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**Cambridge Assessment
English**

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Pre A1 Starters

Listening

There are 20 questions.

You have 20 minutes.

You will need a pen or pencil.

My name is:

Part 1

– 5 questions –

Listen and draw lines. There is one example.



Part 2

– 5 questions –

Read the question. Listen and write a name or a number.

There are two examples.



Examples

What is the new girl's name?

Kim

.....

How old is the new girl?

8

.....

Questions

1 What is Kim's family name?

2 Where does Kim live? inStreet

3 What number is Kim's house?

4 What is the name of Kim's horse?

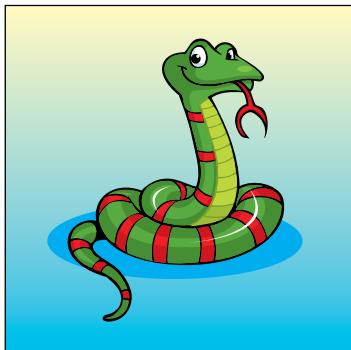
5 How old is Kim's horse?

Part 3

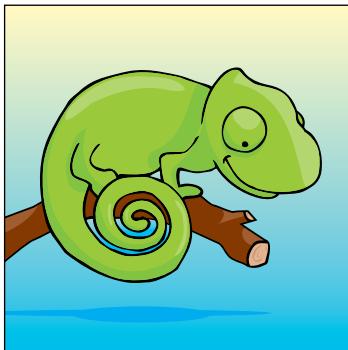
– 5 questions –

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

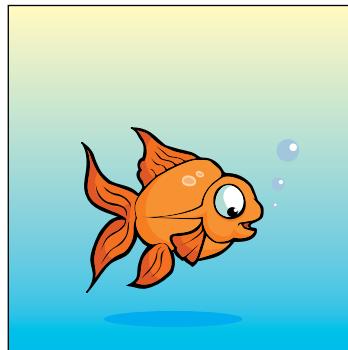
What animal has Alex got in his bedroom?



A



B

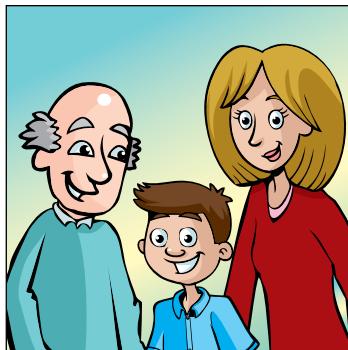


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1 Which picture are May and Sam looking at?



A



B



C

2 What are Mrs Good's class doing this afternoon?



A

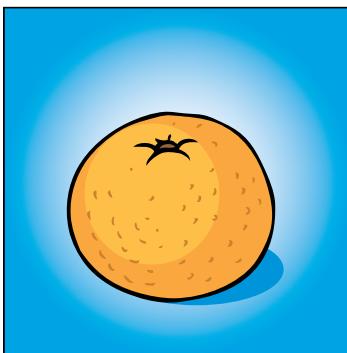


B



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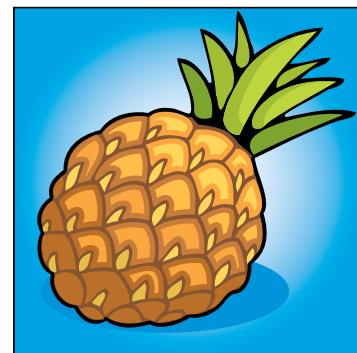
3 What is Mum's favourite fruit?



A



B



C

4 Which dog is Anna's?



A



B



C

5 What is Lucy wearing?



A



B



C

Part 4

– 5 questions –

Listen and colour. There is one example.



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Marking key

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Part 4 5 marks

- 1 Colour balloon in boy's hand – yellow
- 2 Colour balloon between boxes – pink
- 3 Colour balloon under table – green
- 4 Colour balloon on chair – brown
- 5 Colour balloon behind cat – orange

Part 1 5 marks

Lines should be drawn between:

- 1 Lucy girl behind tree
- 2 Jill girl feeding ducks
- 3 Dan boy with kite
- 4 Ann girl reading
- 5 Nick boy on bike

Part 2 5 marks

- 1 W-A-L-L
- 2 S-U-N
- 3 15/fifteen
- 4 T-I-G-E-R
- 5 7/seven

Part 3 5 marks

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

Pre A1 Starters Listening

Tapescript

R = rubric Fch = Female child
 F = Female adult Mch = Male child
 M = Male adult

R Hello. This is the Cambridge English Starters Listening sample test.

