## Feedback CEC 2021

## Lycee René Descartes, Rennes

I would say that I was pretty anxious before entering the exam room. Knowing that we were going to begin with the Listening test really put my confidence down. I found it difficult most of the time (to be honest, I'm not used to practicing listening), but then there was the Reading paper and it was far easier! I read English texts every day, so this part of the exam frightened me less. But that doesn't mean it wasn't tiring. I almost cried when I realized there was still the Writing paper.... but the topics were inspiring! I chose to write about the best decision I'd ever made : creating a drawing account. I had plenty of things to talk about, so the hardest was to respect the number of words that was given in the explanations. Then, all the students could rest for a week before the Speaking test, which was pretty cool to me. Even though I was a little shy at the beginning, I gained confidence and it was easier and easier to interact with the teacher. To sum up, the exam was (most of the time) pretty much fun, and since it didn't count for our school average, then we were far less under pressure.

Manon B, LLCE

A great experience. Not the same as the speaking tests we do in class. You don't have to prepare beforehand. It's improvisation!

It's a good way to know exactly what your level is.

**Célestine M**, LLCE

A new way to take an exam. Not a waste of time! A more practical approach to the language than what we do in class. All language skills are covered.

The speaking test is 'natural' and is good training if you plan to visit an English-speaking country.

There is a variety of exercises so it means you can practise using all your knowledge.

You know better where you need to work to improve your skills.

Mathilde G, LLCE

Cambridge was a great experience. I really enjoyed taking the Speaking test. It was quite calm and pleasant to listen and interact with the examiner and my partner. I wish it could have lasted longer. It was similar to a real conversation between friends.

The Listening and the Reading papers were interesting. In fact, they forced me to focus a lot on the meaning of individual sentences.

Finally, I think the Writing test was the most difficult. The subjects didn't really inspire me but then it wasn't very long as we only had to write between 280 and 380 words in all. I'd recommend all students to sit the Cambridge tests. It's a great opportunity.

Eugénie M, LLCE

In my opinion, it was a really good experience because it is absolutely not like what we are used to doing in class. I found it very interesting. Moreover, it's a good way to know your level in the language you have been learning for years. The exam *can* be really hard like the Reading part because it requires a lot of concentration for an extended period of time. But as we don't have to write a lot, it's OK. We just have to be really focused and be careful.

## Gabrielle B, LLCE

My thoughts on the Cambridge assessment are a bit weird, I don't really know if I enjoyed doing it or not. The first exam was a bit boring in my opinion, the listening, reading and writing papers were OK I suppose but in the end I was relieved that it was over. The Speaking exam that I did yesterday morning was more interesting mainly because it was a conversation between humans and not between our notes. The fact that it was only 14 minutes is perhaps another reason why I liked it: when it was over I was not tired or exhausted. In the end, I don't really know if I did great but I will have my answer when I have the results, I guess.

Nathan F, LLCE