

# A2

## English Practice Test

This sample English A2 Core Test provides a test structure, questions and tasks similar to the certificated Tracktest exam.

The Core Test is focused on the assessment of English receptive skills and contains three sections:

SECTION I: Grammar (Use of English)

SECTION II: Reading Comprehension

SECTION III: Listening Comprehension

Time: 45 minutes.

In the official online version, you must complete each section (grammar, reading, listening) before proceeding to the next section. The optional Speaking&Writing exam can be completed after the successful completion of the Core test.

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## SECTION I: Grammar (Use of English)

1. **George is ..... than Nick.**  
a) tall            b) taller            c) tallest
  
2. **What time ..... Calais tomorrow afternoon?**  
a) do the ferry reach    b) is the ferry reaching            c) does the ferry reach
  
3. **My friend ..... lives in Australia is a nurse.**  
a) who            b) which            c) whose
  
4. **I like walking in the park ..... hot days.**  
a) at            b) on            c) in
  
5. **Centuries ago, people ..... animals for food.**  
a) transported    b) played            c) hunted
  
6. **If he ..... the lottery, he'll go on a round-the-world trip.**  
a) won            b) wins            c) will win
  
7. **John has to get ... early in the morning.**  
a) on            b) up            c) down
  
8. **The door was locked so I ..... go inside.**  
a) will be able to            b) wasn't able to            c) can
  
9. **She often ..... to music when she does the housework.**  
a) listens            b) listening            c) to listen
  
10. **We ..... at the sports centre every Wednesday afternoon.**  
a) are usually meeting    b) usually meet            c) have usually met

11. **That's the man ..... son is a famous actor.**  
a) who            b) where            c) whose
12. **..... is a dairy product.**  
a) Cheese        b) Meat            c) Rice
13. **Greg .... down, opened the book and began to read.**  
a) was sitting            b) sat            c) has been sitting
14. **Levi Strauss was the man ..... invented blue jeans.**  
a) who            b) whose            c) which
15. **You have been to Spain, .....?**  
a) have you        b) you have        c) haven't you
16. **If you study hard, you ..... your exams this time.**  
a) passes            b) pass            c) will pass
17. **This is the park ..... I take my dog every afternoon.**  
a) what            b) where            c) which
18. **..... do you like playing during long winter evenings?**  
a) What            b) Which            c) Why
19. **Use this bowl. It's ..... than the other one.**  
a) big            b) bigger            c) biggest
20. **They ..... to Disneyland last week.**  
a) went            b) had gone        c) will go

*End of Section I (Grammar). Correct: \_\_\_\_\_*

## SECTION II: Reading Comprehension

### Reading Task 1

*Read and answer the questions below.*

#### **WELCOME TO CYBERSPACE!**

Travel around the magnificent world of the Internet with COMEWITHUS.COM.

The Internet: a world of information, entertainment and communication. Are you on-line? If not, think about what you're missing. You could get the latest news it even appears TV: you could take part in discussions about things that interest you with people from around the world; you could make new friends who share your ideas and hobbies; you could send messages to your friends abroad – they will reach them immediately, and at a minimum cost; you could go shopping for anything, anywhere in the world, and pay much less than you would in a shop.

All you need to do is call us FREE on 0800-600-600, and we will take care of everything!

Everything you need will come to your house in 24 hours, and you will be ready to start surfing the net! And, with COMEWITHUS.COM, going on the Internet will cost you very little. For £25 a month, you can have your own Internet connection, and your own e-mail address. So call us now, on 0800-600-600, and start exploring the wonderful world of the Internet!

#### **1. "COMEWITHUS.COM" sell**

- a) TVs                      b) telephones                      c) Internet connections

#### **2. According to the advertisement, with "COMEWITHUS.COM" you can**

- a) make new friends      b) travel abroad                      c) appear on TV

#### **3. If you want to connect to the Internet with "COMEWITHUS.COM" you have to**

- a) send them a message                      b) call them                      c) take part in a discussion

#### **4. Calling "COMEWITHUS.COM" on the phone will cost you**

- a) a fortune      b) very little                      c) nothing

#### **5. What do "COMEWITHUS.COM" give you for £25 per month?**

- a) a computer                      b) an Internet connection                      c) a free telephone

## Reading Task 2

Read the article and mark the sentences below: "True" or "False".

### Hello, People of Thailand!

Whatever country we come from, whatever colour our skin is, we all have one thing in common: we are all people of the world.

Thailand is a beautiful country with a rich culture, just south of China. People call it the jewel of south-east Asia for a good reason. Its tropical climate, white sandy beaches and ancient temples make it a perfect holiday destination. What makes it really special, though, is its people.