[MUSIC]

Look at Part 1.

Look at the picture.

Listen and look.

There is one example.

PAUSE 00'03"

Mch Here's a photo of me and my friends in the park, Miss Box.

F Oh yes! Who's that? The boy with the cats.

Mch His name's Pat. He's holding one cat in his arms! Pat loves animals.

F That's good.

PAUSE 00'03"

R Can you see the line? This is an example.

Now you listen and draw lines.

PAUSE 00'03"

[REPEAT FROM HERE]

R One

F There's a girl here, too. She's behind the pear tree!

Mch Yes. She's funny. Her name's Lucy.

F And what's Lucy doing behind that tree?

Mch Sorry! I don't know. Playing a game?

PAUSE 00'05"

R Two

Mch And there's Jill. She's got some bread in her hand.

F Is she giving it to the ducks?

Mch Yes! Jill loves ducks.

F Me too!

PAUSE 00'05"

R Three

F That's a great kite!

Mch Yes, that's Dan's kite.

F Is Dan the boy in the red T-shirt?

Mch Yes, that's right.

PAUSE 00'05"

R Four

F One person is reading. What's her name?

Mch The girl with the book?

F Yes.

Mch That's my friend Ann. Reading is Ann's favourite hobby.

PAUSE 00'05"

R Five

F And what's that boy's name? The boy on the bike.

Mch That's Nick. Nick's in my class at school.

F Oh! He's got a nice bike!

Mch I know! It's new. He loves it.

PAUSE 00'05"

R Now listen to Part 1 again.

PAUSE 00'03"

[REPEAT PART 1 WITH ONLY 00'03" PAUSES]

That is the end of Part 1.

PAUSE 00'05"

Part 2.

Look at the picture.

Listen and write a name or a number.

There are two examples.

PAUSE 00'03"

Fch Hello. I'm new in class.

M What's your name, please?

Fch Kim.

M Is that K-I-M?

Fch Yes. Kim.

PAUSE 00'03"

M How old are you, Kim?

Fch I'm 8 today.

M 8 today? Happy birthday!

Fch Thank you.

PAUSE 00'03"

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

PAUSE 00'03"

[REPEAT FROM HERE]

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| R | One | PAUSE 00'03" |
| M | What's your family name, please? | R What animal has Alex got in his bedroom? |
| Fch | It's Wall. W-A-L-L. | PAUSE 00'03" |
| M | Wall? (ha, ha) That's my name, too. | Fch Mum, Alex has got an animal in his bedroom. |
| Fch | Is it? | F What is it? A fish? |
| M | Yes. | Fch No, a lizard. Can I have one? |
| | PAUSE 00'10" | F OK. But please don't ask for a snake! |
| R | Two | PAUSE 00'03" |
| M | Where do you live, Kim? | R Can you see the tick? |
| Fch | In Sun Street. | Now you listen and tick the box. |
| M | Sun Street? | PAUSE 00'03" |
| Fch | Yes. S-U-N. It's behind the zoo. | [REPEAT FROM HERE] |
| M | Oh yes. | R One. Which picture are May and Sam looking at? |
| | PAUSE 00'10" | PAUSE 00'03" |
| R | Three | Fch This picture's nice, Sam. Who's in it? |
| M | What number's your house? | Mch Mum, my grandpa and my cousin, Tom. |
| Fch | It's 15. | Fch Where's your dad and your grandma? |
| M | 15. Oh, is it that house with the big garden? | Mch They're not in this picture, May. |
| Fch | Yes, it is. And it's got a pink door! | PAUSE 00'05" |
| | PAUSE 00'10" | R Two. What are Mrs Good's class doing this afternoon? |
| R | Four | PAUSE 00'03" |
| M | What have you got in your bag? | M Where are your class this afternoon, Mrs Good? At their swimming lesson? |
| Fch | Apples for my horse. I go to see him with my friend. | F No, they're in the playground. |
| M | What's your horse's name? | M Are they playing football? |
| Fch | Tiger. That's T-I-G-E-R. | F Not today. They're taking photos for our class book. |
| M | Tiger?! | PAUSE 00'05" |
| Fch | Yes, it's a funny name for a horse but I like it. | R Three. What is Mum's favourite fruit? |
| | PAUSE 00'10" | PAUSE 00'03" |
| R | Five | Mch Mum, can we have this coconut? |
| M | How old is your horse? | F Well, they're very nice but I can't open them. |
| Fch | He's seven. | Mch What about these oranges? |
| M | Seven? | F OK. They're my favourites. And let's have this pineapple too. |
| Fch | Yes. And he can run and jump. | PAUSE 00'05" |
| M | Great! | R Four. Which dog is Anna's? |
| | PAUSE 00'10" | PAUSE 00'03" |
| R | Now listen to Part 2 again. | Mch Is that your dog, Anna? |
| | PAUSE 00'03" | Fch No, my dog's dirty. |
| [REPEAT PART 2 WITH ONLY 00'05" PAUSES] | | |
| That is the end of Part 2. | | |
| | PAUSE 00'05" | Mch Is it young? |
| Part 3. | | |
| | Look at the pictures. | Fch Yes. My brother's dog is that old one. |
| Now listen and look. | | |
| | PAUSE 00'05" | R Five. What is Lucy wearing? |
| There is one example. | | |
| | PAUSE 00'03" | |

