

Was unsere Schüler am Ende der Mittelschule können – der KET-Test

During the course of our work, we decided to do some empirical research in order to establish the students' language competence level when they begin their first year at high school and to confirm our expectation that 70% of those students completing the first two years at a high school will reach the B1 level.

Initially, we had planned on sending 6 students (2 with a very good working knowledge of English, 2 with an average working knowledge, and 2 with an adequate working knowledge) from a first form at each of our schools to the Cambridge Key English Test in Bolzano. However, as the first opportunity for such had already taken place in the fall of 2008, and the next exam was not until the spring of 2009, we decided to do the exam internally. In December 2008 twenty-three students were tested at Fachoberschule für Soziales Marie Curie in Merano and six students were examined at Gewerbeoberschule-Bruneck.

As we do not know the exact criteria used by the official KET examiners for the oral part of the exam, the data for such is not given here.

The results verify that the language competency level of most middle school graduates is A2, and that the students can reach B1 by the end of the first two years at high school.

The results are as follows:

	KET Paper 1 (Reading and Writing) Time allowed: 70 min, total pts: 60			KET Paper 2 (Listening) Time allowed: 30 min, total pts: 25	
	Time needed	Points	Grading	Points	Grading
Student 1	32 min	43	Pass	22.5	Pass with Merit
Student 2	45 min	54	Pass with Merit	23	Pass with Merit
Student 3	47 min	42	Pass	23	Pass with Merit
Student 4	50 min	41	Narrow Fail	19	Pass
Student 5	37 min	44	Pass	22	Pass with Merit
Student 6	33 min	40	Narrow Fail	21	Pass
Student 7	46 min	45	Pass	24	Pass with Merit
Student 8	20 min	46	Pass	23	Pass with Merit
Student 9	42 min	42	Pass	19	Pass
Student 10	30 min	40	Narrow Fail	21	Pass
Student 11	49 min	43	Pass	22	Pass with Merit
Student 12	32 min	48	Pass	24	Pass with Merit
Student 13	47 min	47	Pass	21	Pass
Student 14	36 min	53	Pass with Merit	24	Pass with Merit
Student 15	34 min	54	Pass with Merit	21	Pass
Student 16	42 min	46	Pass	21	Pass
Student 17	45 min	44	Pass	21	Pass
Student 18	40 min	48	Pass	22	Pass with Merit
Student 19	31 min	49	Pass	23	Pass with Merit
Student 20	40 min	55	Pass with Merit	24	Pass with Merit
Student 21	60 min	37	Fail	16	Fail
Student 22	41 min	37	Fail	23	Pass with Merit
Student 23	46 min	39	Narrow Fail	23	Pass with Merit
Student 24		42	Pass	25	Pass with Merit
Student 25		49	Pass	18	Pass
Student 26		43	Pass	21	Pass
Student 27		54	Pass with Merit	24	Pass with Merit
Student 28		26	Fail	22	Pass with Merit
Student 29		31	Fail	20	Pass

Key:

≥ 85% → Pass with Merit

≥ 70% → Pass

> 65% → Narrow Fail

< 65% → Fail

For more information concerning the Key English Test refer to <http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams/general-english/ket.html>.