

## Cambridge First – Key changes for 2015

2015 exam		Old exam		Key differences
<b>Reading &amp; Use of English</b> 75 mins	<b>Part 1</b> 4-option M/C cloze 8 items	<b>Use of English</b> 45 mins	<b>Part 1</b> 12 items	4 fewer items shorter text
	<b>Part 2</b> Open cloze 8 items		<b>Part 2</b> 12 items	4 fewer items shorter text
	<b>Part 3</b> Word formation 8 items		<b>Part 3</b> 10 items	2 fewer items shorter text
	<b>Part 4</b> Key word transformations 6 items		<b>Part 4</b> 8 items	2 fewer items
	<b>Part 5</b> 4-option M/C 6 items	<b>Reading</b> 60 mins	<b>Part 1</b> 8 items	2 fewer items shorter text
	<b>Part 6</b> Gapped text 6 items		<b>Part 2</b> 7 items	1 fewer items Shorter text
	<b>Part 7</b> Matching 10 items		<b>Part 3</b> 15 items	5 fewer items shorter text
<b>Writing</b> 80 mins	<b>Part 1</b> compulsory (essay) 140-190 words	<b>Writing</b> 80 mins	<b>Part 1</b> letter or email	Genre is Essay (not letter/email) Output is longer
	<b>Part 2</b> choice of 3 (No story; no set text) 140-190 words		<b>Part 2</b> choice of 4 (including set text)	Fewer genres (article, email/letter, review, report); No set text
<b>Listening</b> 40 mins (approx)	<b>Part 1</b> 3-option M/C 8 items	<b>Listening</b> 40 mins (approx)	<b>Part 1</b>	Questions are no longer recorded
	<b>Part 2</b> sentence completion 10 items		<b>Part 2</b>	Recording is <i>always</i> a monologue
	<b>Part 3</b> Multiple matching (5 themed monologues) 5 items (8 options)		<b>Part 3</b> 5 items (6 options)	2 additional distracters
	<b>Part 4</b> 3-option M/C 7 items		<b>Part 4</b>	
<b>Speaking</b> 14 mins	<b>Part 1</b> Interview	<b>Speaking</b> 14 mins	<b>Part 1</b>	1 minute shorter
	<b>Part 2</b> Individual long turns		<b>Part 2</b>	
	<b>Part 3</b> Collaborative task (written prompts; instructions split into two)		<b>Part 3</b> (picture prompts; all instructions at once)	Written prompts instead of pictures; Task instructions split)
	<b>Part 4</b> Follow up discussion		<b>Part 4</b>	1 minute shorter
<b>Total timing:</b> c. 3 hours 29 mins		<b>Total timing:</b> c. 4 hours		