- F** (shouting up the stairs) Lucy, your skirt's on the bed.
- Fch** Thanks, Mum but I don't want it. I'm wearing my jeans.
- F** And your new T-shirt?
- Fch** Yes. It's great!
- PAUSE 00'05"**
- R** Now listen to Part 3 again.
- PAUSE 00'03"**
- [REPEAT PART 3 WITH NO PAUSE AFTER THE QUESTION BUT THE SAME 00'05" PAUSE AFTER EACH DIALOGUE]
- That is the end of Part 3.
- PAUSE 00'05"**
- Part 4.
- Look at the picture.
- Listen and look.
- There is one example.
- PAUSE 00'03"**
- M** Look! It's the girl's birthday today.
- Fch** I can see lots of balloons! I've got my pencils here. Can I colour one?
- M** Yes! A balloon is next to the photo of the family. Colour that one, please.
- Fch** OK. What colour?
- M** Make the balloon next to the photo, red.
- PAUSE 00'03"**
- R** Can you see the red balloon next to the photo? This is an example.
- Now you listen and colour.
- PAUSE 00'03"**
- [REPEAT FROM HERE]
- R** One
- M** Colour the balloon in the small boy's hand now.
- Fch** Sorry? The balloon in the boy's hand?
- M** Yes. Have you got a yellow pencil?
- Fch** Yes, I have.
- M** Great! Colour it with that pencil, then.
- PAUSE 00'15"**
- R** Two
- M** And can you see a balloon between the boxes?
- Fch** Yes!
- M** Well done! Colour that balloon now, please.
- Fch** What colour for the balloon between the boxes?
- M** Would you like to colour it pink?
- Fch** Yes!
- PAUSE 00'15"**
- R** Three
- M** Now colour the balloon under the table.
- Fch** The balloon under the table? OK!
- M** You can choose the colour!
- Fch** Green! I love that colour!
- M** Me too!
- PAUSE 00'15"**
- R** Four
- M** There's a balloon on the chair. Find that one, please.
- Fch** I can see it.
- M** Good. Make that balloon brown.
- Fch** OK! I'm colouring that balloon, the one on the chair, now.
- M** Great!
- PAUSE 00'15"**
- R** Five
- Fch** And which balloon can I colour now?
- M** The one behind the cat. Colour that balloon!
- Fch** Can I make it orange?
- M** Yes. Thank you!
- PAUSE 00'15"**
- R** Now listen to Part 4 again.
- PAUSE 00'03"**
- [REPEAT PART 4 WITH ONLY 00'10" PAUSES]
- R** That is the end of the Starters Listening test.
- [MUSIC]

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Pre A1 Starters

Reading and Writing

There are 25 questions.

