

English as a Second Language (ESL) – Assessment Guide

The purpose of the ESL assessment is to make sure you're placed in the best classes for your language level and succeed in your English learning goals.

The ESL Assessment has two parts.

Part 1: Writing

- You will be given 30 minutes to write about one topic. The topic is common knowledge, so try your best to write as much as you can.
- The topic is only given at the time of the placement test. You will handwrite it.
- You're not allowed to use a dictionary or the internet.
- After you finish writing, two teachers will read what you wrote and evaluate your written fluency, critical thinking, organization, development, content, grammar, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization.

Part 2: Multiple Choice Test

- This part of the assessment will test your knowledge of:
 - ✓ **Reading Comprehension** – It begins with short dialogs and readings, and after a few questions, the readings get a bit longer and more complex.
 - ✓ **Grammar**
 - ✓ **Vocabulary**
- There are 75 questions.
- You will have 60 minutes to answer the questions.
- You will take this part of the test on a computer.
- You're not allowed to use a dictionary, notes or the internet.

Advice Before Taking the ESL Placement Test

- You should feel rested before taking the placement test.
- Make sure you're not hungry during the exam.