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## Introduction



Who is this book for?

If you are aged between 11 and 15 and want to take **A2 Key for Schools**, this book is for you!

Why is this book called 'Trainer'?



This book is called '**Trainer**' because it's full of exercises to help you to get better and better at doing each part of **A2 Key for Schools**.

So, complete all the exercises then do all the practice papers! If you train and work hard, you will soon be ready to take **A2 Key for Schools**!



How do I use this book?

First, do the exercises on each **Training** page and read the tips and advice. Then do the task on the **Exam Practice** page and check your answers.

## On Training pages you will find:



### Cambridge Learner Corpus

This shows information about mistakes that some **A2 Key** candidates make. If you do these useful exercises, you will learn not to make these mistakes when you do **A2 Key for Schools!**



These are ideas to help you do well in the exam. For example: *Read the whole text. Try to understand what it says and why it was written.*

### Remember

These are quick reminders about grammar points or vocabulary that you should learn. For example: *We use **is** with uncountable nouns, e.g. **air, money.***

## On Exam Practice pages, you will find:

- an **A2 Key for Schools exam task** for you to try and complete
- further **tips** and **advice** to help you with different parts of the task

## Tests 3, 4, 5 and 6:

When you finish Tests 1 and 2, you will be ready to do complete **A2 Key for Schools practice tests**.

Tests 3, 4, 5 and 6 are just like real **A2 Key for Schools** Reading and Writing, Listening and Speaking papers. Doing these tests will help you even more to prepare for the exam.

Keep a record of your scores as you do the tests. You may find that your scores are good in some parts of the test, but you may need to practise other parts more. Make simple tables like this to help record your scores:

## Paper 3 Listening

	Part 1	Part 2	Part 3	Part 4	Part 5
Test 3					
Test 4					
Test 5					
Test 6					

## Other features of the A2 Key for Schools Trainer

- **Visual material**

In the Speaking test, the examiner will give you some visual materials. The visual material on pages 157–158 will help you practise and become familiar with the type of information you will be given and help you increase your confidence.

- **Sample answer sheets**

Look at these to see what the **A2 Key for Schools** answer sheets in the test look like and learn how to complete them. Ask your teacher to photocopy them so that you can use them when you do practice tests.

- **Downloadable audio online**

Listen to these to practise the Listening paper. You will also need to listen to these to complete some of the Speaking Training exercises and to hear a demonstration of each part of the Speaking paper.

## The Structure of the A2 Key for Schools exam

The **A2 Key for Schools** exam has three papers:

### **Reading and Writing: 1 hour**

You will need to be able to read and understand simple information that you might see on signs or read in brochures, newspaper or magazine articles. You will also have to choose words to fill gaps in a text and complete a text with your own words. You will have to write an email that is a minimum of 25 words and a short story about three sequenced pictures of 35 words or more.

### **Listening: 30 minutes**

You will need to be able to listen to and understand people who are talking together or people who are giving information about something. You will have to choose or write answers to questions which are about what these people say. Don't worry! The people talk very clearly and they don't talk fast!

### **Speaking: 8–10 minutes (13–15 minutes for three candidates)**

You will need to be able to listen to and understand what the examiner is saying. You will have to answer some simple questions about yourself. You will also be given some pictures to look at and a question to talk about. You will talk about the pictures with another candidate and the examiner. You will then answer some more questions about the topic. You usually take the Speaking test with just one other candidate, but sometimes candidates take the Speaking test in groups of three.