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What is First?

FCE stands for **Certificate in Advanced English** and it represents the level C1 of the CEFR. It is available in the following formats

- **Paper Based (PB) First (CAE)**
- **Computer Based First (CB CAE)**

(exam fee € 229,00)

Why take CAE?

This certificate attests an advanced linguistic knowledge useful in both social and professional situations. Many academic institutions require CAE as an entrance requirement for their courses and programs. It is also widely recognised in the professional world, especially since the advent of globalisation. Cambridge Advanced is recognised by the Italian MIUR and accepted as the standard entry requirement by most European Universities.

What is the exam like?

The exam is divided into four parts: *Reading and Use of English*, *Writing*, *Listening* and *Speaking*. The written tests last approximately 4 hours. The speaking test could take place on a different day from the written part of the exam and its duration is approximately 17 minutes.

How do I prepare for it?

Candidates prepare for Advanced by attending courses, or consulting the wide range of specifically arranged books and materials (paper and digital ones).

To find materials or exams simulations click

<https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams-and-tests/advanced/preparation/>.

When can I do the exam?

Please visit <https://cemdesk.com/ihpalermo/examenes/1/>, select the CAE exams and then CERCA. You will see all the exam dates and will be able to pay online.

The Confirmation of Entry (location, timetable, etc) is sent via e-mail to the candidates the week before the exam. The speaking test may be before or after written papers and not necessarily on the same day.

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