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Every practice question, example and model answer in this book was written by Mocko.

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01

How to use this book

Who the guide is for and the fastest route through it if your test is days away.

The Versant English Placement Test is short, fast and fully automated. It takes about 50 minutes, every question has its own timer, and you can never go back. People who fail to reach their target score rarely lack English. Much more often they are surprised by the format: a sentence that plays only once, a timer that runs out mid-thought, a microphone that stops listening after a few seconds of silence.

This guide removes the surprises. It explains what happens in each of the nine parts, what the scoring engine is actually measuring, and the habits that lift a score. It ends with a complete practice test in the same shape as the real one, followed by an answer key, model answers and a script a friend can read aloud for the listening parts.

If your test is more than two weeks away

1. Read chapters 2 to 4 to understand the test and the score.
2. Work through the part-by-part chapters with a pen in hand.
3. Follow the 14-day plan in chapter 8.
4. Sit the practice test under timed conditions at the end of week one, and again at the end of week two.

If your test is in the next few days

1. Read the format table in chapter 3 and the test-day checklist in chapter 7.
2. Skim the "Common mistakes" boxes in chapters 5 and 6.
3. Sit the practice test once, timed, and read the answer key carefully.

PRACTICE OUT LOUD

Half of the Versant test is spoken. Reading about speaking tasks is not the same as doing them. Whenever this book gives you a speaking example, say your answer out loud, ideally into a phone recorder, and listen back.

02

What the Versant test is

Who uses the Versant English Placement Test, what it measures, and how it differs from IELTS, PTE Academic and the other Versant tests.

Versant is a family of English tests made by Pearson. The version most candidates meet today is the **Versant English Placement Test (VEPT)**: a single online sitting of about 50 minutes that reports an Overall score plus four skill scores for **Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing**.

You do not usually book a Versant test yourself the way you book IELTS. An organization asks you to take it and gives you a Test Identification Number (TIN). Typical examples are employers screening job applicants (customer service, call centers, airlines, hospitality and international companies), language schools and universities placing students into the right class, and professional bodies that need proof of English. Since March 2026, for example, internationally trained lawyers applying through Canada's National Committee on Accreditation must take a proctored VEPT language screen.

What makes Versant different

- **It is scored entirely by machine.** Your speech is scored by speech-recognition technology and your writing by automated scoring. Results arrive within minutes.
- **It is fast.** Most answers last a few seconds. There is no time to plan a long answer, so the test rewards automatic, fluent English over careful composition.
- **It moves forward only.** You cannot go back, change an answer or re-record. When the timer ends, your work is saved as it is.
- **It tests everyday English.** Topics are familiar: work, shopping, travel, family, health. You do not need specialist vocabulary.

Versant compared with IELTS and PTE Academic

	Versant (VEPT)	IELTS	PTE Academic
Length	About 50 minutes	About 2 hours 45 minutes	About 2 hours
Speaking	Recorded, machine scored	Live examiner	Recorded, machine scored
Results	Minutes	Days	Usually within 2 days
Score scale	GSE 10 to 90	Bands 0 to 9	10 to 90
Who asks for it	Employers, schools, professional bodies	Immigration, universities	Universities, immigration

Typical figures. Always check the requirements of the organization that asked you to test.

Other Versant tests you may hear about

Pearson also offers narrower Versant tests, such as a Speaking and Listening test, a Writing test, a Professional English test and a 4 Skills Essentials test. Many of their task types are shared with the placement test. If you were asked to take one of them, the strategies in chapters 5 and 6 still apply to every task type you meet, but check your invitation for the exact parts and timings.

See where you stand today

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The test format at a glance

The nine parts in order, how many questions each has, how long you get and which skill score each one feeds.

The test has **nine parts, lettered A to I, with 81 questions in total**. Parts A to D are spoken into your microphone. Parts E to I are typed. Each part begins with a short instruction screen and an example, read aloud by an examiner voice. Before Part A, you may also be asked for a short, unscored speech sample of up to 30 seconds.

Part	Task	Questions	Time per question	Scores
A	Read Aloud	2	30 seconds	Speaking, Reading
B	Repeat	16	About 15 seconds	Speaking
C	Sentence Builds	10	About 15 seconds	Speaking
D	Conversations	12	Start within about 8 seconds	Listening
E	Typing	1	60 seconds	Typing speed and accuracy only
F	Sentence Completion	20	25 seconds	Reading
G	Dictation	16	25 seconds	Listening
H	Passage Reconstruction	3	30 seconds reading, 90 seconds writing	Writing
I	Summary and Opinion	1	18 minutes	Writing, Reading

Parts A to D form the speaking section. Parts E to I form the writing section, where Summary and Opinion alone takes 18 minutes.

Three things the table does not show

- **Some parts feed a skill you would not expect.** Conversations is answered by speaking but scores your Listening. Sentence Completion is typed but scores your Reading. That is why a strong writer can still lose Reading points by rushing Part F.
- **The speaking parts have a start-within rule.** If you stay silent for too long after the beep (about 10 seconds in Read Aloud, and as little as 6 to 8 seconds in Repeat, Sentence Builds and Conversations),

the test moves on and that item is lost.

