

TELCEnglish exam, level B1

If you already have a good basic knowledge of English, **telc English B1** may be the right exam for you. It tests general language competence and can be taken by anyone.

What can you do at level B1?

At level B1, you can communicate in a simple and connected way in everyday situations, when travelling and when talking about topics that are of personal interest. You can describe experiences, hopes and ambitions and give reasons for opinions. On the whole, you can use the most important grammatical structures correctly.

What is the structure of the examination?

The exam consists of a written and an oral part. The written exam lasts 2 hours and 30 minutes. Before the oral exam you have 20 minutes preparation time. The oral exam takes place on the day of the written exam.

The Written Examination

The Written Examination lasts 180 minutes and consists of the subtests **Reading Comprehension, Language Elements, Writing** and **Listening Comprehension**.

The examination begins with the subtests Reading and Language Elements (90 minutes). After this section is completed, candidates continue with the subtest Writing (60 minutes). At the end of this subtest, candidates who only take written examination can leave the room. Listening Comprehension subtest (appr. 30 minutes) is taken after the Writing part. There is no break during the written examination.

The use of dictionaries, mobile phones or other electronic devices is not allowed. The invigilator ensures that these regulations are adhered to.

The Oral Examination

How is the oral examination conducted? The candidates are given 20 minutes to prepare for the oral examination. During this time they have the opportunity to study the task sheets for the three parts of the test and think about the topics. The oral examination lasts 15 minutes and is conducted by two licensed telc examiners.

What are the candidates expected to do?

The Oral Examination or Speaking subtest is generally carried out in pairs; i.e. two candidates are examined together. In case of an uneven number of candidates, one oral examination is carried out with three candidates. In this case, the exam is longer. The candidates are expected to talk to each other about different everyday topics. They should actively participate in the conversation and respond to their partner's questions or statements. In order to overcome communication problems,

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they are encouraged to help each other or ask for clarification. Notes taken during the 20-minute preparation phase may be used in the oral examination, but candidates are not permitted to directly read them.

What is the main focus of each part of the exam?

Part 1: Social Contacts: The task is to exchange personal information in order to get to know each other better. The candidates should say something about themselves and ask their partner questions to learn more about him or her. They can use the points on the task sheet for help but are not required to talk about all of them. The examiners may ask them to talk about an additional topic which is not on the task sheet.

Part 2: Topic-Based Conversation: The candidates have task sheets with different information on the same topic. First, each candidate should talk about the information on his or her task sheet. Then, the two candidates should exchange their opinions and talk to each other about their personal experience with the topic.

Part 3: Task: The task is to plan something together. The candidates are expected to exchange ideas, make suggestions and respond to the suggestions of their partner. Together, they should come up with a plan and decide who is responsible for which tasks. The points on the task sheet may be used for help.

Who can receive a certificate?

To receive a certificate, all of the following criteria must be fulfilled:

1. The candidate must achieve a result of at least 60% for the whole examination.
 2. The candidate must achieve at least 40% in the Subtest Reading, at least 40% in the Subtest Writing, at least 40% in the Subtest Listening and at least 40% in the Subtest Speaking.
- If a candidate achieves a result of less than 40% in one or more of the subtests and/or achieves less than 60% of the total number of points, then the candidate has failed the complete examination.

For partial examinations, all of the following criteria have to be fulfilled to successfully pass the Written Examination:

1. The candidate must achieve a result of at least 60% in the Written Examination.
2. The candidate must achieve at least 40% in the Subtest Reading and at least 40% in the Subtest Writing.

For partial examinations, all of the following criteria have to be fulfilled to successfully pass the Oral Examination:

1. The candidate must achieve a result of at least 60% in the Oral Examination.
2. The candidate must achieve at least 40% in the Subtest Listening and at least 40% in the Subtest Speaking.

The grade is then calculated according to the following table:

297 – 330,0 points	Very Good
264 – 296,5 points	Good
231 – 263,5 points	Satisfactory
198 – 230,5 points	Pass
0 – 197,5 points	Fail

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Written Examination					
Subtest	Item	Points	Points max.	Time	
1 Reading Comprehension					
Part 1 – Reading for gist	1-5	25	75	90 min	
Part 2 – Reading for detail	6-10	25			
Part 3 – Selective Reading	11-20	25			
2 Language Elements					
Part 1 – 10 multiple-choice items	21-30	15	30		60 min
Part 2 – 10 matching items	31-40	15			
3 Writing					
Part 1 – formal or semi-formal letter		45	75	150	
Part 2 – informal email		30			
Sub-Total I			180		
Oral Examination					
Subtest	Item	Points	Points max.		Time
4 Listening Comprehension					
Part 1 – Listening for gist	41-45	25	75	30 min	
Part 2 – Listening for detail	46-55	25			
Part 3 – Selective listening	56-60	25			
5 Speaking					
Part 1 – Social Contacts		25	75	3 min	
Part 2 – Topic-Based Conversation		25		6 min	
Part 3 – Task		25		6 min	
Sub-Total II			150		
Written Examination			180		
Oral Examination			150		
Total			330		

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