Hints and tips
Cambridge English Qualifications
B2 First

READING & USE OF ENGLISH

Use of English (Parts 1-4)

- Parts 1 & 2 – check that your gap-fill answers fit the whole sentence, not just the first part.
- Part 3 – check the part of speech of your answer. Should it be a verb, noun, adverb or adjective? And should it be negative? Plural?

Reading (Parts 5-7)

- Always find evidence for all your answers in the texts – it’s there!
- Parts 6 and 7 – involve going backwards and forwards between texts and sentences. Try not to get distracted by words you don’t understand. You may not need them.

WRITING

- You must ensure that you answer the questions using the notes provided.
- Follow carefully the instructions on your question paper for both tasks.
- Be careful to organise your writing so that it is easy to follow. Keep your reader in mind!

LISTENING

- Read the questions very carefully before you listen. Underlining key words.
- Write clearly and don’t include ‘extra’ words or information. Only write what is asked for.

SPEAKING

- The exam is at B2 level – this means you should be able to converse on a wide range of general subjects.
- Try and forget that you are doing an exam. Participate actively in all the tasks and interact with your partner as naturally as you can.