- **The audio plays once.** There is no replay button on the questions, so you need to catch each recording the first time.

THE QUICK MATHS OF THE TEST

54 of the 81 questions (Parts B, C, D and G) start with audio you hear only once. Listening under time pressure is the single most important skill on the Versant test, even though only one of the four scores carries its name.

Sit the real format before test day

Mocko runs all nine parts in the real order, with audio that plays once and a timer on every question, so nothing on test day is new.

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04

How the Versant score works

The Global Scale of English, the CEFR levels behind it, how your Overall score is calculated and what the scoring engine rewards.

Your score report shows an **Overall score and four skill scores (Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing)** on the **Global Scale of English (GSE), which runs from 10 to 90**. The report also gives each score a CEFR level, and Pearson may show the older Versant 20 to 80 scale next to it. Typing speed and accuracy are reported separately and do not count toward the Overall score.

The Overall score is based on **all four skills weighted equally**, so each skill is worth a quarter. A weak skill cannot hide behind a strong one: raising your weakest skill by 8 points lifts the Overall score by about 2.

GSE and CEFR

GSE score	CEFR level	What it means in practice
10 to 21	Below A1	Recognises a few words and set phrases.
22 to 29	A1	Handles very simple, slow exchanges on familiar topics.
30 to 42	A2	Manages routine tasks and short, simple conversations.
43 to 58	B1	Copes with most everyday situations and explains opinions simply.
59 to 75	B2	Speaks and writes fluently on a wide range of topics.
76 to 84	C1	Uses English flexibly and precisely at work and in study.
85 to 90	C2	Near-native precision and ease.

The Global Scale of English alignment to the CEFR. Your organization sets its own pass mark.

What score do you need?

There is no pass or fail on the Versant test itself. The organization that invited you decides the minimum, and it may set a minimum for the Overall score, for each skill, or both. Requirements vary widely, so do not guess. Canada's National Committee on Accreditation, for example, sets a minimum Overall score of 66 on the GSE for internationally trained lawyers; candidates below it are asked to take a full test such as IELTS or CELPIP instead. Ask for the exact number before you start preparing, then plan to beat it by a few points: every test has a margin of error.

What the scoring engine rewards

- **Content:** the right words in the right order. In Repeat, Sentence Builds and Dictation, every missing, extra or misplaced word costs you.
- **Fluency:** a smooth, steady pace with natural pauses at phrase boundaries. Long silences, restarts and filler sounds such as "um" make you sound less fluent.
- **Pronunciation:** clear consonants and vowels and sensible word stress. You do not need a particular accent. You need to be easy to understand.
- **Written quality:** in Parts H and I, clear and complete ideas, correct grammar, spelling and punctuation, and a good range of words and sentence patterns.

TYPING SPEED CAN INVALIDATE YOUR WRITING SCORE

Pearson advises typing faster than **12 words per minute** with at least **90% accuracy** in Part E. Below that, the Writing score may not be reliable. If you type slowly, practice now: it is the easiest problem on the whole test to fix.

Get your GSE estimate before the real thing

A full Mocko mock test gives you a GSE score and CEFR level for Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, so you know which skill to work on first.

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05

The speaking section: Parts A to D

Read Aloud, Repeat, Sentence Builds and Conversations: what you do, what is measured, worked examples and the mistakes that cost points.

The first section is recorded through your headset. The examiner voice explains each part and plays an example. After that, each item plays, and your microphone opens for a short window. There is no button to start or stop recording.

Part A: Read Aloud (2 passages, 30 seconds each)

A short passage of about 60 to 70 words appears on screen. You read it aloud and are stopped after 30 seconds. This part feeds both your Speaking and Reading scores.

- Start within a few seconds. You have up to about 10 seconds, but a quick glance at the first sentence is all you need.
- Read at the pace of a news reader, not a racer. Speed earns nothing here, and being cut off before the end costs you nothing.
- Pause at commas and periods. Punctuation is your map for phrasing.
- If you stumble on a word, keep going. Going back to repeat a phrase costs more fluency than the original slip.

TRY IT: READ THIS ALOUD IN 30 SECONDS

You see The city council has announced a plan to plant two thousand trees over the next three years. Most of them will go along busy roads and around schools, where shade is needed most. Residents can also ask for a free tree for their own garden. The council hopes the project will make summers cooler and the air cleaner for everyone.

Part B: Repeat (16 sentences)

You hear a sentence once and repeat it exactly. Sentences start short (three or four words) and grow to around 15 words. You have to start within about 6 seconds.

- **Listen for meaning, not sound.** It is almost impossible to hold 15 random sounds in memory. It is easy to hold one idea: "the package that came this morning was for the neighbor".
- Start speaking as soon as the sentence ends. Waiting lets the memory fade.
- Copy the rhythm and intonation you heard, including the rising tone of questions.

- If you lose a word, say the rest of the sentence smoothly rather than stopping. Partial credit is real.

WORKED EXAMPLE

You hear The meeting has been moved to the large room downstairs.

You say The meeting has been moved to the large room downstairs.

