



PRE A1 EXAMS



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PRE A1 GEP Exams Description

Global Language Training provides the GEP PRE A1 exams for young learners enrolled in the first years of schooling.

These tests have been designed by renowned pedagogists with significant expertise in the field of early childhood language education, in particular, applicable to children enrolled in primary school.

The significant increase in young learners registered in English language programs around the world has led to a growing demand for this assessment.

The key premise for Global Language Training has been to create an online, internationally-accepted English language proficiency test, for children ages 6 to 12.

The completion of these tests is highly motivational for the child and has a positive impact on their future language learning endeavors.



PEDAGOGICAL BASIS: Built to Motivate

The young learners exams offered by Global Language Training are Dolphins, Bears and Lions. The exams have been designed to celebrate the children's progress and achievement in their new language, propel their learning confidence and involve parents in the process.

All three PRE A1 GEP exams are designed to reflect accurate proficiency, be affordable and made easily available to children around the world.

Ongoing learning

All tests have been conceived to motivate children to access English-language content online and offline, via children's books, songs, television, films and other internet materials such as videos and games.

The tests are geared to facilitate and promote the usage of English as an international language for communication.

Preparation for future achievement

The young Dolphins, Bears and Lions exams are designed to demonstrate language proficiency in children at a PRE-A1 level of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).



Children who take the GEP Lions Exam can immediately aim for learning at the CEFR A1 level and beyond.

PRE A1 Exam Levels

These three exams have been expertly designed for young learners within the PRE A1 GEP exam framework. This evaluates students in their early language learning process. The three levels are:

- Dolphins (PRE A1- 1)
- Bears (PRE A1- 2)
- Lions (PRE A1- 3)

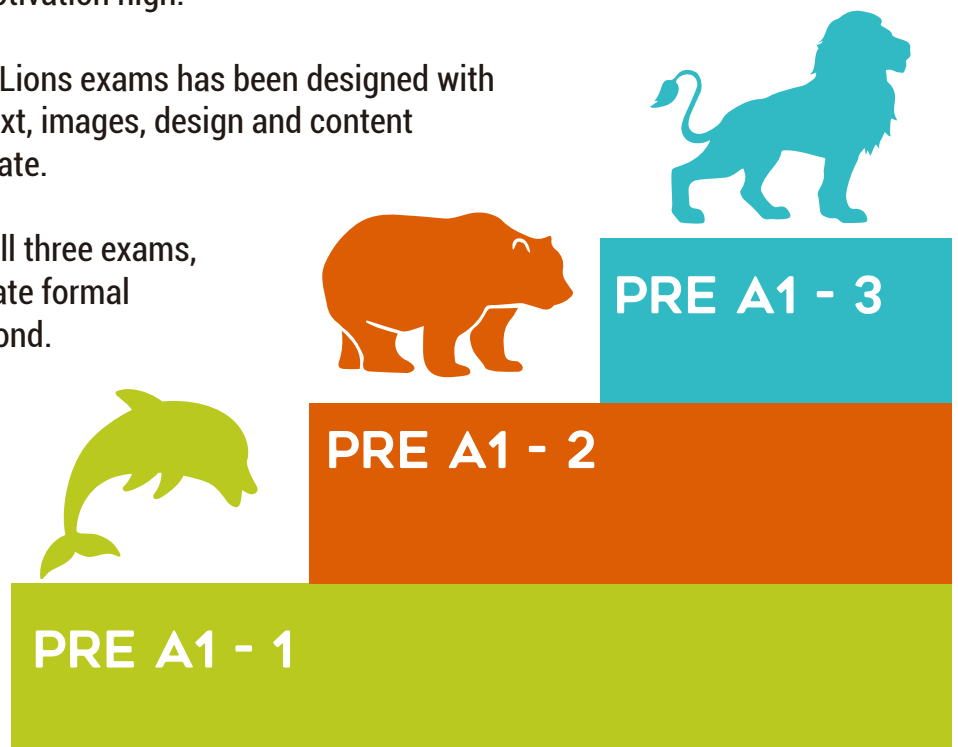
All three exams in the suite are designed to test three of the core language skills (language use, reading, and listening).

Schools are encouraged to conduct speaking tests on-site to complement the online version. Global provides dedicated support and academic assistance for this to take place.

Each of the exams at the Pre A1 level is designed with increased level of difficulty, with the aim of testing the knowledge of the child while maintaining learning motivation high.

The GEP Dolphins, Bears and Lions exams has been designed with the youngster in mind, with text, images, design and content developed to be age-appropriate.

When successfully finishing all three exams, the candidate is ready to initiate formal testing from level A1 and beyond.



