



THE KET EXAM

- * The KET exam consists of three components, reading & writing, listening and speaking.
- * Here is the structure of the KET exam:

Paper	Part	Task type and format	Task focus	Number of questions
Reading & Writing 1 hr.	READING			
	1	Three-option multiple choice. Six short emails, notices, signs or text messages.	Understanding of various kinds of short texts.	6
	2	Three-option multiple matching Seven questions and three short texts on the same topic.	Locating specific information by reading quickly and understanding detail by reading carefully.	7
	3	Three-option multiple choice. One long text.	Understanding of the main ideas and some details of longer texts.	5
	4	Three-option multiple choice. Gap fill.	Understanding of words within a context. Main focus on vocabulary but a small amount of grammar may also be tested.	6
	5	Open cloze. Gap fill.	Understanding and knowledge of grammatical forms as well as structural relationships at the phrase, clause, sentence or paragraph level.	6
	WRITING			
6	Guided writing: Write a short email or note of 25 words or more.	Ability to write short texts with a real communicative purpose.	1	
7	Picture story: Write a short story of 35 words or more based on three picture prompts.	Ability to write short narratives.	1	
Listening 30 mins.	1	Three-option multiple-choice. Short recordings each with a question and three images.	Listening to identify key information (times, prices, days of week, numbers etc).	5
	2	Gap fill Listen to a monologue and complete gaps in a page of notes.	Listening for specific and detailed information.	5
	3	Three-option multiple choice. Listen to a dialogue for key information.	Understanding of detailed information.	5
	4	Three-option multiple choice. Identify the main idea, message, gist or topic.	Understanding of the gist of a monologue or dialogue containing neutral or less formal language. May include the correct identification of attitudes, opinion and agreement.	5
	5	Matching. Listen to a dialogue for key information.	Understanding of detailed information.	5
Speaking 8-10 mins.	1	Phase 1: Interlocutor asks questions of a factual and personal nature to each candidate in turn. Phase 2: topic-based interview. Candidates respond directly to the interlocutor - they do not talk to each other in this task.		3-4 minutes.
	2	Phase 1: Candidates talk to each other. The interlocutor sets up the task, but does not take part in this phase. Phase 2: The interlocutor leads a follow-up discussion on the same topic as discussed in phase 1. Discussion task with visual stimulus. Candidates discuss likes, dislikes and give reasons.		5-6 minutes.