>	<i>Is it pink or blue?</i>
		<i>How many dolls are there?</i>	<i>Two.</i>	<i>Are there two or three?</i>
	Point to the bird. Point to the girl.	<i>What's the bird doing?</i> <i>Tell me about the girl.</i>	<i>Singing.</i> <i>She's reading a book.</i>	<i>Is it singing?</i> <i>What's she doing?</i>
3	Put the scene picture away and pick out three object cards.			
	Show the rubber card.	<i>What's this?</i> <i>Have you got a rubber?</i> <i>What colour is it?</i>	<i>A rubber.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>Blue./Red. etc.</i>	<i>Is it a rubber?</i> <i>Is it blue or red?</i> <i>Have you got a rubber?</i>
	Show the elephant card.	<i>What is this?</i> <i>Do you like elephants?</i> <i>What's your favourite animal?</i>	<i>An elephant.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>A tiger./A horse. etc.</i>	<i>Is it an elephant?</i>
	Show the football card.	<i>What's this?</i> <i>Do you play football?</i> <i>What sport do you play at school?</i>	<i>A football.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>Basketball. etc.</i>	<i>Is it a television?</i>
4	Put away all the object cards.	<i>Now ... how old are you?</i>	<i>Eight.</i>	<i>Are you eight, nine?</i>
		<i>How many brothers and sisters have you got?</i>	<i>Two sisters and one brother. etc.</i>	<i>Have you got a sister/ a brother?</i>
		<i>Is your house big or small?</i>	<i>Small./Big.</i>	<i>Is your house big?</i>
		<i>OK. Thank you. Goodbye</i>	<i>Goodbye.</i>	

Test 2: Audio scripts for Listening

Listening Part 1

Track 07

Hello. This is the Collins practice tests for Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters Listening Test, Test 2.

Look at Part 1. Look at the picture. Listen and look. There is one example.

Boy: Do you like this photo of my classroom, Grandma?
Woman: Oh yes, I do. It's great! Who's that girl? She's walking into the classroom. She's got red hair.
Boy: Oh, That's my friend Kim.
Woman: She's got a lot of books!
Boy: Yes, she has.

Can you see the line? This is an example. Now you listen and draw lines.

1

Boy: And there's my friend Anna.
Woman: Where is she?
Boy: She's writing some numbers on the board.
Woman: Oh yes, I can see her.

2

Woman: What's your teacher's name?
Boy: Mrs Lucy. She's very nice. I love her lessons! They're fun!
Woman: Oh good! She's smiling in the photo.
Boy: Yes, she's very happy!

3

Woman: And who's that boy? He's got brown hair and glasses.
Boy: That's Tom.
Woman: He knows the answer to the question!
Boy: Yes, he does.

4

Woman: One girl isn't looking at the teacher. She's looking in her bag.
Boy: That's Sue.
Woman: I like her red bag.
Boy: Me too! It's cool!

5

Boy: Can you see Bill?
Woman: No, who's he?
Boy: He's sitting next to Sue.
Woman: Oh yes, I can see him. He's writing in his book.
Boy: Yes, that's right.

Now listen to Part 1 again.
[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of Part 1.

Listening Part 2

Track 08

Part 2. Look the picture. Listen and write a name or a number. There are two examples.

Woman: Hello, Alex. Do you know that girl?
Boy: Yes, her name's Jill.
Woman: How do you spell that?
Boy: J-I-double L. Jill.
Woman: Oh.

Woman: How old is Jill?
Boy: Um. She's eight.
Woman: Eight?
Boy: Yes, that's right.

Can you see the answers? Now you listen and write a name or a number.

1

Woman: And how old are you, Alex? Are you eight?
Boy: No, I'm seven.
Woman: Sorry?
Boy: I'm seven.

2

Woman: Do you know that woman? She's walking with her dog.
Boy: That's my cousin. Her name's Grace.
Woman: How do you spell that?
Boy: G-R-A-C-E. Grace
Woman: She looks nice.
Boy: Yes, she is.