DOLPHINS (PRE A1 - 1)

Dolphins Exam advantage

The GEP Dolphins Exam initiates the testing sequence for young candidates at the Pre A1-1 Level. Students at this level have approximately six months to one year of formal and informal training in the English language.

The exam is designed to motivate and introduce the child into the testing environment with a low degree of difficulty.

Skills tested under the Dolphins Exam

- Language Use
- Listening
- Reading

Tested capabilities

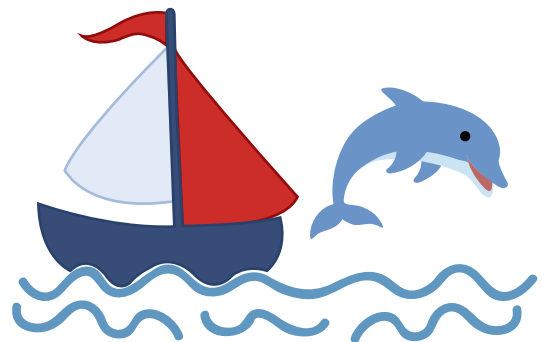
Children who take the Dolphins Exam are able to understand simple expressions in the simple present, as well as numbers, descriptions and familiar words in their immediate surroundings.

Learners at this level can interact in a simple way and ask and answer simple questions about themselves.

In particular they are able to:

Identify and describe simple objects, people and forms

- Distinguish colors, numbers and shapes
- Identify familiar locations such as school, home, a hospital, a restaurant etc.



Listen and comprehend simple spoken words related to familiar objects, activities and conditions

- Animals: snake, cat, dog, etc.
- Object states and conditions: clean, hungry, blue, etc.
- Food: bread, juice, sandwich, hamburgers, lemons, etc.
- House objects: fork, dress, perfume, purse, etc.

Read and understand simple descriptions of objects and people

- Nationality, age and overall description: 'Tony is American and has blue eyes', 'Sofia is 10' etc.
- Birth locations or origins, such as London, Paris, Beijing, etc.
- Tastes and activities, such as 'Marlon likes hot dogs', 'Jack plays tennis', etc.



BEARS (PRE A1 - 2)

Bears Exam advantage

The GEP Bears Exam continues the testing sequence for young candidates at the Pre A1- 2 level. Students at this level have approximately one to two years of formal and informal training in the English language.

The Bears Exam further tests the candidate's ability to identify and describe familiar people, places, activities and objects in the present tense.

The exam is also designed with a low to medium degree of difficulty appropriate for the age segment.

Skills tested

Language Use, Listening, Reading

Tested capabilities

Students can understand characteristics of people and places in their familiar surroundings, as well as initiate and respond to simple statements in areas of immediate need or on very familiar topics.

In particular they are able to:

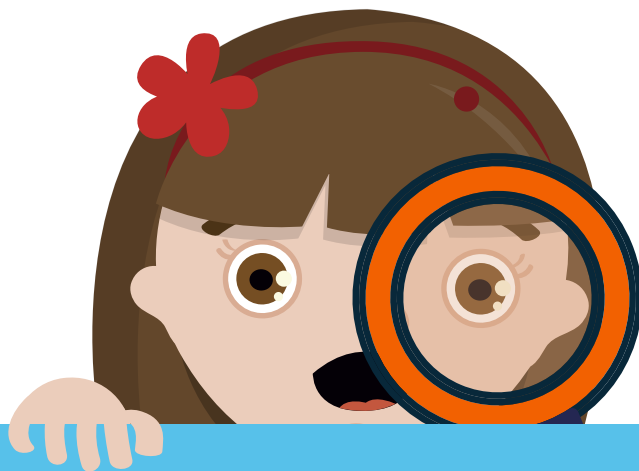


Listen to descriptions of people, schools, pets, etc., and correctly:

- Identify, name or select people
- Understand the concept of age
- Describe school conditions
- Describe a pet's behaviour or personality
- Distinguish or select from a group of people/pets according to a certain characteristic

Read and understand short texts and correctly:

- Identify locations or places where activities take place.
- Understand a person's main features, describe his/her main activity and place of origin
- Spell simple words
- Describe a person's main interests or preferences

**IDENTIFY****UNDERSTAND****DISTINGUISH**

LIONS (PRE A1 - 3)

The GEP Lions Exam is the last stepping stone in the testing sequence for young candidates at the Pre A1-3 level.

Students at this level typically have approximately two to three years of formal and informal training in the English language.

The Lions Exam further tests the candidate's ability to identify and describe familiar people, places, activities and objects in the present tense.

The exam is designed with a low to medium degree of difficulty appropriate for the age segment.

