



Pearson  
English

# Benchmark Test

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Gain thorough insight into your students' skills, measure their progress in detail and receive targeted direction for your teaching – in just 45 minutes.



Version 1.1



Benchmark

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# Benchmark Test *Facts*



## Type of test

Proficiency and progress



## Learners

**Age:** 14+

### Levels available:

All levels (CEFR <A1-C2; GSE 10-90). 4 test levels available for CEFR bands A, B1, B2, C.

**Type of English:** General International English



## Delivery

**Length:** 45 mins

**When:** Anytime

**Where:** Online, at home or in the classroom\*

**Admin platform:** Pearson English assessment portal



## Marking

### Marked by:

Pearson English AI technology

### Results returned:

Within minutes



## Results

**Primary score:** GSE

**Other scores:** CEFR

### Additional insights:

Detailed performance summary for each skill

Recommendations for teachers and students

Mapping to Pearson English courseware

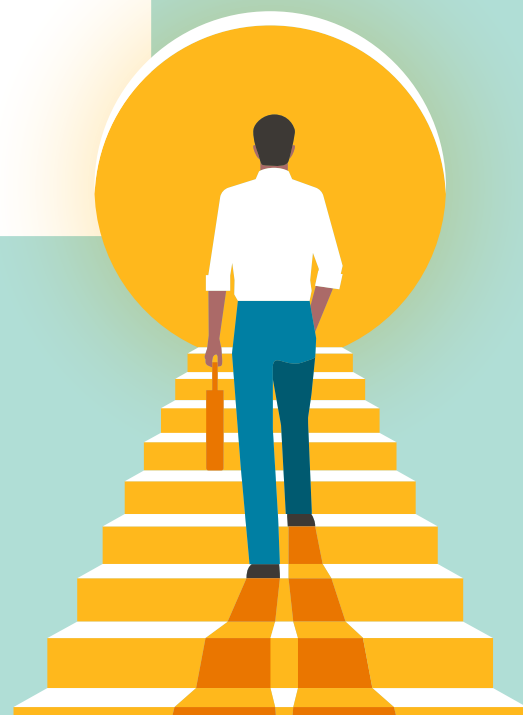


## Complements

Level Test

Suitable for any course

\* Suitable test environment required, including PC, headset with microphone boom and Internet connectivity throughout. Test location to be specified by institution.









# *Introducing the* Pearson English Benchmark Test

The perfect companion to any English teaching programme, measuring progress in detail and offering tailored direction for both students and teachers

Every language learning journey is unique. The Benchmark Test from Pearson English takes the time, complexity and subjectivity out of the assessment process, making it quick and easy to measure real progress – thoroughly, accurately and consistently.

Backed by years of expert research, this straightforward yet powerful tool can be used alongside any English course, delivering the clarity, personal guidance and motivation to smooth and accelerate the journey to fluency.

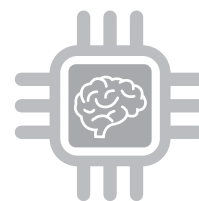
Use the Benchmark Test across all students, classes, levels and even schools, to gain comparative insights that can help to optimise your entire teaching programme.

The Benchmark Test is powered by Pearson English's market-leading artificial intelligence technology and administered through a powerful assessment portal, which offers, a complete solution that helps you to track and compare results within a single English proficiency assessment ecosystem – for successful, lifelong learning.

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ACCURATE



AI-BACKED



USE WITH  
ANY COURSE



COMPLETE  
ASSESSMENT

# Why Choose the Benchmark Test?

## Fast, efficient and easy to use

Fitting neatly into a 45-minute lesson, this test has been designed to give the most useful information about your students' language progress in a way that enhances, rather than disrupts, the learning process.

As long as test takers have a computer, headset and Internet connection, the test can even be taken at home – and results are returned in minutes.

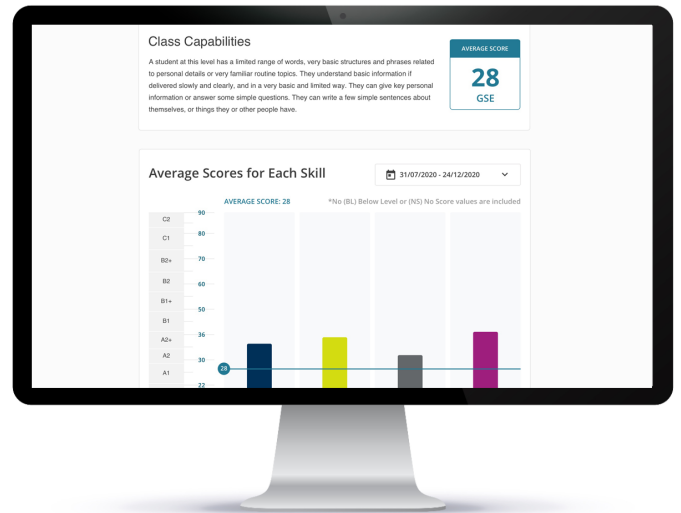
## Rich insights and direction

The Benchmark Test thoroughly assesses Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, with clear, at-a-glance visual and numerical data returned for individuals and groups, as well as more detailed descriptions of ability in each skill.

