

Dear learner,

We would like to invite you to participate in a research project by Cambridge Assessment English focusing on our A2 Key for Schools and B1 Preliminary for Schools Speaking tests. Your participation will allow us to collect information about changes to the test, and in return, it will give you the opportunity to practice your speaking. The research project will compare two kinds of speaking tests: one delivered in the traditional way with test-takers and examiners in the same room, and one delivered online through video call technology with test-takers and examiners in different locations.

If you participate in this project, you will:

- Take either the Cambridge English A2 Key or B1 Preliminary Speaking test once in a test centre and once at home
- Be video recorded as you take the test
- Give us feedback about your experience using an online questionnaire in English
- Participate in a video-recorded short discussion about your experience with the online video call test.

We will:

- Use the data we've collected (video recordings, scores from the test and feedback) to help us better understand the new online video call speaking test format
- Use the recordings and insights from this project to inform future formats of the Cambridge English Speaking tests.

We'd be very grateful if you can become our partner in this important and interesting project. As a thank you, we'd like to offer you:

- Feedback on how you performed in the test. The examiners will not give you a score on your performance but will focus on what you did well in the different test parts and where you could improve
- a one-time discount on your exam, either A2 Key for Schools or B1 Preliminary for Schools, valid until 31st July 2021 (Your centre will provide further details of this.)

We look forward to your response and hope that you will join us in this project. If you are interested in participating, we will ask you (or your parent/legal guardian if relevant) to sign a consent form, which provides more details about the project. If you are under 18 years' of age, your parent/legal guardian will also need to be present at home when you take the test.

Kind regards,

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