COMMON MISTAKES IN REPEAT

Dropping small words ("the", "has", "to"), changing tense ("was moved" for "has been moved"), and paraphrasing. Paraphrasing shows understanding, but the task scores the exact words.

Part C: Sentence Builds (10 items)

You hear three short groups of words in a jumbled order. You rearrange them into one sensible sentence and say it. You have to start within about 8 seconds.

- Find the subject and the verb first ("she walked", "the printer is"). The other groups hang off them.
- Keep each word group intact. You are moving blocks, not individual words.
- Questions are common. If one group starts with "did you", "how long" or "where", the sentence probably starts there.
- Say the sentence in one smooth breath. A correct order with long pauses loses fluency points.

WORKED EXAMPLE

You hear on the table ... I left ... the invoices

You say I left the invoices on the table.

Part D: Conversations (12 items)

Two speakers exchange three short lines, and then a voice asks a question about what they said. You answer in a word or a short phrase. This part is spoken, but it scores **Listening**.

- Listen for the change or the problem. Conversations are built around one fact that is corrected, cancelled or explained ("It moved to Wednesday", "the machine is not working").
- Answer short. "Platform four" is better than a long sentence that might contain an error.
- Answer the question you heard, not the one you expected. "Why" needs a reason, "when" needs a time.
- If you are unsure, give your best short guess. Silence always scores zero.

WORKED EXAMPLE

You hear	Woman: Is the pharmacy still open? / Man: It closed at six, but the one on Main Street is open late. / Woman: Great, I'll go there.
Question	Where will the woman go?
You say	To the pharmacy on Main Street.

MICROPHONE HABITS THAT PROTECT YOUR SCORE

Keep the microphone about two finger-widths from the side of your mouth, not in front of it, so your breath does not hit it. Speak at a normal volume. Do not whisper because you are in a shared room: the engine cannot score what it cannot hear.

Practice speaking with real audio

Mocko Premium plays every Repeat, Sentence Builds and Conversations item once, records your answers and scores them, exactly the way the real test does.

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[Practice the speaking section →](#)



06

The writing section: Parts E to I

Typing, Sentence Completion, Dictation, Passage Reconstruction and Summary and Opinion, with model answers and time-management rules.

The second section is typed. Spelling, capital letters and punctuation matter from here on. Keep an eye on the timer in the corner of the screen: when it reaches zero, whatever you have typed is saved and submitted.

Part E: Typing (1 passage, 60 seconds)

A passage of about 90 to 100 words appears, and you copy as much of it as you can in 60 seconds. It does not affect your Overall score, but it is reported, and very slow or inaccurate typing can make your Writing score unreliable.

- Accuracy first, speed second. A typo you stop to fix costs a second. A string of typos costs your accuracy percentage.
- Keep typing until time runs out. Do not stop at the end of a sentence to check your work.
- Practice on a typing site for ten minutes a day if you type fewer than 25 words per minute.

Part F: Sentence Completion (20 sentences, 25 seconds each)

You read a sentence with one word missing and type a single word that fits. This part scores **Reading**, so the skill being tested is understanding the whole sentence.

- Read the entire sentence before you type. The clue is often after the gap ("so I need to charge it").
- Decide what kind of word you need: a noun, a verb, an adjective, a preposition.
- Check the grammar around the gap. After "to", you usually need a base verb. After "a", a singular noun.
- Type exactly one word. Two words, or a word with a spelling mistake, will not be accepted.
- Pick the simple, common word. The answer is almost never rare vocabulary.

WORKED EXAMPLE

You see We missed the start of the film because the _____ was so heavy on the highway.

You type traffic

Part G: Dictation (16 sentences, 25 seconds each)

You hear a sentence once and type it exactly. You are scored on getting the right words in the right order, so spelling matters. Correct punctuation is still good practice. This part scores **Listening**.

- Listen to the whole sentence before you start typing. Typing while it plays splits your attention.
- Type fast, then use the remaining seconds to check: capital letter at the start, punctuation at the end, question mark for questions.
- Watch the small words that disappear in speech: "a", "the", "to", "have", "of", and endings like "-s" and "-ed".
- If you missed a word, write the sentence that makes grammatical sense. A guess can still be right.

COMMON MISTAKES IN DICTATION

Contractions typed out ("we are" for "we're") or the reverse, "there / their / they're", "your / you're", "its / it's", numbers typed as digits when words were more natural, and missing apostrophes in possessives ("the manager's flight").

Part H: Passage Reconstruction (3 passages)

A short paragraph of about 45 to 65 words appears for 30 seconds, then disappears. You then have 90 seconds to rewrite it. You are scored on getting the content right in clear, correct English, not on memorising the exact words.

- While reading, build a simple story in your head: **who, what happened, what problem, what result**.
- Keep the order of events. Scorers look for the same sequence of ideas.
- Use your own words where you forget the original, but keep names, numbers and key facts accurate.
- Aim for three or four complete sentences. Leave ten seconds to fix spelling and punctuation.

