

TELCEnglish exam, level B2

telc English B2 tests your general English language competence at an advanced level. The exam can be taken by anyone.

What can you do at level B2?

At level B2, you can express yourself clearly and explicitly and discuss and negotiate successfully. You have a solid command of the vocabulary needed for your field of specialisation and for most general topics. Your usage of grammar is sound.

What is the structure of the examination?

The exam consists of a written and an oral part. The written exam lasts 2 hours 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 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 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 is expected from the candidates?

The candidates are expected to converse with each other and respond to the arguments of their partners in such a way that a lively and authentic conversation develops. Inquiries and mutual assistance in the conversation are viewed positively. Although the handwritten notes which were made during the preparation time may be used in the exam conversation, reading directly from these notes is not permitted.

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TUDOMÁNYOS ISMERETTERJESZTŐ TÁRSULAT

How are the different parts of the examination structured?

Introduction, Social Contacts

During this part of the examination, the candidates should introduce themselves if they do not know each other. If they know each other, then they should talk naturally. This part of the examination will not be marked.

Part 1, Presentation

In this part of the exam, the candidates should give a short presentation to their partner on one of the topics listed on the task sheet. After each presentation, the other candidate should ask questions about the presentation.

Part 2, Discussion

Candidates have the same task sheet with a text to discuss with their partner. They should include their own opinions and ideas about the topic and include personal examples, possible problems and possible solutions.

Part 3, Task

The candidates receive the same instruction sheet. Their task is to plan something together. They should express ideas, make proposals and react to the proposals of their partner. They should clarify what is to be done, who should take over which job, which problems could occur and discuss possible solutions.

They do not need to reach a consensus. Agreeing on non-agreeing is also one sort of consensus.

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
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	60 min	
Part 2 – informal email		30			
Sub-Total I			180	150	
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 – Presentation		25	75	3 min	
Part 2 – Discussion		25		6 min	
Part 3 – Task		25		3 min	
Sub-Total II			150		
Written Examination			180		
Oral Examination			150		
Total			330		

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