You have 20 minutes.

You will need a pen or pencil.

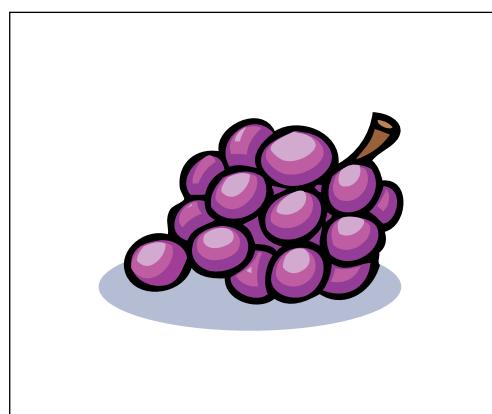
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Part 1

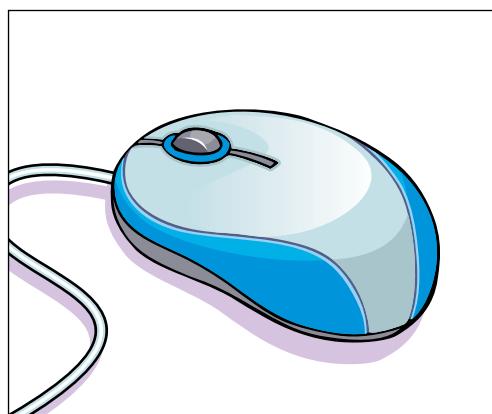
– 5 questions –

Look and read. Put a tick (✓) or a cross (✗) in the box.
There are two examples.

Examples



These are grapes.



This is a house.



Questions

1



This is a helicopter.



2



This is a clock.



3



These are shells.



4



This is a sock.



5



These are chairs.



Part 2

– 5 questions –

Look and read. Write yes or no.



Examples

There are two armchairs in the living room. yes

The big window is open. no

Questions

- 1 The man has got black hair and glasses.
- 2 There is a lamp on the bookcase.
- 3 Some of the children are singing.
- 4 The woman is holding some drinks.
- 5 The cat is sleeping under an armchair.

Part 3

– 5 questions –

Look at the pictures. Look at the letters. Write the words.

Example



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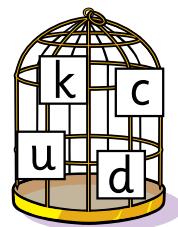


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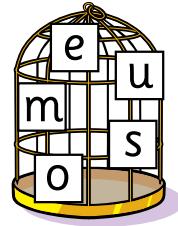
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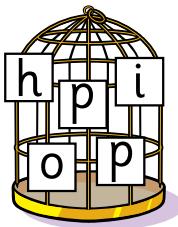
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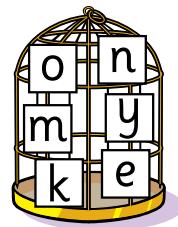
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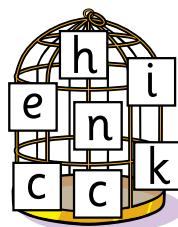
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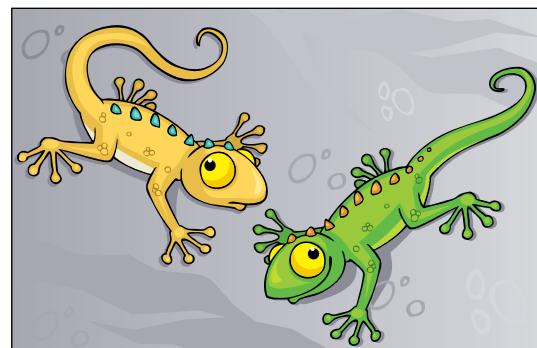


Part 4

– 5 questions –

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

Lizards



Lots of lizards are very small animals but some are really big.

Many lizards are green, grey or yellow. Some like eating (1)..... and some like eating fruit.

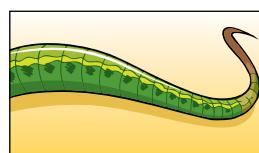
A lizard can run on its four (2)..... and it has a long (3)..... at the end of its body.