WORKED EXAMPLE

You read	Jenna wanted to learn to cook, so she signed up for an evening class at the community center. On the first night, she burned the rice and almost left. The teacher told her that everyone makes mistakes at the start. By the end of the course, Jenna was cooking dinner for her whole family every Sunday.
Good answer	Jenna joined an evening cooking class at the community center because she wanted to learn to cook. On the first night she burned the rice and nearly quit, but the teacher said everyone makes mistakes at first. By the end of the course, she was making Sunday dinner for her whole family.

Part I: Summary and Opinion (1 passage, 18 minutes)

You read an opinion passage of roughly 275 to 300 words. You then write two things in two boxes: a **summary of the author's opinion in 25 to 50 words**, and **your own opinion of at least 50 words**, saying whether you agree or disagree and why. The 18 minutes cover reading and both answers. This part scores Writing and Reading.

Minutes	What to do
0 to 4	Read the passage. Find the author's main claim and the two or three reasons given.
4 to 8	Write the summary: the claim, the main reasons, and any condition the author adds. Count the words.
8 to 16	Write your opinion: a clear position, two reasons, one example, a closing sentence.
16 to 18	Check word counts, spelling, capitals and punctuation.

A simple way to split the 18 minutes.

- **The summary is about the author, not you.** Start with "The author argues that..." and do not add your own views.
- **Stay inside 25 to 50 words.** Under 25 words usually misses key content, and going over 50 means you have not really summarized.
- **Paraphrase.** Copying whole sentences from the passage is not summarising.
- **Your opinion needs a clear position.** "I partly agree" is fine, as long as you explain which part and why.
- **Use linking words** (however, for example, as a result, on the other hand) to show organization.

A REUSABLE OPINION FRAME

I agree / disagree with the author that [claim]. First, [reason one]. For example, [specific example]. Second, [reason two]. Although [point on the other side], I believe [restate position] because [final reason].

Get your writing scored

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Test-day setup and checklist

Equipment, room, browser and timing checks that stop technical problems from costing you points.

Because every answer is recorded and scored automatically, a technical problem looks exactly like a weak answer. Ten minutes of preparation removes most of the risk.

The day before

- Find your Test Identification Number (TIN) and the instructions from the organization that invited you. Check whether the test is remotely proctored.
- Use a computer, not a phone or tablet, with an up-to-date browser (or the Pearson software, if your instructions name it).
- Get a headset with a boom microphone. Laptop microphones pick up keyboard noise and room echo.
- Charge the laptop and plan to keep it plugged in.
- Choose a quiet room with a closed door. Turn off fans and air conditioning if you can: steady background noise interferes with speech scoring.

Right before you start

- Close every other program and browser tab, and silence your phone.
- Allow microphone access when the browser asks.
- Run the system and microphone check carefully. Speak at your normal test volume, not louder.
- Have water nearby. You will speak through Parts A to D almost without a break.
- Keep about 70 minutes free: the test itself takes about 50, plus setup and checks. You cannot pause.

During the test

- Listen to each instruction screen: the example shows exactly what the next items want.
- Never leave a speaking item silent. A short, imperfect answer beats nothing.
- Watch the timer on the writing parts and keep the last seconds for checking.
- Stay on the test screen. Switching windows can be flagged.
- If one item goes badly, let it go. You cannot go back, and the next item is a fresh chance.

08

A 14-day study plan

A day-by-day plan of about 45 minutes a day that covers every part twice and includes two full timed tests.

About 45 minutes a day is enough to make a real difference, as long as you practice under timed conditions and speak out loud. Adjust the plan to spend more time on your weakest skill.

Day	Focus	What to do
1	Diagnose	Read chapters 2 to 4. Type for 5 minutes on a typing site and note your speed. Record yourself reading a news paragraph aloud.
2	Read Aloud	Read three short news paragraphs aloud in 30 seconds each. Listen back for pauses and unclear words.
3	Repeat	Listen to short podcast clips, pause after each sentence, repeat it exactly. 30 sentences.
4	Sentence Builds	Write 15 sentences, cut each into three chunks, shuffle them, and say the sentence without looking.
5	Conversations	Watch a short dialogue scene. After each exchange, pause and answer: who, what, when, where, why.
6	Sentence Completion	Take any article, cover one word per sentence and guess it. Aim for 30 sentences in 15 minutes.
7	Full test 1	Sit the practice test in this book, timed. Mark it with the answer key. List your three weakest parts.
8	Dictation	Type 20 sentences from an audiobook or podcast, playing each once. Check spelling and punctuation.
9	Passage Reconstruction	Read a 60-word news paragraph for 30 seconds, hide it, rewrite it in 90 seconds. Repeat five times.
10	Summary and Opinion	Read an opinion column. Write a 40-word summary and a 70-word opinion in 18 minutes.
11	Weakest part	Repeat the drill for your weakest part from day 7, twice as long.

Day	Focus	What to do
12	Speaking fluency	Record 2 minutes on everyday topics (your job, your city). Cut filler words on the second take.
13	Full test 2	Sit a second full timed test (the Mocko mock test works well here). Compare with day 7.
14	Rest and setup	Check your equipment and room using chapter 7. Light review only. Sleep well.

Use Mocko for your two full tests

Days 7 and 13 of the plan are full timed tests. Take one on Mocko to get real audio, real timers and a score report for every skill.

