



To whom it may concern

Cambridge IGCSE – English Language

Cambridge Assessment International Education offers two IGCSE qualifications in English Language: **Cambridge IGCSE First Language English** and **Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language**.

To support students requiring proof of their competence in English, we undertook to have both these qualifications aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English:

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-upper-secondary/cambridge-igcse/subjects/>

Cambridge IGCSE First Language English is designed for students whose first language is English. The course enables students to:

- develop the ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively when speaking and writing
- use a wide range of vocabulary, and the correct grammar, spelling and punctuation
- develop a personal style and an awareness of the audience being addressed.

Students taking Cambridge IGCSE First Language English whose first language is a language other than English must have a high level of receptive and productive competence in order to meet the demands of the assessment.

In terms of the CEFR:

- Candidates who achieve grade C or 4 overall, with grade 2 or merit in Speaking & Listening, in Cambridge IGCSE First Language syllabus 0500 or 0900 (Speaking and Listening Endorsement) can be considered to be at a level equivalent to at least B2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language:

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-igcse-english-second-language-oral-endorsement-0510/>

The combination of knowledge and skills in Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language gives students a solid foundation for further study. Candidates who achieve overall grades of A* - C or 9 - 4 are well prepared to follow a wide range of courses.

In terms of the CEFR:

- Candidates who achieve grade C or 4 overall, with grade 2 or merit in Speaking, in Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language syllabus 0510 or 0993 (Speaking Endorsement) can be considered to be at a level equivalent to B2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).
- Candidates who achieve grade C or 4 overall in Cambridge IGCSE English as a Second Language syllabus 0511 or 0991 (Count-in Speaking) can be considered to be at a level equivalent to B2 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

General Information on Cambridge IGCSE:

<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-upper-secondary/cambridge-igcse/>

Cambridge IGCSEs are accepted and valued by leading universities and employers around the world as evidence of academic achievement. Many universities require a combination of Cambridge International AS & A Levels and Cambridge IGCSEs or equivalent to meet their entry requirements.

UK NARIC, the national agency in the UK for the recognition and comparison of international qualifications and skills, has completed an independent and objective benchmarking analysis of Cambridge IGCSE to the UK education system. UK NARIC finds the Cambridge IGCSE for both grading systems, A* - G and 9 - 1, comparable to GCSE standards.

Information on recognition Cambridge IGCSE can be found at www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition.

Further information specifically aimed at universities is available at <https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/Images/571731-cambridge-igcse-guide-for-universities-english.pdf>

All questions regarding Cambridge IGCSE in English Language should be addressed directly to info@cambridgeinternational.org

Yours sincerely

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