3

Woman: Do you like school?
Boy: Yes. And I like my friends.
Woman: How many friends have you got?
Boy: Um ... six. I've got six friends.
Woman: That's good.

4

Woman: Are those boys your friends?
Boy: Yes, they're in my class.
Woman: The boy with black hair. What's his name?
Boy: His name's Ben. B-E-N. He's nice.
Woman: I like that name.

5

Woman: How many children are in your class?
Boy: Nineteen.
Woman: That's a small class.
Boy: Yes, it is.

Now listen to Part 2 again.
[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of Part 2.

Listening Part 3

Track 09

Part 3. Look at the pictures. Now listen and look.
There is one example.

Where's May?

Woman: Where's May? It's time for dinner. Is she in the dining room?
Man: No. I can't see her.
Woman: Is she in the living room?
Man: No. Oh, I know. She's in her bedroom. She's painting a picture.

Can you see the tick? Now you listen and tick the box.

1

What's Nick doing?

Woman: Where's Nick. Is he in the park?
Boy: Yes, he's with his cousin Bill.
Woman: Are they riding their bikes?
Boy: No, his bike is in the garden.
Woman: Is he playing table tennis?
Boy: I know! He's playing baseball with Alex.

2

Which animal does Sue like?

Man: What animals do you like, Sue? Do you like horses?
Girl: No, I don't.
Man: Oh! Do you like giraffes?
Girl: No, they're too big. I like tigers. They're beautiful.

3

What's Matt wearing?

Woman: It's hot today. Is Matt wearing jeans?
Man: Yes, he's wearing jeans and a T-shirt.
Woman: His white T-shirt?
Man: Yes.
Woman: OK.

4

What's Pat having for dinner?

Man: Would you like a burger for dinner, Pat?
Girl: No, thanks. Can I have fish, please?
Man: OK.
Girl: ... and chips?
Man: No, not chips. You can have potatoes and green beans.
Girl: OK. Thanks, Dad.

5

What colour is Grandma's jacket?

Boy: Thanks for this cake, Grandma. Are you going now?
Grandma: Yes, now where's my jacket?
Boy: Is it green or brown?
Grandma: It's blue.
Boy: Oh, here it is.
Grandma: Thanks, Tom. Bye bye.

Now listen to Part 3 again.

[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of Part 3.

Listening Part 4

Track 10

Part 4. Look at the picture. Listen and look.
There is one example.

Man: Can you see the playground? Would you like to colour the picture?
Girl: Yes, please.
Man: Can you see the lorry next to the tree?
Girl: Yes.
Man: Can you colour it red?
Girl: Yes, OK.

Can you see the red lorry next to the tree? This is an example. Now you listen and colour.

1

Man: OK. Now can you see the boy and the girl?
Girl: Yes, the boy has got a helicopter.
Man: That's right. There's a lorry between the boy and the girl.
Girl: Yes, there it is.
Man: Can you colour it blue?
Girl: OK.

2

Man: There's a lorry behind the boy.
Girl: Which boy?
Man: He's catching a ball.
Girl: Oh, yes. I can see him.
Man: Can you colour it orange?
Girl: Yes, OK.

3

Girl: What now?
Man: Can you see the two girls?
Girl: Yes, they're jumping.
Man: And can you see the lorry?
Girl: Yes, it's in front of that girl. Can I colour it purple?
Man: Yes, OK. Colour it purple.

4

Man: OK. Now there's a lorry in the girl's bag. Can you see it?
Girl: I can see the girl. She's sitting under a tree.
Man: That's right. And the bag is next to her.
Girl: Oh yes. There it is.
Man: Can you see the lorry in the girl's bag?
Girl: Yes. Can I colour it?
Man: Yes, colour it yellow.
Girl: OK.

5

Man: Right. Now find the lorry on the wall.
Girl: On the wall?
Man: Yes.
Girl: Here it is.
Man: Can you colour it pink?
Girl: OK. I'm colouring it pink.
Man: Well done.