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09

Practice with real audio on Mocko

How to sit the whole test with real audio and the same timers on Mocko: a free Writing test to start, full mocks and Speaking on Premium.

A printed book has one big limit: it cannot play audio or listen to you. For the 54 audio questions and the whole speaking section, you need a friend to read the script at the back of this book, or you need a computer-based simulation.

Mocko is an online practice platform with full Versant-style mock tests: all nine parts in the real order, audio that plays once, per-question timers and automatic scoring. After each full mock test you get a report with a GSE score and CEFR level for Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing, plus feedback on your written answers and the parts that cost you the most points.

- **Free:** a Versant Writing practice test with a scored report.
- **Premium:** full-length mock tests, the speaking section scored from your own recordings, and detailed reports for every part.

Take a Versant practice test on Mocko

Start free and get your first score report in minutes.

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Start practicing free →



Full Versant practice test

9

parts

81

questions

50 minutes

approximately

This practice test follows the shape of the Versant English Placement Test: nine parts, 81 questions, in the same order and with the same timings. All questions are original and written for this book.

Parts B, C, D and G are listening tasks. On the real test you hear them once through headphones. To practice from paper, ask a friend to read the partner script at the back of the book, once, at a normal speaking pace, while you keep this section open. Or take them with real audio in a Mocko Premium mock test.

Use a timer, record your spoken answers on your phone, and write or type your written answers. Do not look at the answer key until you have finished.

Part	Task	Questions	Timing
A	Read Aloud	2	2 passages, 30 seconds each
B	Repeat	16	16 sentences, start within about 6 seconds
C	Sentence Builds	10	10 items, start within about 8 seconds
D	Conversations	12	12 items, start within about 8 seconds
E	Typing	1	1 passage, 60 seconds
F	Sentence Completion	20	20 sentences, 25 seconds each
G	Dictation	16	16 sentences, 25 seconds each
H	Passage Reconstruction	3	3 passages, 30 seconds reading and 90 seconds writing
I	Summary and Opinion	1	1 passage, 18 minutes

A**Part A: Read Aloud**

Speaking · 2 passages, 30 seconds each

Read each passage aloud in a clear, natural voice. You have 30 seconds per passage. You do not need to finish.

A1

Our town library opened a new reading room last month. It has large windows, soft chairs and a small cafe near the entrance. Many students go there after school to finish their homework. On weekends, parents bring young children to the story hour, which starts at ten o'clock. The librarians say the room is busiest on rainy days, when nobody wants to stay outside.

A2

Walking is one of the easiest ways to stay healthy. You do not need special equipment or a gym membership, only a pair of comfortable shoes. Doctors often suggest walking for thirty minutes a day. It can lower stress, help you sleep better and give you more energy at work. If you are busy, try getting off the bus one stop early and walking the rest of the way.

B**Part B: Repeat**

Speaking · 16 sentences, start within about 6 seconds

Your partner reads each sentence once. Repeat it exactly, starting straight away.

Listening part. Partner script: page at the back of the book. Keep your eyes off the script. Want real audio and timers? [Take this part on Mocko.](#)

B1 Listen, then answer out loud.

B3 Listen, then answer out loud.

B5 Listen, then answer out loud.

B7 Listen, then answer out loud.

B9 Listen, then answer out loud.

B11 Listen, then answer out loud.

B13 Listen, then answer out loud.

B15 Listen, then answer out loud.

B2 Listen, then answer out loud.

B4 Listen, then answer out loud.

B6 Listen, then answer out loud.

B8 Listen, then answer out loud.

B10 Listen, then answer out loud.

B12 Listen, then answer out loud.

B14 Listen, then answer out loud.

B16 Listen, then answer out loud.



Part C: Sentence Builds

Speaking · 10 items, start within about 8 seconds

Your partner reads three groups of words in a mixed-up order. Put them in the right order and say the sentence.

Listening part. Partner script at the back of the book. Your partner reads the three groups with a short pause between them. Want real audio and timers? [Take this part on Mocko.](#)

C1 Listen, then answer out loud.

C3 Listen, then answer out loud.

C5 Listen, then answer out loud.

C7 Listen, then answer out loud.

C9 Listen, then answer out loud.

C2 Listen, then answer out loud.

C4 Listen, then answer out loud.

C6 Listen, then answer out loud.

C8 Listen, then answer out loud.

C10 Listen, then answer out loud.



Part D: Conversations

Speaking · 12 items, start within about 8 seconds

Your partner reads a short conversation and a question. Answer the question in a word or a short phrase.

Listening part. Partner script at the back of the book. Ideally two people read the two speakers. Want real audio and timers? [Take this part on Mocko.](#)

D1 Listen, then answer out loud.

D3 Listen, then answer out loud.

D5 Listen, then answer out loud.

D7 Listen, then answer out loud.

D9 Listen, then answer out loud.

D11 Listen, then answer out loud.

D2 Listen, then answer out loud.

D4 Listen, then answer out loud.

D6 Listen, then answer out loud.

D8 Listen, then answer out loud.

D10 Listen, then answer out loud.

D12 Listen, then answer out loud.