The results also include tailored study guidance for each student, and recommendations for teachers on how to focus their classes, with direction to the specific courseware and activities that can help.

## Accurate and reliable

Backed by Pearson's leading artificial intelligence scoring technology, the Benchmark Test offers a choice of levels to support all students: A, B1, B2 or C. Questions focus on abilities relevant to that level to provide detailed, reliable results.



Scores are based on the Pearson Global Scale of English (GSE) as well as the CEFR, meaning progress can be measured in small increments within each level.

## A complete assessment solution

The Benchmark Test works alongside the Pearson English Level Test to track student progress in detail after having placed them in the correct class based on their abilities.

Tests are administered and results managed via our state-of-the-art assessment portal. Through its smart tagging system, this powerful platform also allows you to measure performance flexibly across students, classes and teaching programmes, and throughout the learning journey.



## The Global Scale of English

The GSE is the first truly global English language standard.

Based on a scale of 10-90, the GSE extends the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) by describing language ability at a much more granular level, allowing for more targeted assessment and remediation.

Backed by research involving 6,000+ teachers from over 50 countries, the GSE is widely used by educators worldwide, helping raise standards in the teaching and learning of English.

Find out more at [english.com/gse](https://www.english.com/gse)





# The Benchmark Test *Experience*

Students are presented with a wide range of question types, to give them the chance to demonstrate their skills in different ways. Questions target individual and integrated skills.


From filling in word gaps and completing reading comprehension exercises to describing a picture and replying to spoken prompts, the Benchmark Test assesses the full extent of students' abilities at the given level.

Here are a few examples:

## Fill in the vocabulary table

Write a word or phrase to fill the gaps.

Room	Furniture
bathroom	shower
<input type="text"/>	sofa
bedroom	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	cooker
dining room	<input type="text"/>



## Complete the dialogue

Complete the dialogue using words from the box.  
Drag words into the gaps.

make   keep   have   get   come   put   take   go

Keith: Did you  that promotion?

Sarah: I don't know yet. My bosses like to  me waiting for news.

Keith: But didn't they ask you to  your name forward for the position?

Sarah: Yes.

Keith: Well, why don't they just  up their minds?

Sarah: I agree. I don't understand why it has to  so long.

## Read and give short answer

Read the advertisement and answer the questions.  
Use no more than three words for each answer.

**Buying a bike to ride to work**

A good bike to ride to work costs between £300 and £1000. There's a huge range of bikes available so don't buy in a hurry. First, think about your route to work. If you ride through countryside, a fast, light bike is best. In the city, a stronger, more comfortable bike is advisable. Then consider what you carry. Put smaller items in a backpack, but for larger things, it's best to use special bags which you put on your bike. If you use both public transport and a bike, a folding bike is most suitable. You can easily carry one onto a train.

**Example:**  
According to the text, what is the lowest price for a good standard bike?

1 Why does the writer say you should take time to choose a bike?

2 What kind of bike is recommended for a country route?

3 According to the text, what should you carry little things in?



## Listen and repeat

Listen to the recording. Repeat the sentence exactly as you hear it.  
You will hear the sentence only once.

PLAY  
Ready

RECORD

## Write short essay


Read the question. You have 10 minutes to write your response. You must write at least 100 words.

"Soon schools will no longer be necessary because children will be able to study everything online." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Why or why not?

Word count 0 Time left: 9:55

## Describe picture

Look at the picture. You have 25 seconds to prepare. After the beep, speak into the microphone and describe the picture. You have 25 seconds to give your response.



RECORD  
Beginning in 18 seconds

## Listen and then speak

You will hear a short story. After the story, you will have 30 seconds to retell the story in English. Try to retell as much of the story as you can, including the situation, characters, actions, and ending.

PLAY  
Ready

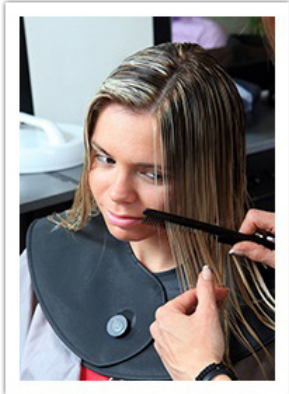
RECORD

## Correct grammar error

The sentence below has a mistake. Choose the best option to correct the mistake.