Many lizards live in (4)..... but, at the beach, you can find some lizards on the (5)..... Lizards love sleeping in the sun!

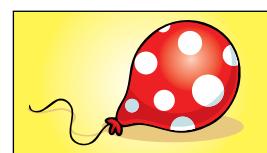
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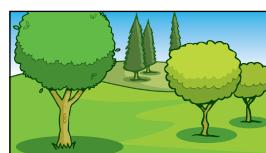
animals



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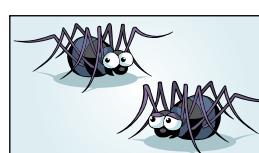
balloon



trees



legs



spiders



teacher



sand

Part 5

– 5 questions –

Look at the pictures and read the questions. Write one-word answers.



Examples

Where are the people? in the kitchen

How many children are there? two

Questions

- 1 What are the children
playing with? some toy



2 What is Mum standing on? a

3 Where is the spider? on Mum's



4 Who is pointing? the

5 Where are the children? in the

Pre A1 Starters Reading and Writing

Marking key

- () = Acceptable extra words are placed in brackets
 / = A single slash is placed between acceptable alternative words within an answer

Part 1 5 marks

- 1 X
- 2 ✓
- 3 ✓
- 4 X
- 5 ✓

Part 2 5 marks

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

Part 3 5 marks

- 1 duck
- 2 mouse
- 3 hippo
- 4 monkey
- 5 chicken

Part 4 5 marks

- 1 spiders
- 2 legs
- 3 tail
- 4 trees
- 5 sand

Part 5 5 marks

- 1 spiders
- 2 chair
- 3 shoe(s)/slipper(s)
- 4 (a/the) (blonde) girl/sister/daughter
- 5 garden/(back)yard outside door (frame)/(way)

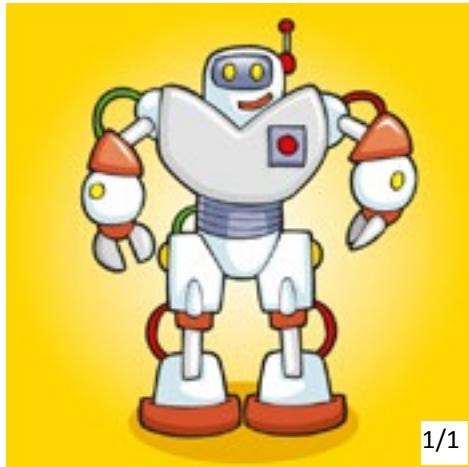
Pre A1 Starters Speaking

Summary of procedures

The usher introduces the child to the examiner.

1. After asking the child ‘What’s your name?’, the examiner familiarises the child with the picture first and then asks the child to point out certain items on the scene picture, e.g. ‘Where’s the door?’ The examiner then asks the child to put two object cards in various locations on the scene picture, e.g. ‘Put the robot on the red chair.’
2. The examiner asks questions about two of the people or things in the scene picture, e.g. ‘What’s this?’ (Answer: banana) ‘What colour is it?’ (Answer: yellow). The examiner also asks the child to describe an object from the scene, e.g. ‘Tell me about this box.’
3. The examiner asks questions about four object cards, e.g. ‘What’s this?’ (Answer: (orange) juice) and ‘What do you drink for lunch?’
4. The examiner asks questions about the child, e.g. ‘Which sport do you like?’

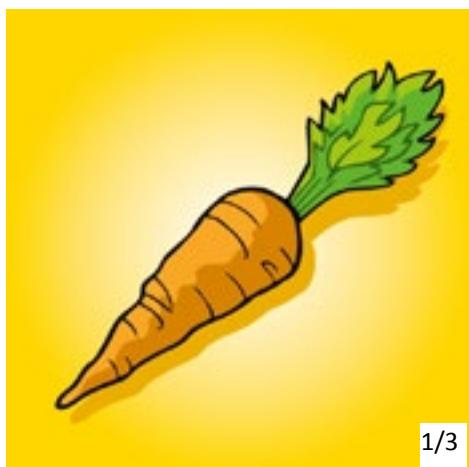




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