E**Part E: Typing**

Writing · 1 passage, 60 seconds

Type the passage as quickly and accurately as you can. Keep going until 60 seconds have passed.

E1

Many people find it hard to keep their homes organized. Clothes pile up on chairs, papers cover the kitchen table and keys go missing every morning. One simple method can help. Give every object a place where it always belongs, and put it back as soon as you finish using it. At first this takes a little effort, but it quickly becomes a habit. After a few weeks, most people notice that their rooms look much cleaner and that they spend far less time searching for the things they need.

F**Part F: Sentence Completion**

Writing · 20 sentences, 25 seconds each

Write one word that best completes each sentence. Allow 25 seconds per sentence.

- F1** It's raining, so don't forget to take your _____ .
- F2** The museum is _____ on Mondays, so we'll visit on Tuesday instead.
- F3** She was so _____ after the long flight that she slept for twelve hours.
- F4** Please turn _____ the lights when you leave the room.
- F5** I can't read the small print without my _____ .
- F6** We ran out of milk, so I need to go to the _____ before dinner.
- F7** The company hired twenty new _____ this year to help with the extra work.
- F8** My phone battery is almost _____ , so I need to charge it.
- F9** You should _____ your hands before you eat.
- F10** The train was delayed _____ of the heavy snow.
- F11** Could you _____ me the salt, please?
- F12** After the interview, they promised to _____ me know their decision by Friday.
- F13** The hotel room was clean and comfortable, but the _____ from the street kept us awake.
- F14** If you don't understand the instructions, ask the teacher to _____ them.
- F15** The doctor told him to _____ smoking because it was damaging his lungs.
- F16** Our team _____ the final match, so we celebrated all night.
- F17** She saved money for three years to _____ her first car.
- F18** The report must be _____ to the manager before the end of the day.
- F19** I didn't recognize him at first because he had _____ a beard.
- F20** Despite the bad reviews, the film was a huge _____ and earned millions.



Part G: Dictation

Writing · 16 sentences, 25 seconds each

Your partner reads each sentence once. Write it exactly as you hear it, with correct spelling and punctuation.

Listening part. Partner script at the back of the book. One reading only, then 25 seconds to write. Want real audio and timers? [Take this part on Mocko.](#)

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Part H: Passage Reconstruction

Writing · 3 passages, 30 seconds reading and 90 seconds writing

Read the passage for 30 seconds, then cover it. In 90 seconds, rewrite the passage in your own words, keeping all the key information.

Cover the passage with a sheet of paper when the 30 seconds are up.

H1

Last Saturday, Maria planned to bake bread for her neighbor's birthday. When she opened the cupboard, she found that she had no flour left. Instead of driving to the store, she knocked on another neighbor's door and borrowed some. The bread was a success, and now the three neighbors bake together once a month.

H2

Our company is changing the way employees book meeting rooms. Starting next month, all bookings must be made through the new online calendar instead of by email. The calendar shows which rooms are free and how many people each room can hold. Staff who need help using the system can attend a short training session on Friday.

H3

When Tom started his first job, he took the bus to work every day. The trip took almost an hour because of traffic. After a few months, he bought a used bicycle. Now he rides to the office in twenty minutes, saves money on bus tickets and says he feels healthier than ever.



Part I: Summary and Opinion

Writing · 1 passage, 18 minutes

Read the passage. In the first box, sum up the writer's view in 25 to 50 words. In the second box, say whether you agree and why, using 50 words or more. The whole task takes 18 minutes.

I1

For more than a century, the five-day work week has been treated as a fact of life. Yet there is growing evidence that it may not be the best way to organize work. In recent trials in several countries, companies allowed staff to work four days a week for the same pay. Many of them reported that productivity stayed the same or even rose, while sick days fell sharply.

The reason is simple. When people know they have less time, they waste less of it. Long meetings get shorter, unnecessary emails disappear and employees focus on the tasks that really matter. A three-day weekend also gives people time to rest, exercise and look after their families, so they return to work with more energy.

Critics argue that a shorter week is unrealistic for businesses that must serve customers every day, such as hospitals, shops and restaurants. This is a fair point, but it is not a reason to reject the idea altogether. These businesses can use rotating schedules, so that every employee works four days while the business itself stays open five, six or even seven days a week.

Others worry that workers will simply try to squeeze five days of work into four, leaving them more stressed than before. That risk is real, which is why a four-day week only works when managers reduce the workload and not just the hours.

In my view, the benefits clearly outweigh the difficulties. A four-day week can make employees healthier and happier without costing companies money. Businesses do not need to change overnight, but they should at least be willing to test the idea and let the results speak for themselves.

Summary of the author's opinion (25 to 50 words)

Your opinion (at least 50 words)

Answer key and model answers

The real test is scored by machine on content, fluency, pronunciation and written quality. You cannot reproduce that exactly at home, but these rules give you a reliable picture of where you stand.

