

THE KET EXAM

- The KET exam consists of three components: Reading & Writing, Listening and Speaking.
- Here is the structure for the KET exam:

PAPER 1: READING & WRITING 1 HOUR					
Reading					
Part	Number of questions	Task types		What do candidates have to do?	
1	6	3-option multiple choice		Read six short real-world texts for the main message.	
2	7	3-option multiple matching		Read seven questions and three short texts on the same topic, then match the questions to the texts.	
3	5	3-option multiple choice		Read one long text for detailed understanding and main ideas.	
4	6	3-option multiple choice cloze		Read a factual text and choose the correct vocabulary items to complete the gaps.	
5	6	Open cloze		Complete gaps in an email (and sometimes the reply too) using one word.	
Writing					
Part	Number of questions	Task types		What do candidates have to do?	
6	1	Guided writing		Write a short email or note of 25 words or more.	
7	1	Picture story		Write a short story of 35 words or more based on three picture prompts.	
PAPER 2: LISTENING 30 MINUTES (APPROX.)					
Part	Number of questions	Task types		What do candidates have to do?	
1	5	3-option multiple-choice		Identify key information in five short dialogues and choose the correct visual.	
2	5	Gap fill		Listen to a monologue and complete gaps in a page of notes.	
3	5	3-option multiple choice		Listen to a dialogue for key information and answer five 3-option questions.	
4	5	3-option multiple choice		Identify the main idea, message, gist or topic in five short monologues or dialogues and answer five 3-option questions.	
5	5	Matching		Listen to a dialogue for key information and match five items.	
PAPER 3: SPEAKING 8-10 MINUTES (APPROX.)					
Part	Timing	Interaction		Task types	What do candidates have to do?
1	3-4 mins.	Interlocutor ↓ Candidate		Interlocutor asks questions to each candidate in turn.	Respond to questions, giving factual or personal information.
2	5-6 mins.	Candidate ↕ Candidate	Interlocutor ↓ Candidate	Discussion task with visual stimulus.	Candidates discuss likes, dislikes and give reasons.