Skills tested

Language Use, Listening, Reading

Tested capabilities

Students are able to understand simple, standard speech in the simple present tense and recognize familiar words and basic phrases concerning themselves, their family and immediate concrete surroundings.



Students can also understand very short, simple texts, picking up familiar names and basic phrases one at a time and reading as required.

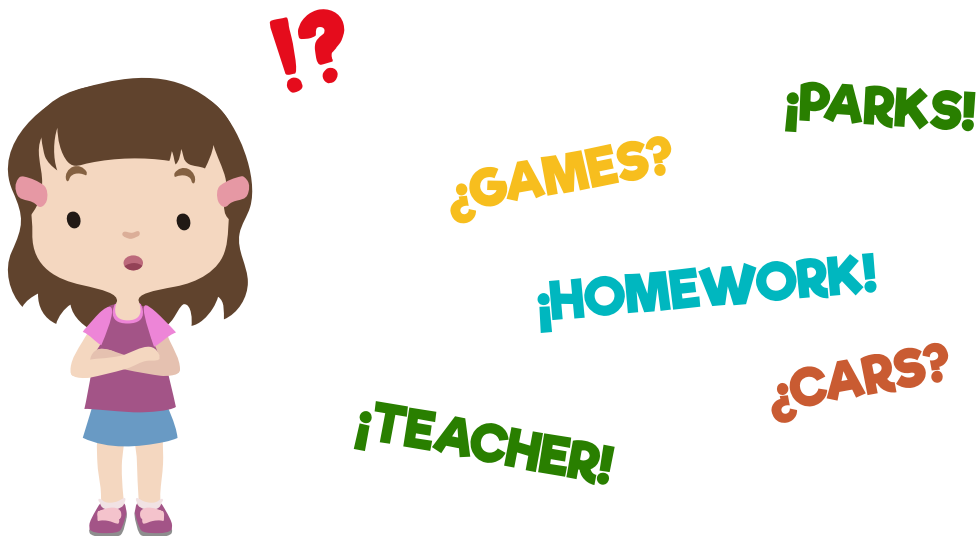
In particular, they are able to:

Listen to and understand descriptions of common functionality

- Basic usage of technology and electronics, internet, and games
- Seasonal activities
- Transportation vehicles such as trains, airplanes, and cars

Read and comprehend roles, places, items, hobbies and basic instructions

- Familiar roles such as “teacher”, “doctor” and “student”
- Games, sports, and music
- Use for common places such as hospitals, parks, and schools
- Questions related to the usage of time
- Household items such as TV, fridge, etc.
- Homework and chores



PRE A1 EXAMS FORMAT AND SCORING

Test results are reported using badges as an indication of progress in each skill.

A maximum of five badges are available per exam and 15 badges are available for the entire suite from Dolphins to Lions.

Online advantage

Because of the online format learners are provided with a wide availability of test dates as required by the schools. All 3 exams in the suite have the same number of topics, questions, timings, and marks.

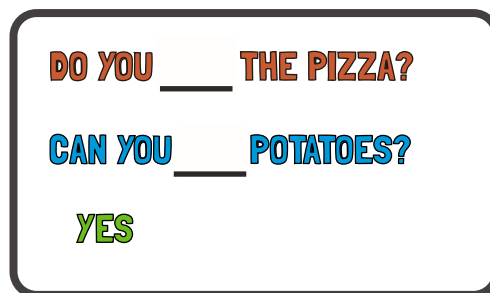


In every test, children respond to audiovisual prompts and answer simple questions to get them through the evaluation material.

All 3 PRE A1 GEP tests lead to a corresponding certificate regardless of the score reached.

Test sections and timings

- Part 1. Language use (10 minutes)
- Part 2. Reading (10 minutes)
- Part 3. Listening (10 minutes)



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Gamification-based scoring

To keep children motivated throughout the testing process the GEP Pre A1 exams were designed with no pass nor fail.

Test results are reported using badges for each section, Language Use, Reading, and Listening.

The certificate shows how many badges the child has received for each section, with a maximum of five badges for each paper and 15 badges in total.

A test result of one (1) badge indicates that a child can improve a lot in that skill. A test result of five (5) badges means that a child did very well in that skill and answered most questions correctly.

A1 TO C1



PRE A1- 3



PRE A1 - 2



PRE A1 - 1



PRE A1 EXAM LOCATIONS AND SECURITY

Children take the online test with all 3 skills the same day at the educational institution.

Flexible identity policies

Different institutions offer different security and identity policies to take the test. All must be pre-approved by Global Language Training.

Certificate access

All candidates receive a certificate printed by the school after the test. Candidates and parents can have access to their personal certificate within the first few days after taking the test.