Part	How to mark yourself
A Read Aloud	Listen to your recording. Mark 2 if smooth and clear, 1 if there were several long pauses or unclear words, 0 if you stopped.
B Repeat	2 points if every word is correct and in order, 1 if you missed or changed one or two words, 0 otherwise.
C Sentence Builds	2 points for a correct sentence said smoothly, 1 if correct with long pauses or one word missing, 0 otherwise.
D Conversations	1 point for any answer that means the same as the key.
F Sentence Completion	1 point for the key word or an accepted alternative, spelled correctly.
G Dictation	1 point per word typed correctly, in order, divided by the number of words in the sentence.
H Passage Reconstruction	3 points if all key points are present in correct English, 2 if one is missing, 1 if several are missing.
I Summary and Opinion	Use the checklist in the answer key: up to 5 points for the summary and 5 for the opinion.

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Part A: Read Aloud

A1 Read the passage as written.

Scored on pronunciation and fluency. Aim for about two to three words per second with pauses at commas and periods. Being stopped before the end is normal.

A2 Read the passage as written.

Watch the stress on "easiest", "equipment" and "membership", and do not rush the list in the fourth sentence.

Part B: Repeat

B1 Please close the door.

B2 The bus is late again.

B3 I'll call you after lunch.

B4 Where did you park the car?

B5 She forgot her keys at the office.

B6 We need more chairs for the meeting room.

B7 Could you send me the report by Friday?

B8 The store on the corner closes at nine tonight.

B9 My brother moved to a smaller apartment near the station.

B10 If it rains tomorrow, the picnic will be held indoors.

B11 The new manager asked everyone to arrive ten minutes early.

B12 Before you leave, make sure all the windows are locked.

B13 Most of the tickets were sold within an hour of going online.

B14 The package that arrived this morning was meant for your neighbor.

B15 Although the flight was delayed, we still made it to the wedding on time.

B16 The committee decided to postpone the vote until everyone had read the final proposal.

Part C: Sentence Builds

- C1** She walked to the store after work.
Also accept: After work, she walked to the store.
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- C2** The printer has run out of paper again.
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- C3** We were late for the meeting because of traffic.
Also accept: Because of traffic, we were late for the meeting.
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- C4** Did you remember to buy the tickets?
-
- C5** He wants a new phone for his birthday.
Also accept: For his birthday, he wants a new phone.
-
- C6** Turn left at the end of the street.
Also accept: At the end of the street, turn left.
-
- C7** The concert was canceled because of the storm.
Also accept: Because of the storm, the concert was canceled.
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- C8** How long have you lived in this city?
-
- C9** She asked me to sign the documents.
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- C10** The new office is much quieter than the old one.
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Part D: Conversations

- D1** She has a dentist appointment.
Also accept: dentist appointment, she has to go to the dentist, the dentist
-
- D2** Platform four.
Also accept: to platform four, platform 4
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- D3** It was too long.
Also accept: the length, how long it was, too long
-
- D4** On Thursday.
Also accept: Thursday
-
- D5** It's too small.
Also accept: too small, it doesn't fit, it is too small for him
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- D6** It's cheaper.
Also accept: because it is cheaper, it costs less, it stops right outside, it's cheaper and stops outside
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- D7** Sales.
Also accept: the sales department, in sales
The trap is "marketing", her old department.
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- D8** In cash.
Also accept: with cash, cash
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- D9** At two.
Also accept: two o'clock, two, 2 p.m., two p.m.
The question asks for the time, not the day.
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- D10** The elevator is being repaired.
Also accept: the elevator is broken, the elevator isn't working, because of repairs
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- D11** By five.
Also accept: five, five o'clock, 5
The trap is "six", the time the woman leaves.
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- D12** Because of the football game across the street.
Also accept: there is a football game, a game at the stadium, the football game
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Part E: Typing

- E1** Count the words you typed in 60 seconds (your words per minute), then count the words typed correctly and divide by the total (your accuracy).
Aim for more than 12 words per minute with at least 90% accuracy. 30 or more words per minute is comfortable.
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Part F: Sentence Completion

- F1** umbrella
Also accept: raincoat, coat, jacket
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- F2** closed
Also accept: shut
-
- F3** tired
Also accept: exhausted
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- F4** off
-
- F5** glasses
-
- F6** store
Also accept: supermarket, shop, market
-
- F7** employees
Also accept: workers, staff, people
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F8	dead Also accept: empty, flat
F9	wash Also accept: clean
F10	because
F11	pass Also accept: hand, give
F12	let
F13	noise Also accept: traffic, sound, sounds
F14	explain Also accept: repeat, clarify
F15	stop Also accept: quit
F16	won
F17	buy Also accept: purchase, get, afford
F18	sent Also accept: given, submitted, emailed, delivered
F19	grown
F20	success Also accept: hit

Part G: Dictation

G1	Dinner is ready.
G2	Where are my glasses?
G3	The office opens at eight.
G4	Please sign both copies of the form.
G5	We're meeting in the lobby at noon.

