



What is First?

PET stands for **First Certificate in English** and it represents the level B2 of the CEFR. It is available in the following formats

- **Paper Based (PB) First (FCE)**
- **Paper Based (PB) First for schools (FCE fs)**
- **Computer Based First (CB FCE)**
- **Computer Based First for schools (CB FCE fs)**

(exam fee € 222,00)

Why take First?

While preparing for this exam, you will develop language skills, you will be able to construct arguments and use appropriate communication styles for a variety of situations. **First** assures the sufficient proficiency in English to work in various domains. This exam also prepares candidates for higher-level exams, such as **CAE** (Certificate in Advanced English). First is recognised by the Italian MIUR and accepted as a minimum entry requirement for 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 have last approximately 3-and-a-half hours. The speaking test could take place on a different day from the written part of the exam and it lasts approximately 15 minutes.

How do I prepare for it?

Candidates can prepare for First attending courses, or consulting the wide range of specifically arranged books and materials (paper and digital ones). To find materials or exams simulations click <http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/first/preparation/> or <http://www.cambridgeenglish.org/exams/first-for-schools/preparation> if you want the *for schools* version.

When can I do the exam?

Please visit <https://cemdesk.com/ihpalermo/examenes/1/>, select the FCE 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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