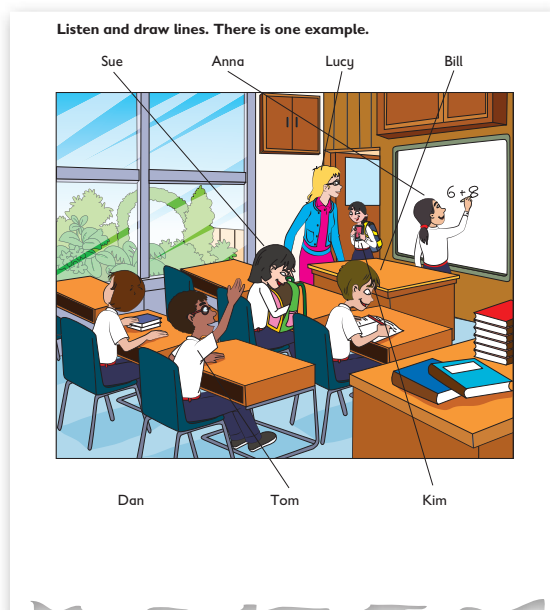
Now listen to Part 4 again.

[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of the Pre A1 Starters Listening Test, Test 2.

Test 2: Answer key

Listening Part 1 (5 marks)



Reading & Writing Part 1 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 X | 2 ✓ |
| 3 ✓ | 4 X |
| 5 ✓ | |

Reading & Writing Part 2 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| 1 no | 2 yes |
| 3 yes | 4 no |
| 5 no | |

Reading & Writing Part 3 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| 1 lime | 2 onion |
| 3 juice | 4 orange |
| 5 pineapple | |

Reading & Writing Part 4 (5 marks)

- | | |
|---------|-----------|
| 1 green | 2 garden |
| 3 house | 4 spiders |
| 5 girls | |

Reading & Writing Part 5 (5 marks)

- | | |
|----------|---------|
| 1 woman | 2 man |
| 3 banana | 4 black |
| 5 apple | |

Listening Part 2 (5 marks)

- | | |
|------|---------|
| 1 7 | 2 Grace |
| 3 6 | 4 Ben |
| 5 19 | |

Listening Part 3 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 B | 2 A |
| 3 C | 4 C |
| 5 B | |

Listening Part 4 (5 marks)

- 1 lorry between the boy and the girl = blue
- 2 lorry behind the boy = orange
- 3 lorry in front of the girl = purple
- 4 lorry in the girl's bag = yellow
- 5 lorry on the wall = pink

Test 2: Scripts for Speaking

Speaking Parts 1–5

Track 11

[This is the recording without student's responses. This recording includes pauses so that students can practise taking part in the Speaking Test. Sometimes, you might need to pause the track for longer, to give your child time to respond.]

Track 12

[This is the recording with student's responses.]

Part	To do	To say	Student's response (variations possible)	Back-up questions
1	[The usher brings the student in.] Point to the scene picture. Point to the man in the scene picture. Point to the object cards.	[The usher to the examiner: <i>Hello. This is (student's name).</i>] <i>Hello (student's name). My name's (examiner's name).</i> <i>Look at this picture. There are some animals. The man is carrying some carrots.</i> <i>Here's the man.</i> <i>Where's the sheep?</i> <i>Where are the ducks?</i> <i>Now look at these.</i> <i>Which is the shell?</i> <i>I'm putting the shell on the cow.</i> <i>Now you put the shell next to the dog.</i> <i>Which is the guitar?</i> <i>Put the guitar between the cow and the sheep.</i> <i>Which is the motorbike?</i> <i>Put the motorbike behind the young boy.</i>	<i>Hello.</i> Points to the items in the scene picture. Points to the shell card. Puts the shell card in place. Points to the guitar card. Puts the guitar card in place. Points to the motorbike card. Puts the motorbike card in place.	<i>Is this a sheep?</i> <i>Are these ducks?</i> <i>Is this a shell?</i> <i>Where's the shell? It's next to the dog.</i> <i>Is this a guitar?</i> <i>Where's the guitar? It's between the cow and the sheep.</i> <i>Is this a motorbike?</i> <i>Where's the motorbike? It's behind the boy.</i>
2	Remove the object cards and point to the bike in the scene picture. Point to the goat. Point to the dog.	<i>Now ... what's this?</i> <i>What colour is it?</i> <i>How many bikes are there?</i> <i>What's the goat doing?</i> <i>Tell me about the dog.</i>	<i>A bike.</i> <i>Orange.</i> <i>One.</i> <i>Eating.</i> <i>It's sleeping.</i>	<i>Is it a bike?</i> <i>Is it orange or brown?</i> <i>Is there one or two?</i> <i>Is he eating?</i> <i>What's it doing?</i>

