# DELF mock test plan

How to use the official sample papers (A1–B2) in 4 weeks

## 1 · Get the official sample papers (free)

France Éducation International, which runs the DELF, publishes free sample papers for every level. Open the page of your level and version:

| Level | DELF tout public (adults) | DELF junior / scolaire (teenagers) |
|---|---|---|
| **A1** | france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-tout-public/niveau-a1/exemples-sujets | france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-junior-scolaire/niveau-a1/exemples-sujets |
| **A2** | france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-tout-public/niveau-a2/exemples-sujets | france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-junior-scolaire/niveau-a2/exemples-sujets |
| **B1** | france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-tout-public/niveau-b1/exemples-sujets | france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-junior-scolaire/niveau-b1/exemples-sujets |
| **B2** | france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-tout-public/niveau-b2/exemples-sujets | france-education-international.fr/diplome/delf-junior-scolaire/niveau-b2/exemples-sujets |

Each page has **2 complete papers** (the 2 formats of the listening and reading tests now in use: no format is easier) and:

- 📄 **Document candidat** — the paper you sit: listening, reading and writing
- ✅ **Document correcteur** — the official answer key and marking scheme
- 📝 **Document surveillant** — the transcript of the listening recordings
- 🎧 **MP3 files** — the listening recordings, one per exercise
- 🗣️ **Épreuve individuelle** — the speaking test: topics and role plays
- 📏 **Grilles d'évaluation** — the official grids used to mark writing and speaking

## 2 · Timings: sit the paper like the real exam

| Level | 🎧 Listening | 📖 Reading | ✍️ Writing | Written total | 🗣️ Speaking |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A1 | 20 min | 30 min | 30 min<br>a form + a short message (40 words min.) | **1 h 20** | 5–7 min (+ 10 min preparation) |
| A2 | 25 min | 30 min | 45 min<br>tell an event + a message (60 words min. each) | **1 h 40** | 6–8 min (+ 10 min preparation) |
| B1 | 25 min | 45 min | 45 min<br>an opinion text (160 words min.) | **1 h 55** | 15 min (+ 10 min preparation for part 3) |
| B2 | 30 min | 60 min | 60 min<br>an argued text (250 words min.) | **2 h 30** | 20 min (+ 30 min preparation) |

Listening: the instructions on the paper tell you how many times you hear each recording. Each section is marked /25. To pass: **50/100 overall** and **at least 5/25 in each section**.


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## 3 · The 4-week plan

**Week 1** **Sample paper 1, in real conditions**
Listening, reading and writing in one sitting, timed, no dictionary. Mark listening and reading with the answer key. Keep your writing for week 2.

**Week 2** **Learn from your mistakes**
Read the transcript while listening again. Note every word you missed. Mark your writing with the official grid, then rewrite it.

**Week 3** **Sample paper 2 (the other format)**
Same routine, timed. Compare your scores with week 1: which section went up, which did not?

**Week 4** **Speaking + your weakest section**
Do the speaking test aloud with the timer (record yourself) and mark it with the oral grid. Spend the rest of the week on your lowest section.

## 4 · My score sheet

| | Listening /25 | Reading /25 | Writing /25 | Speaking /25 | Total /100 | Passed? |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Paper 1 | | | | | | ☐ |
| Paper 2 | | | | | | ☐ |
| Exam week | | | | | | ☐ |

Passed = total of 50 or more AND no section under 5.

## 5 · Marking your own writing

- ✅ **Task first:** did you do everything the instructions ask, with the minimum number of words?
- ✅ **Then language:** vocabulary, grammar and connectors carry more than half of the writing marks.
- ✅ **Use the official grid** from the same page, criterion by criterion, and be strict: examiners are.
- ✅ **Better:** ask a teacher to mark one text with the grid, then mark the next one yourself and compare.

**Do the official papers online, with timers and instant marking**
In our DELF courses, the official sample papers come with an answer sheet that marks your listening and reading automatically, a timer for each section, writing checklists and a Paradise mock exam. Theme 1 of every level is free.
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