

Centre for Evaluation & Monitoring

Cambridge CEM Assessments - Secondary

A guide for students

Why am I doing an assessment?

It's a way for your teachers to understand some of the things you can do easily, and the things you might need some help with. It's like a quiz, and you should do your best to answer the questions so your teachers get a good understanding of where you might need more help, but there is nothing to worry about and there is no such thing as doing badly.

What will happen?

You will answer some questions on screen in subjects that will be familiar to you, like Maths and English vocabulary.

The questions will be a mixture of things that will be easier for you to answer and things that will be challenging. You shouldn't worry if there are questions you find hard – it's designed to show you some questions that will be too challenging for you.

You will see some example questions at the start of each section, which will show how to answer the questions. You will also see how long the assessment section will last.

All students will see different questions at different times, so the people near you will not have the same questions on screen, and they might finish at different times to you. The finish time does not mean anything about how it went. If you do finish before others, try not to distract them.

You will have a paper and a pen to use if you want to.

How will I answer the questions?

If you are using a computer, you will use the mouse or keypad to answer the questions.

If you are using a tablet, you will use the touch screen to answer the questions.

Some questions have multiple choice answers, and for others you will type in your answer.

If anything is unclear, let an adult in the room know.