Part	To do	To say	Student's response (variations possible)	Back-up questions
3	Put the scene picture away and pick out three object cards.			
	Show the mango card.	<i>What's this?</i> <i>Do you like mangoes?</i> <i>What's your favourite fruit?</i>	<i>A mango.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>Bananas./Apples. etc.</i>	<i>Is it a mango?</i> <i>Do you like mangoes?</i>
	Show the socks card.	<i>What are these?</i> <i>Are you wearing socks?</i> <i>What colour are your socks?</i>	<i>Socks</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>White./Blue. etc.</i>	<i>Are they socks?</i>
	Show the television card.	<i>What's this?</i> <i>Have you got a television?</i> <i>Do you like watching television?</i>	<i>A television.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i>	<i>Is it a television?</i>
4	Put away all the object cards.	<i>Now ... how old are you?</i>	<i>Nine.</i>	<i>Are you eight, nine?</i>
		<i>Is your grandpa old or young?</i>	<i>Old.</i>	<i>Is your grandpa old?</i>
		<i>What colour are your eyes?</i>	<i>Brown./Blue./Green./Grey.</i>	<i>Are your eyes blue?</i>
		<i>Do you like badminton or basketball?</i> <i>OK. Thank you. Goodbye.</i>	<i>Badminton./Basketball.</i> <i>Goodbye.</i>	<i>Do you like badminton?</i>

Test 3: Audio scripts for Listening

Listening Part 1

Track 13

Hello. This is the Collins practice tests for Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters Listening Test, Test 3.

Look at Part 1. Look at the picture. Listen and look. There is one example.

Boy: Look at this photo of my family and friends at the park, Mrs Grey.
Woman: Oh, yes! That's fun! Who's that boy under the tree?
Boy: That's my friend, Ben. He loves ice cream!
Woman: Me too!

Can you see the line? This is an example. Now you listen and draw lines.

1

Boy: And there's my friend Sam.
Woman: Where is he?
Boy: He's kicking the football.
Woman: Oh yes, I can see him.

2

Woman: One girl is riding a bike. Who's she?
Boy: That's my friend, Ann. It's a new bike.
Woman: Fantastic!
Boy: Yes, it is!

3

Woman: That's a nice picture of a flower.
Boy: Oh yes! My sister May is drawing the picture.
Woman: Does she like drawing?
Boy: Yes, she loves it! She likes painting too!

4

Boy: My brother Alex is in the photo too.
Woman: Where's he?
Boy: He's sitting next to May. He's eating some watermelon.
Woman: Oh yes, I can see him.

5

Boy: Can you see my dad, Mark?
Woman: Is he playing the guitar?
Boy: Yes, that's right.
Woman: Yes, I can see him. What a fun day!

Now listen to Part One again.

[The recording is repeated from here.]

That is the end of Part One.

Listening Part 2

Track 14

Part 2. Look the picture. Listen and write a name or a number. There are two examples.

Man: Hello, May. How old are you?
Girl: I'm seven.
Man: Seven?
Girl: Yes, that's right.

Man: Do you know these people?
Girl: Yes, that's my grandma.
Man: Your grandma?
Girl: Yes. Her name is Anna.
Man: How do you spell that?
Girl: A-double N-A.

Can you see the answers? Now you listen and write a name or a number.

