



CanTEST – English Proficiency Assessment

If you plan to attend UPEI and need to have an English assessment, please drop by the International Relations Office in the Robertson Library annex (Room 225) or call (902) 894-2886 to make an appointment.

Do I Need an English assessment?

An English assessment is required for admission to a degree program if you have attended school in English for less than 4 years or do not have an official English proficiency score such as TOEFL, IELTS, etc.

UPEI uses the CanTEST Placement Test, which was developed specifically for university admission.

How long does the CanTEST exam take?

The assessment takes about 2 1/2 hours to complete. There is no special preparation required. Just bring your UPEI student ID number, if you have one (or a passport or driver's license) and a pen or pencil.

The CanTEST English placement test is comprised of 4 sections:

1. Listening Comprehension - 30 minutes
2. Reading Comprehension - 50 minutes
-- (Both are multiple choice type questions.) --
3. 1-page Writing sample on a general topic - 60 minutes
4. Oral Interview (for new students only) - 10 minutes

When is the next CanTEST?

The CanTEST is offered every Tuesday morning at 9:00 am, with some exceptions. Pre-registration is required. To register, please drop by the International Relations Office to make an appointment, call (902) 894-2886 or email eeclarke@upei.ca.

Is the CanTEST recognized by other universities for admission?

This is a placement test, valid only for UPEI. It is not the official CanTEST, which is a longer version and involves a formal interview.

If you need an official English proficiency test for admission to another university or for immigration, be sure to check which tests are accepted. The following are available:

In PEI:

MELAB paper-based test. Register on line at
<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eli/testing/melab>
Local contact: manovill@upe.ca

In Nova Scotia:

Official CanTEST - Halifax, N.S. <http://www.olbi.uottawa.ca/en/cantest.php>
IELTS - Halifax, N.S. <http://www.ielts.org/default.aspx>
TOEFL - Halifax, NS www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/register/centers_dates/

In New Brunswick:

IELTS - Moncton, NB www.ielts.ca/index.php?page=ielstestsites

CAEL - St. John, NB; Halifax, NS; Wolfville, NS; Sydney, NS
www.cael.ca/taker/locdates.shtml

Looking for on-line practice for the CanTEST?

These websites have been organized into five categories: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening, and Integrated Skills.

Reading:

http://fds.oup.com/www.oup.com/pdf/elt/products/hwy_pre_webtextsu12-14.pdf
<http://www.babilon-nyelvstudio.hu/Files/File/Euro/euro%20b2%20practice%20task%204.1%20grammar&vocabulary.pdf>
<http://www.babilon-nyelvstudio.hu/Files/File/Euro/euro%20b2%20practice%20task%204.1%20grammar&vocabulary.pdf>
<http://www.pearsonlongman.com/teens/downloads/Emotions-Reading-Worksheet.pdf>
http://downloads.bbc.co.uk/rmhttp/schools/primaryhistory/worksheets/worldhistory/world_explorers.pdf
<http://bogglesworldesl.com/loverelationships.htm>
<http://www.eslfast.com/>
<http://www.rong-chang.com/englishbaby.htm>

Writing:

<http://www.linguagum.com/>
<http://www.autoenglish.org/writing.htm>
<http://www.rong-chang.com/tutor.htm>
<http://englishforeveryone.org/PDFs/Expressing%20Yourself.pdf>
<http://stuartmillenglish.files.wordpress.com/2010/08/travel-sentences.pdf>
<http://www.eflpress.com/books/now/revised.pdf>
http://www.hueber.de/sixcms/media.php/36/lehren_a2-1_u03_ferry.pdf
<http://www.literacytools.ie/files/pdfs/05%20Writing%20Sentences.pdf>
<http://msyorkclass.com/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/Expanding-Sentences.pdf>
http://www.eslflow.com/General_essay_outline.pdf
<http://eu.lib.kmutt.ac.th/elearning/CourseOnDemand/LNG103/Handout/3.Thinking%20Tak%20pp44-69/4.summary47-48.pdf>

Speaking:

<http://www.eslfast.com/robot/>
<http://www.englishcentral.com/watch>
<http://www.eslgo.com/resources/sa.html>
<http://iteslj.org/Lessons/Counihan-Activities/FinishSentence.html>
<http://www.slf.ruhr-uni-bochum.de/tandem/eng/0504-eng.html>

Listening:

<http://www.esl-lab.com/>
<http://www.china232.com/lessons.php>
<http://a4esl.org/podcasts/>
http://www.eslpod.com/website/show_all.php
http://esl.about.com/gi/o.htm?zi=1/XJ&zTi=1&sdn=esl&cdn=education&tm=13&gps=44_301_1004_610&f=00&tt=14&bt=0&bts=0&zu=http%3A//www.eltpodcast.com/archive/bc
http://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=esl+listening+practice&aq=f
<http://www.shambles.net/pages/learning/EnglishP/eslpodcast/>
<http://www.englishspeak.com/english-lessons.cfm>

Integrated Skills: Reading, Writing, Speaking, Listening:

<http://www.eslgold.com/>
<http://www.teacherjoe.us/>
<http://bogglesworldesl.com/adultesl1.htm>
<http://www.speakenglish.biz/>