



Everything you need to know about English PAU 2026

The University Entrance Examination (PAU) has been updated for 2026.

The new exam framework in 2025 introduced significant changes to structure, task design, and assessment criteria. While some familiar task types remain, the updated PAU places greater emphasis on reading comprehension, integrated skills, critical thinking, and open-ended responses, moving further away from the traditional multiple-choice format.

The regional university bodies have decided to unify all examinations for 2026, adopting the same format, task types, and evaluation criteria.

To support teachers, all our materials have been carefully adapted to align with these new PAU 2026 requirements. These updated resources are designed to help students understand the new task types, develop the skills assessed in the exam, and build confidence with the revised evaluation criteria.

In the table below, you'll find a detailed breakdown of the new formats and task types introduced for each autonomous region.

Also, to help teachers familiarise themselves with the new format, we have prepared a dedicated [PAU 2026 Practice Pack](#). This pack includes:

- 10 Reading and Writing Practice Worksheets
- Reading and Writing Practice Answer Keys
- 20 Writing and Grammar Practice Worksheets
- Writing and Grammar Practice Answer Keys
- 7 Sentence Transformation Worksheets
- Sentence Transformation Worksheets (with answers)

Additionally, a new version of the University Entrance Exam Test Generator—fully updated to reflect all PAU 2026 changes—will be available soon.

This upcoming release will incorporate all new task formats, offering teachers a comprehensive tool for creating exam-style practice materials aligned with the revised assessment.

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Question types by Autonomous Region	Reading text	True/False, provide evidence from text	Rewrite sentences with the given word	Answer questions with own answers	Answer questions Multiple choice	Gap-fill	Synonyms from text	Writing
ANDALUCÍA	350-400 words	4 sentences	6 sentences 2 options		2 questions		4 words/ phrases	2 options 140-180 words
ARAGÓN	400 words	3 sentences	2 sentences	3 questions	4 questions	2 questions Multiple choice	4 words/ phrases	4 options 120-150 words
CANARIAS*	400 words	3 sentences		3 questions		6 gaps	4 words/ phrases	2 options 120-150 words
CANTABRIA	400-500 words 2 options of text and test	4 sentences		2 out of 3 questions	3 questions		4 words/ phrases	2 options 120-150 words
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA*	360 words	4 sentences	6 out of 9 sentences				4 words/ phrases	2 options 150 words
CASTILLA y LEÓN	350-400 words	4 sentences		2 out of 3 questions	3 questions		4 words/ phrases	2 options 120-150 words
CATALUNYA*	650 words		2 sentences No given word	4 questions				2 options 150 words
COMUNIDAD DE MADRID	350 words	3 sentences True/False/Not given	4 out of 6 sentences	2 questions			5 words/ phrases	2 options 140-180 words
COMUNIDAD FORAL DE NAVARRA	Nº words not specified	2 sentences	4 sentences	2 questions			4 words	2 options 140-180 words
COMUNITAT VALENCIANA	380 words	4 sentences		2 questions	3 questions		4 words/ phrases	2 options 130-150 words
EXTREMADURA	400 words	4 sentences		2 out of 3 questions	3 questions		3 words/ phrases	2 options 120-150 words
GALICIA*	300 words	6 sentences True/False/Not given	6 sentences			20 gaps. No multiples choice. Sts are given 25 words to choose from	5 words/ phrases	2 options 120 words
ILLES BALEARES	390 words	4 sentences		2 out of 3 questions	3 questions		3 words/ phrases	2 options 120-150 words
LA RIOJA	350-400 words		4 sentences	2 questions	2 questions	4 gaps Multiple choice	4 words/ phrases	4 options 120-150 words
EUSKADI	400 words	2 out of 3 sentences	6 sentences	4 out of 6 questions		10 gaps Multiple choice	4 words/ phrases	2 options 130 words
PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS	315 words 2 options of text and test		4 sentences	4 questions		4 gaps No multiple choice		2 options 100-120 words
REGIÓN DE MURCIA*	400-500 words	2 sentences	3 out of 5 sentences		2 questions	15 gaps Multiple choice	4 words/ phrases	2 options 150-175 words

Question types by Autonomous Region	Listening comprehension - Multiple choice questions	Complete sentences in your own words	Situations. What would you say?	Pronunciation
CANARIAS*			3 out of 5 situations	
CASTILLA-LA MANCHA*				4 questions
CATALUNYA*	8 questions			
GALICIA*				4 questions
REGIÓN DE MURCIA*		2 sentences		