1

Man: And who are the children?
Girl: They're my cousins.
Man: What's the boy's name?
Girl: His name's Nick. He's eight.
Man: Seven?
Girl: No, he's eight.

2

Man: And the girl? What's her name?
Girl: Her name's Kim.
Man: How do you spell that?
Girl: K-I-M.
Man: That's a nice name.

3

Man: Is Kim eight years old?
Girl: No, she's nine.
Man: Nine?
Girl: Yes, that's right.

4

Man: What are they making?
Girl: They're making a cake. Look, Nick is putting in an egg.
Man: Oh, yes. How many eggs are there in the box?
Girl: Um ... four.

5

Man: Is it a birthday cake?
Girl: Yes! It's for Grandpa. It's his birthday today.
Man: That's great. How old is he?
Girl: I don't know, but he's very old.
Man: What's his name?
Girl: His name's Tom. That's T-O-M.

Now listen to Part 2 again.

[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of Part 2.

Listening Part 3

Track 15

Part 3. Look at the pictures. Now listen and look. There is one example.

What's Lucy eating?

Boy: Hi, Lucy. Are you eating some fruit?
Girl: Yes, it's lovely.
Boy: What is it? Is it a pineapple or a watermelon?
Girl: No. I don't like pineapple. It's a mango. I love mangoes.
Boy: So do I!

Can you see the tick? Now you listen and tick the box.

1

Which is Bill's house?

Woman: Have you got a big house, Bill?
Boy: Yes, it's big.
Woman: How many bedrooms has it got?
Boy: It's got three bedrooms.
Woman: Has it got a garden?
Boy: Yes, it's got a garden with two small trees.
Woman: What colour is the door?
Boy: Um. Green.

2

How is Sue getting to school today?

Man: Is Sue riding her bike to school today, Anna?
Girl: No, it's raining.
Man: Oh, dear. Is she getting the bus?
Girl: No. Her mum is driving her in the car.
Man: That's a good idea.

3

What can Ben see?

Woman: What are you looking at, Ben?
Ben: I'm looking at the sea. I can see a boat.
Woman: A boat? Is there a man in it?
Ben: Yes, there are two men in it. It's going very fast.
Woman: Great.

4

What colour are Ann's eyes?

Woman: What colour are Ann's eyes?
Man: They're brown.
Woman: No, her hair is brown. Are her eyes blue?
Man: Um ... No ... I know! They're green.
Woman: Yes, you're right.

5

What sport is Mark playing?

Man: Is Mark in the baseball team?
Girl: No, he can't throw the ball. He's in the football team.
Man: Oh. Is he playing football today?
Girl: No, he's playing tennis today. He's very good.

Now listen to Part 3 again.

[The recording is repeated.]

That is the end of Part 3.

Listening Part 4

Track 16

Part 4. Look at the picture. Listen and look. There is one example.

Woman: Would you like to colour the picture?
Boy: Yes, please.
Woman: Can you see the boy on the floor?
Boy: Yes.
Woman: There's a shell behind him. Can you colour it blue?
Boy: Yes, OK.

Can you see the shell behind the boy? This is an example. Now you listen and colour.

1

Woman: OK. Now can you see the shell under the bed?
Boy: Yes, it's next to some shoes.
Woman: That's right. Can you colour it red?
Boy: Yes, OK. I'm colouring it now.
Woman: Well done.

2

Woman: Now, there's a shell between the robot and the boat. Can you see it?
Boy: No, where is it?
Woman: It's on the floor between the robot and the boat.
Boy: Oh, yes. There it is.
Woman: Can you colour it yellow?
Boy: OK.

3

Woman: Can you see the toy box?
Boy: Yes, there are a lot of toys in it. I like the crocodile.
Woman: And there's a shell. Can you see it?
Boy: Yes, I can.
Woman: OK. Colour it green, please.
Boy: OK. I'm colouring it green now.

4

Boy: What now?
Woman: Right. Now find the shell on the bed.
Boy: On the bed?
Woman: Yes.
Boy: Oh, yes. Here it is.
Woman: Can you colour it brown?
Boy: OK. It's brown now.