Thai people are good-looking. They are short with delicate features. They have got black hair, dark eyes and light brown skin. The Thais are friendly people who are well known for being generous and kind. „We are happy people who have strong wills and are especially proud of our history,“ says Kasem from Bangkok.

Most people in Thailand live in villages. A typical Thai village consists of wooden houses, a school and a Buddhist temple. Most of the people in the villages are farmers and fishermen. The men usually work in the fields or catch fish in the rivers, and the women plant the crops.

Family life is very important in Thailand, and families often eat together. Thai food is very spicy and includes curries, fish, seafood, soups and noodles. „We eat rice with our meals and use a lot of strong spices in our cooking,“ explains Kasem.

Thai people love to enjoy themselves. Popular free-time activities include Thai boxing and watching traditional dance shows. Thais also celebrate many festivals throughout the year. „My favourite holiday is Surin, in November, when we always have elephant football matches,“ says Kasem.

Thailand is a wonderful country. Its fascinating sights, rich cultural history and warm-hearted people make it unique.

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| 1. Many people go fishing and work in fields.        | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. Thai people eat lots of rice and spices.          | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. Thai people like eating alone.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. People of Thailand are very kind.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 5. There are elephant football matches during Surin. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |

## Reading Task 3

Read the notice and mark the sentences below: "True" or "False".

*Do you love computers? Are you aged 14-18? Then why not come to a camp where you can learn about the latest computer technology under the supervision of university professors?*

E-CAMP, Baines University, Massachusetts

Meet teens from all over America and all over the world!

The two-week camp includes a variety of classes: • Learn how to create animated cartoons

- Build radio-controlled cars and robots
- Design computer games

It's fun, too. You won't just be sitting in front of a computer all the time! Every day, we organise outdoor activities like football and basketball. You can even improve your acting skills in our drama workshop. To make a reservation please call 032-5563232 or email [e-camp@mass.edu](mailto:e-camp@mass.edu). There are a limited number of places available so book early! Cost \$500 – includes lessons, accommodation and full board.

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| 1. Only university students can go to e-Camp.             | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. People from various countries are welcome to the camp. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. The camp lasts 14 days.                                | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. You can take part in team sports at the camp.          | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 5. You can book a place only by email.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |

## Reading Task 4

*Read the letter, then answer the questions below.*

Dear Terry,

Greetings from Cairo! The weather is very hot here and I'm having a wonderful time. I'm staying with my friend, Abdullah. He lives in the centre of Cairo.

I've been here since Monday and I've already done lots of things! I've already visited the Khan al-Khalili bazaar. We visited it on Tuesday. You can't imagine how noisy and crowded it was! I bought some lovely handmade souvenirs there. I have also seen the Pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza. I saw them yesterday. They were amazing. I even rode a camel. It was fun! I've been to a traditional restaurant. Abdullah took me there last night. I tried couscous and falafel. The place was fantastic and the food was just delicious.

There are a lot of things I haven't done yet. I haven't been on a boat trip down the River Nile yet, and I haven't visited the Egyptian Museum. We are going on a boat trip tomorrow and we are going to visit the museum one of these days to see the exhibits. We are also going to visit Luxor. The place is famous for its huge temples and statues.

Cairo is a fascinating city – you must visit it one day! Anyway, I'm returning to England on Sunday next week, so I'll call you then.

Best wishes, Jack

### Reading Task 4 questions:

1. **What is the weather like there?**      a) very warm                      b) rain and wind                      c) hot and rainy
2. **Who is Jack staying with?**              a) his Egyptian friend              b) in hotel                              c) in city centre
3. **How long has Jack been there?**        a) a week                              b) since Monday                      c) few days
4. **What did he do yesterday?**  
a) visited Pyramids and rode camel  
b) bought some souvenirs  
c) visited Pyramids and the Sphinx at Giza
5. **What hasn't he done yet?**  
a) visited the Khan al-Khalili bazaar  
b) went on a boat trip down the River Nile  
c) had a coffee with his friend

## Reading Task 5

Read the report and mark the sentences below: "True" or "False".

### Introduction

The purpose of this report is to assess the new Blue Moon restaurant in Abbingdon's city centre, which I visited on 14th May.

### Food and Prices

The menu at the Blue Moon is rather boring for vegetarians as there are only a few salad and pasta dishes to choose from. However, there are plenty of delicious dishes for those who eat meat. I ordered the grilled chicken with Basmati rice. The chicken was very tasty, but the rice was rather cold. I also thought that the Blue Moon was rather expensive.