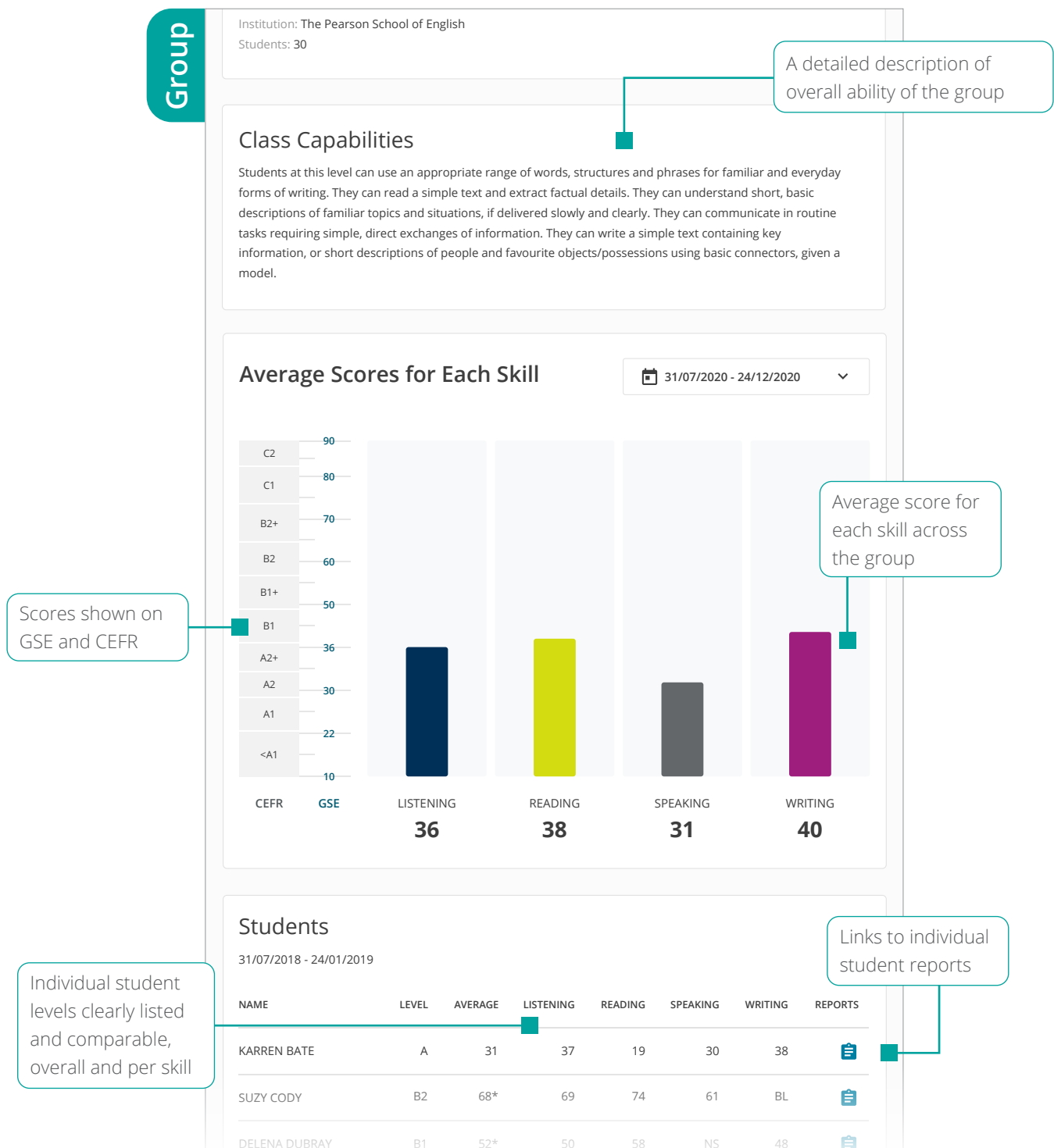
Jenny has some long hair.

- much
- many
- very



# Student and Group Score Reports

Delivered in minutes, individual and group score reports give detailed insights into students' abilities and how they can improve.



*This is sample data for illustrative purposes only.*



## Lucas Nelson

Date assigned: 09/11/2019

Date taken: 09/11/2019

Institution: The Pearson School of English

### Current Capabilities

A student at this level has a limited range of words, very basic structures and phrases related to personal details or very familiar routine topics. They understand basic information if delivered slowly and clearly, and in a very basic and limited way. They can give key personal information or answer some simple questions. They can write a few simple sentences about themselves, or things they or other people have.

OVERALL SCORE

**36**

GSE

Overall score given on the GSE scale

Description of overall language ability

### Scores for Each Skill

BENCHMARK LEVEL 1 - #02



Visual chart for clear information at a glance

Comparison to previous score indicates progress per skill

### Course Mapping

SELECT A BOOK

View activities in Pearson courses to aid lesson planning

### Listening: 36

#### PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

Students at this level are able to follow short basic classroom instructions. They have a limited range of understood vocabulary and a limited range of understood questions/answers. They can recognise simple formal greetings and use some basic words to show politeness ( e.g. 'please' , 'Thank you', 'Excuse me', 'Sorry')

#### RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

Give the student repeated exposure to sounds, words and very simple phrases accompanied with visual support so as to reinforce the link between early listening and meaning.

#### SUGGESTED GSE LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Can understand cardinal numbers from 1 to 20.  
Can recognise a few familiar everyday words, if delivered slowly and clearly.

Recommendations and suggested learning objectives to guide future teaching and learning

Breakdown of scores and detailed description of ability for each language skill

### Reading: 38

*Learning English  
has never been  
so exciting.*

Pearson English works together with the education community to make a difference, address challenges and further positive change.

We find that we all agree: the best part of working in education is seeing learners make progress in their lives.

That's our inspiration, and the inspiration behind the products, services, resources and ideas that you'll find at Pearson English.

**Let's make a difference, together.**

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