5

Woman: OK. Can you see the bookcase?
Boy: Yes, and I can see the girl. She's trying to get the train.
Woman: That's right. Can you see the shell? It's next to the tiger.
Boy: Oh yes. There it is.
Woman: Can you colour it purple?
Boy: OK.
Woman: Well done. That's very good.

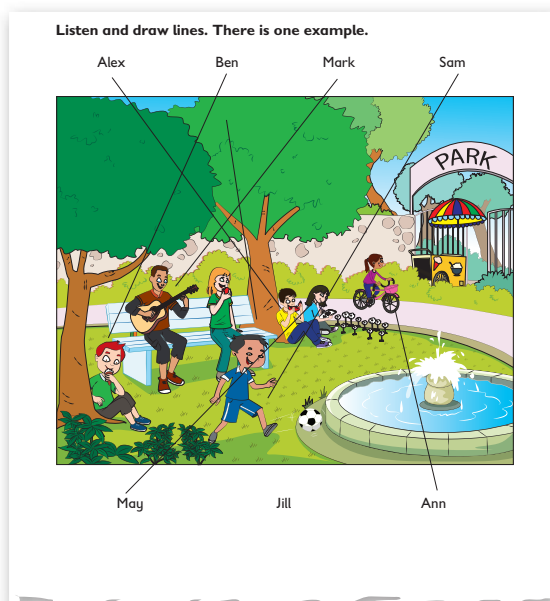
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That is the end of the Pre A1 Starters Listening Test, Test 3.

Test 3: Answer key

Listening Part 1 (5 marks)



Listening Part 2 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| 1 8 | 2 Kim |
| 3 9 | 4 4 |
| 5 Tom | |

Listening Part 3 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 B | 2 A |
| 3 A | 4 C |
| 5 B | |

Listening Part 4 (5 marks)

- 1 shell under bed = red
- 2 shell between robot and boat = yellow
- 3 shell in toy box = green
- 4 shell on bed = brown
- 5 shell next to tiger = purple

Reading & Writing Part 1 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-----|-----|
| 1 ✓ | 2 ✓ |
| 3 X | 4 ✓ |
| 5 X | |

Reading & Writing Part 2 (5 marks)

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| 1 yes | 2 no |
| 3 yes | 4 yes |
| 5 no | |

Reading & Writing Part 3 (5 marks)

- | | |
|------------|------------|
| 1 desk | 2 ruler |
| 3 rubber | 4 computer |
| 5 cupboard | |

Reading & Writing Part 4 (5 marks)

- | | |
|------------|-----------|
| 1 mouth | 2 ball |
| 3 legs | 4 bedroom |
| 5 children | |

Reading & Writing Part 5 (5 marks)

- | | |
|----------|------------|
| 1 four | 2 painting |
| 3 spider | 4 fish |
| 5 girl | |

Test 3: Scripts for Speaking

Speaking Parts 1–5

Track 17

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Track 18

[This is the recording with student's responses.]

Part	To do	To say	Student's response (variations possible)	Back-up questions
1	[The usher brings the student in.]	[The usher to the examiner: <i>Hello. This is (student's name).</i>] <i>Hello (student's name). My name's (examiner's name).</i>	<i>Hello.</i>	
	Point to the scene picture.	<i>Look at this picture. This is a hall in a house. The door of the kitchen is open.</i>		
	Point to the dog in the scene picture.	<i>Here's the dog.</i> <i>Where's the hat?</i> <i>Where are the flowers?</i>	Points to the items in the scene picture.	<i>Is this a hat?</i> <i>Are these flowers?</i>
	Point to the object cards.	<i>Now look at these.</i> <i>Which is the onion?</i> <i>I'm putting the onion under the mirror.</i> <i>Now you put the onion next to the flowers.</i>	Points to the onion card.	<i>Is this the onion?</i>
		<i>Which is the bus?</i> <i>Put the bus between the hat and the jacket.</i>	Puts the onion card in place.	<i>Where's the onion?</i> <i>It's next to the flowers.</i>
		<i>Which is the photo?</i> <i>Put the photo on the table.</i>	Points to the bus card. Puts the bus card in place.	<i>Is this the bus?</i> <i>Where's the bus? It's between the hat and the jacket.</i>
			Points to the photo card. Puts the photo card in place.	<i>Is this the photo?</i> <i>Where's the photo?</i> <i>It's on the table.</i>