### Service

The staff at the Blue Moon was friendly and helpful. Even though my guest and I asked a lot of questions, our waiter remained polite and patiently explained many dishes to us. Although it was very busy on the night I visited the Blue Moon, the service was still fast.

### Atmosphere

The comfortable seating, lovely furnishings and live piano music helped to give the Blue Moon a relaxing atmosphere. The excellent food and service definitely made our evening pleasurable.

### Conclusion

The new Blue Moon restaurant in Abbingdon's city centre is, on the whole, a wonderful place to dine. However, I think the manager should make a few changes. Firstly, she should have a wider selection of vegetarian dishes, so that all customers are satisfied. Also she should make sure that all hot dishes are served hot.

Finally, she should lower the prices to give everyone a chance to visit this fabulous new restaurant.

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| 1. The menu is great for vegetarians.           | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 2. The restaurant was rather expensive.         | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 3. The staff was rude.                          | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 4. The restaurant is a wonderful place to dine. | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |
| 5. All hot dishes were served hot.              | <input type="checkbox"/> True | <input type="checkbox"/> False |

End of Section II (Reading Comprehension). Correct: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION III: Listening Comprehension

### Listening Task 1

(from <https://tracktest.eu/english-practice-test-with-answers-a2>)

**Listen and mark the sentences below: "True" or "False".**

1. Brazilians don't like eating with their friends.       True       False
2. Brazilians don't drink coffee in the evening.       True       False
3. Filipinos eat with a fork and a spoon.       True       False
4. Filipinos add rice into their desserts.       True       False
5. Finns like drinking wine.       True       False

### Listening Task 2

(from <https://tracktest.eu/english-practice-test-with-answers-a2>)

**Listen and mark the sentences below: "True" or "False".**

1. Snakes cannot hear.       True       False
2. Snakes lay eggs.       True       False
3. Sea lions live in small groups.       True       False
4. Penguins' eggs are black.       True       False
5. Penguins can be under the water for 18 minutes.       True       False

 **Listening Task 3**

*Listen to Tony talking to a friend about an activity week. What did each person do?*

**1. Lucy:**

- a) ball games            b) water polo    c) ice skating    d) tennis  
e) mountain biking    f) kick boxing    g) climbing      h) boxing

**2. Will:**

- a) ball games            b) water polo    c) ice skating    d) tennis  
e) mountain biking    f) kick boxing    g) climbing      h) boxing

**3. Catherine:**

- a) ball games            b) water polo    c) ice skating    d) tennis  
e) mountain biking    f) kick boxing    g) climbing      h) boxing

**4. Helen:**

- a) ball games            b) water polo    c) ice skating    d) tennis  
e) mountain biking    f) kick boxing    g) climbing      h) boxing

**5. Paul:**

- a) ball games            b) water polo    c) ice skating    d) tennis  
e) mountain biking    f) kick boxing    g) climbing      h) boxing

*End of Section III (Listening). Correct: \_\_\_\_\_*

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## Answer Key:

### Section I: Grammar:

1b (comparatives), 2c (questions), 3a (conjunctions), 4b (prepositions), 5c (vocabulary), 6b (conditionals), 7b (phrasal verbs), 8b (past tenses), 9a (present tenses), 10b (present tenses), 11c (conjunctions), 12a (vocabulary), 13b (past tenses), 14a (conjunctions), 15c (questions), 16c (conditionals), 17b (conjunctions), 18a (questions), 19b (comparatives), 20a (past tenses)

Questions: 20

Correct answers: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section II: Reading:

Task 1: 1c, 2a, 3b, 4c, 5b

Task 2: 1T, 2T, 3F, 4T, 5T

Task 3: 1F, 2T, 3T, 4T, 5F

Task 4: 1a, 2a, 3b, 4c, 5b

Task 5: 1F, 2T, 3F, 4T, 5F

Questions: 25

Correct answers: \_\_\_\_\_

### Section III: Listening:

Task 1: 1F, 2F, 3T, 4T, 5F

Task 2: 1T, 2T, 3F, 4F, 5T

Task 3: 1c, 2e, 3a, 4d, 5g

Questions: 15

Correct answers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total questions: 60**

**The TOTAL correct answers: \_\_\_\_\_**

Calculation of the result: (Correct answers \_\_\_\_\_ / 60) \* 100 = \_\_\_\_\_ %

Cut score for passing the level core test is 65% and more.

With a score of **65% and more**, you would pass the B2 level and get the Tracktest A2 certificate.

With a score of **less than 65%**, you would not pass the A2 level. You can try easier levels or take the same level again after 30 days.