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- G6** Is there a pharmacy near here?
-
- G7** Her sister works at the hospital downtown.
-
- G8** They painted the kitchen a light shade of blue.
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- G9** I'll need your passport and a recent photo.
-
- G10** The manager's flight lands at half past six.
Check the apostrophe in "manager's".
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- G11** Could you remind me to call the bank tomorrow?
-
- G12** Children under twelve can visit the zoo for free.
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- G13** The weather forecast says it will be sunny all weekend.
-
- G14** Our neighbors have lived on this street for over twenty years.
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- G15** If the printer stops working, please tell someone at the front desk.
-
- G16** Most students found the second half of the exam more difficult than expected.
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Part H: Passage Reconstruction

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- H1** On Saturday Maria wanted to bake bread for a neighbor's birthday, but she discovered she had run out of flour. Rather than drive to the store, she borrowed some from another neighbor. The bread turned out well, and now the three neighbors bake together every month.
Key points: bread for a neighbor's birthday, no flour, borrowed from another neighbor instead of going to the store, success, the three now bake together monthly.
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- H2** From next month, employees will book meeting rooms using a new online calendar rather than by email. The calendar shows which rooms are available and how many people fit in each one. Anyone who needs help with the system can join a short training session on Friday.
Key points: new booking method, starts next month, online calendar replaces email, shows availability and capacity, Friday training.
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- H3** Tom used to take the bus to his first job, and because of traffic the journey took nearly an hour. A few months later he bought a second-hand bike. Now he cycles to work in twenty minutes, spends less on tickets and feels healthier than before.
Key points: bus, one hour because of traffic, bought a used bicycle, twenty minutes now, saves money, healthier.
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Part I: Summary and Opinion

- I1** **Summary (42 words):** The author believes companies should try a four-day work week. Trials show productivity stays the same while sick days fall, because people waste less time and rest more. Businesses open every day can use rotating schedules, but managers must also reduce workloads.
- Opinion (85 words):** I mostly agree with the author. First, I have noticed that I work faster when a deadline is close, so a shorter week would probably cut wasted time. For example, many of our weekly meetings could easily be an email. Second, a longer weekend would help people rest and spend time with family, which makes them healthier. However, I think the idea is harder for small businesses with only a few staff. For that reason, I believe companies should test it carefully before changing permanently.

Summary: states the author's position, the main reasons and the condition, in the writer's own words, inside 25 to 50 words. Opinion: clear position, two reasons, an example, a counterpoint, linking words, over 50 words.

Partner script for the listening parts

Hand this page to a friend. They read each item once, at a natural speed, and pause while you answer. On the real test each recording plays only once, so do not ask for a repeat.

Part B: Repeat

Partner script: page at the back of the book. Keep your eyes off the script.

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Part C: Sentence Builds

Partner script at the back of the book. Your partner reads the three groups with a short pause between them.

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C2 paper again ... the printer ... has run out of

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- C3** for the meeting ... we were late ... because of traffic
-
- C4** the tickets ... did you remember ... to buy
-
- C5** a new phone ... he wants ... for his birthday
-
- C6** at the end ... turn left ... of the street
-
- C7** was canceled ... the concert ... because of the storm
-
- C8** in this city ... how long ... have you lived
-
- C9** the documents ... she asked me ... to sign
-
- C10** is much quieter ... than the old one ... the new office
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Part D: Conversations

Partner script at the back of the book. Ideally two people read the two speakers.

- D1** Man: Are you coming to the team lunch today?
Woman: I can't. I have a dentist appointment at one.
Man: Maybe next week, then.

Question: Why can't the woman go to lunch?

- D2** Woman: Excuse me, is this the train to Boston?
Man: No, that one leaves from platform four.
Woman: Thanks, I'll head over there now.

Question: Which platform does the woman need to go to?

- D3** Man: How was the movie last night?
Woman: The story was great, but it was way too long.
Man: I heard it's almost three hours.

Question: What did the woman dislike about the movie?

- D4** Woman: Did you order the printer paper?
Man: Yes, it should arrive on Thursday.
Woman: Good, we're almost out.

Question: When will the paper arrive?

- D5** Man: I'd like to return this jacket.
Woman: Is there something wrong with it?
Man: No, it's just too small for me.

Question: Why is the man returning the jacket?

D6 Woman: Let's take a taxi to the airport.
Man: The bus is much cheaper, and it stops right outside.
Woman: Okay, but we'll have to leave an hour earlier.

Question: Why does the man prefer the bus?

D7 Man: Is Sarah still working in the marketing department?
Woman: No, she moved to sales in January.
Man: I didn't know that.

Question: Which department does Sarah work in now?

D8 Woman: Can I pay by card?
Man: Sorry, our machine isn't working today.
Woman: Then I'll go to the cash machine next door.

Question: How will the woman pay?

D9 Man: The meeting was moved from Monday to Wednesday.
Woman: Is it still at ten?
Man: No, it's at two now.

Question: What time is the meeting now?

D10 Woman: I've been waiting for the elevator for five minutes.
Man: It's being repaired. You'll have to use the stairs.
Woman: Great, my office is on the ninth floor.

Question: Why does the woman have to use the stairs?

D11 Man: Could you lend me your umbrella?
Woman: Sure, but I need it back before I go home at six.
Man: No problem, I'll bring it back by five.

Question: By what time will the man return the umbrella?

D12 Woman: Why is the restaurant so crowded tonight?
Man: There's a football game at the stadium across the street.
Woman: Then let's eat somewhere else.

Question: Why is the restaurant crowded?

Part G: Dictation

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