Part	To do	To say	Student's response (variations possible)	Back-up questions
2	Remove the object cards and point to the brown jacket in the scene picture. Point to the dog. Point to the shoes.	<i>Now ... what's this?</i> <i>What colour is it?</i> <i>How many jackets are there?</i> <i>What's the dog doing?</i> <i>Tell me about the shoes.</i>	<i>A dog.</i> <i>Brown.</i> <i>Two.</i> <i>Sleeping.</i> <i>They're under the table.</i>	<i>Is it a bike?</i> <i>Is it brown or black?</i> <i>Is there one or two?</i> <i>Is he sleeping?</i> <i>Where are they?</i>
3	Put the scene picture away and pick out three object cards. Show the glasses card. Show the games card. Show the pencil card.	<i>What are these?</i> <i>Do you wear glasses?</i> <i>Does your dad wear glasses?</i> <i>What is this?</i> <i>Do you like playing games?</i> <i>Who do you play games with?</i> <i>What's this?</i> <i>Have you got a pencil?</i> <i>What colour is your pencil?</i>	<i>Glasses.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>A game.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>My brother./My friend. etc.</i> <i>A pencil.</i> <i>Yes./No.</i> <i>Blue./Red. etc.</i>	<i>Are they glasses?</i> <i>Is it a game?</i> <i>Is it a pencil?</i>
4	Put away all the object cards.	<i>Now ... can you play tennis?</i> <i>What's your favourite food?</i> <i>How do you go to school?</i> <i>OK. Thank you. Goodbye.</i>	<i>Yes./No.</i> <i>Chips./Ice cream. etc.</i> <i>Bus./Car./Walk. etc.</i> <i>Goodbye.</i>	<i>Can you play tennis?</i> <i>Is your favourite food ice cream?</i> <i>Do you walk to school?</i>

Glossary

adjective

An adjective is a word that describes a noun. It is used for telling you more about a person or thing.

*She's a **young** girl.*
*His bike is **red**.*
*It's a **beautiful** bird.*

noun

A noun is a word that refers to a person, a thing, or a quality. A countable noun is something that can be counted, and has both a singular and plural forms, e.g. *an apple, two apples*.

An uncountable noun is something that can't be counted, and does not have a plural form, e.g. *water, milk*.

***Lemons** are yellow.*
*Pat has two **cats**.*
*I'd like some **water**, please.*

preposition

A preposition is a word that describes where something is, e.g. *in, on, under, behind, between, next to, in front of*.

*The ball is **under** the chair.*
*The cake is on the table **next to** the lemonade.*

verb

A verb is a word that describes an action or a state of being.

*The cat **is sleeping** on the chair.*
*Nick **is happy**.*
*I **like** ice cream.*

Vocabulary list

Below is the official vocabulary list for *Cambridge English Qualifications Pre A1 Starters*. The words and phrases have been arranged thematically. Some words appear in more than one theme.

Key	(n) noun	(pl) plural noun	(s) singular noun	(v) verb
Animals	animal bear bee bird cat chicken cow crocodile	dog donkey duck elephant fish (s & pl) frog giraffe goat	hippo horse jellyfish lizard monkey mouse/mice pet polar bear	sheep (s & pl) snake spider tail tiger zebra zoo
The body & face	arm body ear eye	face foot/feet hair hand	head leg mouth	nose smile
Clothes	bag baseball cap boots clothes dress	glasses handbag hat jacket jeans	shirt shoe shorts skirt sock	trousers T-shirt watch wear
Colours	black blue brown	green grey (or gray) orange	pink purple red	white yellow
Family & friends	baby boy brother child/children cousin dad family father friend	girl grandfather grandma grandmother grandpa kid live man/men Miss	mother Mr Mrs mum (US mom) old person/people sister their	them they us we woman/women you young your
Food & drink	apple banana bean bread breakfast burger cake carrot chicken chips (US fries) coconut	dinner drink (n & v) eat egg fish food fries (UK chips) fruit grape ice cream juice	kiwi lemon lemonade lime lunch mango meat meatballs milk onion orange	pea pear pie pineapple potato rice sausage tomato water watermelon

