

Cambridge Primary English

Curriculum outline

Cambridge Primary starts learners on an exciting educational journey, setting out what they should be able to do at each stage of their primary education. It develops young learners who are confident, responsible, reflective, innovative and engaged. The programme develops skills and understanding in English, English as a Second Language, mathematics, science and Cambridge Global Perspectives™. It is for learners typically aged 5 to 11.

There is a curriculum framework for each Cambridge Primary subject. Each framework is organised into six stages. They reflect the teaching target for each year group and provide comprehensive learning objectives.

We organise the Cambridge Primary English curriculum in three content areas or 'strands'. Each strand is further divided into 'sub-strands'. The framework promotes an enquiry-based approach to learning, develops thinking skills and encourages intellectual engagement. The three strands and sub-strands are:

Strand: Reading

- Develop broad reading skills.
- Demonstrate understanding of explicit meaning in texts.
- Demonstrate understanding of implicit meaning in texts.
- Explain, comment on and analyse the way writers use stylistic and other features of language and structure in texts.
- Recognise conventions and evaluate viewpoint, purpose, themes and ideas in texts.

Strand: Writing

- Develop broad writing skills.
- Select and develop content and use register and language appropriate to genre, purpose and audience.
- Structure and organise ideas coherently using sections or paragraphs.
- Use a range of sentence structures and punctuation accurately to convey meaning and create particular effects.
- Use accurate spelling.

Strand: Speaking and listening

The curriculum helps learners to communicate confidently and effectively, and to develop critical skills in order to respond to a range of information, media and texts with enjoyment and understanding. It is designed to be successful in any culture and to promote cross-cultural understanding.

The Cambridge Primary English curriculum framework provides a solid foundation for the next stages of education, such as Cambridge Lower Secondary.



Examples from the Reading strand for Stages 1, 3 and 5 of the Cambridge Primary English curriculum include:

Stage 1

Strand: Reading

Demonstrate understanding of explicit meaning in texts

- Read labels, lists and captions to find information.

Demonstrate understanding of implicit meaning in texts

- Anticipate what happens next in a story.
- Talk about events in a story and make simple inferences about characters and events to show understanding.



Stage 3

Strand: Reading

Demonstrate understanding of explicit meaning in texts

- Answer questions with some reference to single points in a text.
- Scan a passage to find specific information and answer questions.
- Identify the main points or gist of a text.

Demonstrate understanding of implicit meaning in texts

- Begin to infer meanings beyond the literal, e.g. about motives and character.
- Infer the meaning of unknown words from their context.

Stage 5

Strand: Reading

Demonstrate understanding of explicit meaning in texts

- Look for information in non-fiction texts to build on what is already known.
- Extract key points and group and link ideas.
- Locate information confidently and efficiently from different sources.

Demonstrate understanding of implicit meaning in texts

- Provide accurate textual reference from more than one point in a story to support answers to questions.
- Identify the point of view from which a story is told.

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- If you are a Cambridge Primary school, you can download the full curriculum framework from our password-protected Cambridge Primary support site
- If you are a Cambridge school and would like to offer Cambridge Primary, complete and return our *Additional Qualification Types* form.
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