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ENGLISH EDITION

Cambridge IGCSE English Language Practice Set 2026

Year 10-11 · Real Exam Format · 0500 / 0990 / 0510

This practice set is written for Cambridge IGCSE English as a First Language (0500) and English as a Second Language (0990/0510) students. It follows the real exam format of Paper 1 (Reading) and Paper 2 (Directed Writing and Composition), and suits Year 10 and Year 11 students preparing for the IGCSE exam.

What you get in this set

- ✓ 4 Reading Comprehension passages with exam-style questions
- ✓ 4 Summary Writing tasks
- ✓ 4 Directed Writing tasks (letter, report, article, speech)
- ✓ 4 Composition titles (narrative and descriptive)
- ✓ Vocabulary and grammar practice
- ✓ Full answer scheme, model summaries and model writing plans

> **How to use this set:** do each task within the time shown in its header, then check your work against the answer scheme at the back before you correct it.

The Real Exam Format

Quick Guide

Paper	Focus	Time & Marks
Paper 1 · Reading	2 non-fiction passages with comprehension, vocabulary and summary questions	2 hours · 80 marks
Paper 2 · Directed Writing & Composition	Section A: 1 directed writing task (letter / report / article / speech). Section B: 1 narrative or descriptive composition	2 hours · 80 marks

Tips for high marks

1. **Reading** – answer in full sentences and in your own words. Do not copy straight from the passage unless the question asks you to quote.
2. **Summary** – include only the key points, leave out your own opinions and stay within the word limit.
3. **Directed Writing** – identify the form (letter / report / article / speech) and use the right tone (formal or informal) for the audience.
4. **Composition** – build a clear plot or a clear structure of detail, and use varied, precise vocabulary.

Passage 1: The Last Bookshop in Town

Reading Comprehension · 25 minutes

When the last independent bookshop in Millbrook closed its doors last spring, many residents felt they had lost more than a place to buy books. For thirty-two years, Thornfield Books had stood on the corner of Elm Street, its narrow aisles crammed with everything from dog-eared paperbacks to first editions kept behind glass. The owner, Margaret Ellis, had inherited the shop from her father and had refused, for decades, to install a single computer. "People come here to slow down," she once told a local reporter, "not to scroll faster." Yet even her most loyal customers admitted that online retailers, with their overnight delivery and discounted prices, had become impossible to compete with. In the shop's final week, dozens of former customers returned simply to say goodbye, many carrying photographs of themselves as children sitting on the shop's creaking wooden stairs. Margaret says she does not regret keeping the shop open as long as she did, even though the final years brought increasing financial strain. "Some things," she said, folding a stack of old receipts into a box, "are worth doing even when they don't make sense on paper."

Original article about an independent bookshop – non-fiction text

1. How long had Thornfield Books been open before it closed? **[1 mark]**

2. Give two details from the passage that suggest the shop was old-fashioned. **[2 marks]**

3. In your own words, explain why Margaret Ellis says people come to the shop. **[1 mark]**

4. Why, according to the passage, did the shop eventually have to close? Use your own words. **[2 marks]**

5. What does the final quotation ('worth doing even when they don't make sense on paper') suggest about Margaret's attitude towards running the shop? **[2 marks]**

Summary 1

Summary Writing · 20 minutes

Based on Passage 1 (The Last Bookshop in Town)

In NO MORE than **80 words**, summarise the reasons the bookshop found it hard to stay open, and how customers reacted to its closure.

Remember: use your own words, write in full sentences (a paragraph, not a list), and do not repeat the same idea twice.

Task 1: Formal Letter

Directed Writing

Instructions

Your school is considering introducing a new school uniform. Write a letter to your principal giving your views on this proposal. Include at least three arguments and suggest improvements.

16 marks · 250-350 words

1. Identify the correct form (letter / report / article / speech) and use the matching structure.
2. Plan 3-4 main ideas before you write.
3. Match your tone to the audience (formal for an official letter, friendly for a teen article).

Grammar – Tenses

Grammar Practice

Write the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. By the time we arrived, the film _____ (already/start).
2. She _____ (live) in London for ten years before she moved to Kuala Lumpur.
3. I _____ (finish) my homework by 8pm tonight.
4. They _____ (play) football when it started to rain.
5. He _____ (never/visit) Japan before last year.
6. We _____ (wait) here for two hours now.

Answer Scheme – Reading Comprehension

Passages 1 & 2

Passage 1: The Last Bookshop in Town

1. Thirty-two years.
2. Any two: narrow aisles crammed with paperbacks / first editions kept behind glass / the owner refused to install a computer / creaking wooden stairs.
3. Because they want to slow down and take their time, rather than rush through life.
4. It could not compete with online retailers, which offered faster delivery and cheaper prices, so it faced growing money problems.
5. It suggests she valued the shop for reasons beyond profit – its meaning to the community and to herself – and was willing to accept financial loss to keep it running.

Passage 2: Racing the Tide

1. They walked too far along the beach without checking how quickly the tide was coming in.
2. Any one: 'in the space of a few heartbeats' / 'became... something closer to panic'.
3. A nervous, relieved laughter that comes right after a frightening experience ends safely – a mix of shock and relief rather than real amusement.
4. They look out for each other – the brother pulls the narrator along whenever they slow down, showing care and protectiveness in the emergency.

Cambridge IGCSE English Language (0500/0990)

Set Latihan 2026

Year 10-11 · Format Sebenar

Set latihan ini dibina khas untuk pelajar **Cambridge IGCSE English as a First Language (0500)** dan **English as a Second Language (0990/0510)**, mengikut format kertas sebenar Paper 1 (Reading) dan Paper 2 (Directed Writing and Composition). Sesuai untuk pelajar Year 10 dan Year 11 yang bersedia untuk peperiksaan IGCSE.

Apa yang anda dapat dalam set ini:

✓ 4 petikan Reading Comprehension + soalan gaya sebenar
✓ 4 latihan Summary Writing (ringkasan)
✓ 4 tugasan Directed Writing (surat, laporan, artikel, ucapan)
✓ 4 tajuk Composition (naratif & deskriptif)
✓ Latihan kosa kata & tatabahasa (grammar)
✓ Skema jawapan & contoh jawapan model penuh

> Cadangan penggunaan: siapkan setiap petikan dalam masa yang ditetapkan (lihat penanda masa di setiap set), kemudian semak jawapan anda dengan skema jawapan di muka surat terakhir sebelum membuat pembetulan.

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