The home	apartment armchair bath bathroom bed bedroom bookcase box camera chair clock	computer cupboard desk dining room doll door flat floor flower garden hall	house kitchen lamp living room mat mirror painting phone picture poster radio	room rug sleep sofa table television/TV toy tree wall window
Numbers	1–20			
Places & directions	behind between here in	in front of next to on park	shop (US store) store (UK shop) street there	under zoo
School	alphabet answer ask board book bookcase class classmates classroom close colour computer correct count crayons cross	cupboard desk door draw(ing) English eraser example find floor know learn lesson letter (as in alphabet) line listen (to) look	name number open page painting paper part pen pencil picture playground question read right (as in correct) rubber ruler	school sentence spell stand (up) story teacher tell tick (<i>n & v</i>) understand wall window word write
Sports & leisure	badminton ball baseball basketball bat beach bike boat book bounce camera catch doll draw(ing)	drive (<i>v</i>) enjoy favourite fish(ing) fly football (US soccer) fun game guitar hit hobby hockey jump kick (<i>v</i>)	kite listen (to) paint(ing) paper photo piano picture play (with) radio read ride (<i>v</i>) run sing skateboard	skateboarding soccer (UK football) song sport story table tennis tablet television/TV tennis tennis racket throw toy TV/television watch
Time	afternoon birthday clock	day end evening	morning night	today watch

Toys	ball baseball basketball bike board game car	doll football game helicopter kite lorry (US truck)	monster plane robot skateboard skateboarding teddy (bear)	toy train truck (UK lorry)
Transport	bike boat bus car drive (v)	fly (v) go helicopter lorry (US truck) motorbike	plane ride (v) run ship swim	train truck (UK lorry) walk
Weather	sun			
Work	teacher			
The world around us	beach sand	sea shell	street sun	tree water
Useful words & expressions	bye cool fantastic fun go to bed go to sleep goodbye	hello hi hooray I don't know no oh dear on	OK pardon please right so sorry thank you	thanks then well well done wow yes
Adjectives	angry beautiful big clean closed cool correct dirty double	English fantastic favourite funny good great happy her his	its long my new nice old our right (correct) sad	scary short silly small sorry their ugly young your
Determiners	a/an a lot of lots of many	my no one	some that the	these this those
Adverbs	a lot again here	lots not now	then there today	too very
Prepositions	about at behind between	for from in in front of	like next to of on	to under with
Conjunctions	and	but	or	
Pronouns	he her hers him his I	it its me mine one ours	she that theirs them these they	this those us we you yours

Verbs	Irregular:	Regular:	love	smile
	be	learn	make	start
	catch (a ball)	add	put	stop
	choose	answer	open	take (a photo)
	come	ask	paint	tell
	count	bounce	phone	talk
	do	clap	pick up	throw
	draw	clean	play (with)	tick
	drink	close	point	try
	drive	colour	read	understand
	eat	complete	ride	walk
	find	cross	run	want
	fly	enjoy	say	watch
	get	jump	see	wave
	give	kick	sing	wear
	go	learn	sit (down)	write
	have	like	sleep	
	have (got)	listen (to)	spell	
	hit	live	stand (up)	
	hold	look	swim	
	know	look at	show	
Modals	can/cannot/can't			
Question words	how	how old	where	who
	how many	what	which	whose
Names	Alex	Bill	Mark	Sam
	Alice	Eva	Matt	Sue
	Ann	Jill	May	Tom
	Anna	Kim	Nick	
	Ben	Lucy	Pat	