

Cambridge Primary Progression Tests

Introduction

This is a guide for teachers using progression tests. It contains information about the tests and instructions for administering them. It includes other useful advice to help you use the tests effectively. Please take time to read through the guide before you start using the Cambridge Primary Progression Tests with your learners.

Who are the tests for?

The tests are for use by teachers to assess the performance and progress of learners in their classes. As a general guide, Stage 1 will be the first year of primary education and Stage 6 will be the final year. Each stage would usually be taught over the course of a year, but in some cases it may be appropriate for you to take more or less time to teach the material. Cambridge Primary Progression Tests are available at Stages 3–6.

What is tested?

The Cambridge Primary Curriculum Frameworks are designed to support the teaching and learning of English, English as a Second Language, Mathematics and Science. For each subject, the curriculum framework is a series of learning objectives for each stage presented in different content areas, or strands.

The curriculum frameworks also form the basis of what is tested, so questions in the progression tests are linked to the strands and learning objectives. To present these links in the most helpful way, sometimes the same information in the curriculum frameworks is structured differently, in assessment strands, when referring to the tests. The section below explains how the curriculum is assessed and describes the format of the tests for each subject. For detailed information on which learning objectives make up each assessment strand please see the searchable versions of the curriculum frameworks, available on this site.

Language of the tests

The tests assume competency in English but they do not require English to be the learner's first language. The suite of subjects available includes English and English as a Second Language.

Curriculum

The tests are designed to be used with the Cambridge Primary Curriculum Frameworks. If you are not using the Cambridge Primary Curriculum Frameworks but would still like to use the Cambridge Primary Progression Tests you should review the curriculum you are following against the Cambridge Primary Curriculum Frameworks and the progression tests. You will need to interpret your learners' results according to any differences you find in the content you are teaching.