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## General Information

### What is Burlington VTest?

Burlington VTest offers summative and diagnostic assessment of English language ability in all four skills – Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

It accurately assesses a candidate's language proficiency across the internationally recognized Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) levels.

VTest is the assessment division of the Burlington Group, a leading organization specializing in English language learning and assessment. VTest benefits from the Burlington Group's 40 years of expertise in language teaching, learning, assessment, teacher training, and educational research around the world. Burlington's mission is to empower people to communicate effectively and confidently in English, enabling them to reach their full potential in both their personal and professional lives.

Burlington VTest is an associate member of the Association of Language Testers in Europe (ALTE), a full member of the Association of Test Publishers (ATP), and an institutional member of the International Language Testing Association (ILTA).

### How does the Burlington VTest General English exam work?

The **Burlington VTest General English** exam is a comprehensive assessment tool designed to evaluate proficiency in Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking for candidates of all nationalities. The exam is modular, and can be taken in different combinations of one, two, three, or four skills.

It is a multistage, adaptive exam that progresses through increasingly more difficult stages, and ends when candidates have reached their maximum level of ability. It is not a pass or fail test, and there is no penalty for wrong answers.

We accommodate the various special needs of candidates. Information about this is provided in the "VTest for All" section of this guide.

The purpose of this guide is to help you prepare for the **VTest General English** exam. An overview of each component is provided, followed by detailed descriptions and advice on how to prepare to perform your best. This document and all VTest protocols, procedures, and instructions are regularly reviewed and updated to address current and emerging needs and challenges. Please make sure you consult the latest version through the VTest website.

### Choose your administration mode

VTest offers different variations of exams to accommodate different testing needs. By combining technology and human expertise, we provide cost-effective and efficient assessment options.

We currently offer three distinct exam administration modes: Standard, Online Proctoring, and Test Center Delivery (Onsite Proctoring). Speak with your teacher or supervisor, or contact us to help you choose the administration mode that best aligns with your goals.

## General Information

Feature	Standard Test	Online Proctoring	Test Center Delivery
4 Skills	✓	✓	✓
Combination of skills	✓	✓	✓
Proctoring	✗	✓	✓
Security protocol (ID verification, photo, candidate screening, and human review)	✗	✓	✓
In-person testing with trained proctors	✗	✗	✓
Video and writing interview with customized questions	Optional	Optional	Optional
Globally available	✓	✓	Verified Test Centers
Can be taken on any device including computers, tablets, and smartphones	✓	✓	✓
Appointment needed	✗	✗	✗
Scoring delivery	Instant*	Instant*	Instant*
Online score verification	✓	✓	✓

\*Results are instantly delivered if no suspicious activity is detected for an online proctored exam. If suspicious activity is detected, the exam is reviewed by a supervisor. In this case, results are delivered no later than 48 hours after completion of the exam.

Score Reports for Online and Test Center Delivery include candidate verification through a photo, and have stricter authentication.

# Before the Exam

## Setting up your environment

It is important to create the right environment to ensure you perform your best on the exam.

Make sure you have:

1. access to a quiet, distraction-free environment, with no other people present.
2. up to 140 minutes of free time. (Testing time ranges from 75-140 minutes depending on the exam and your level.)

## Technical requirements

Ensure that your computer, internet connection, and any required software or browsers meet the technical requirements.

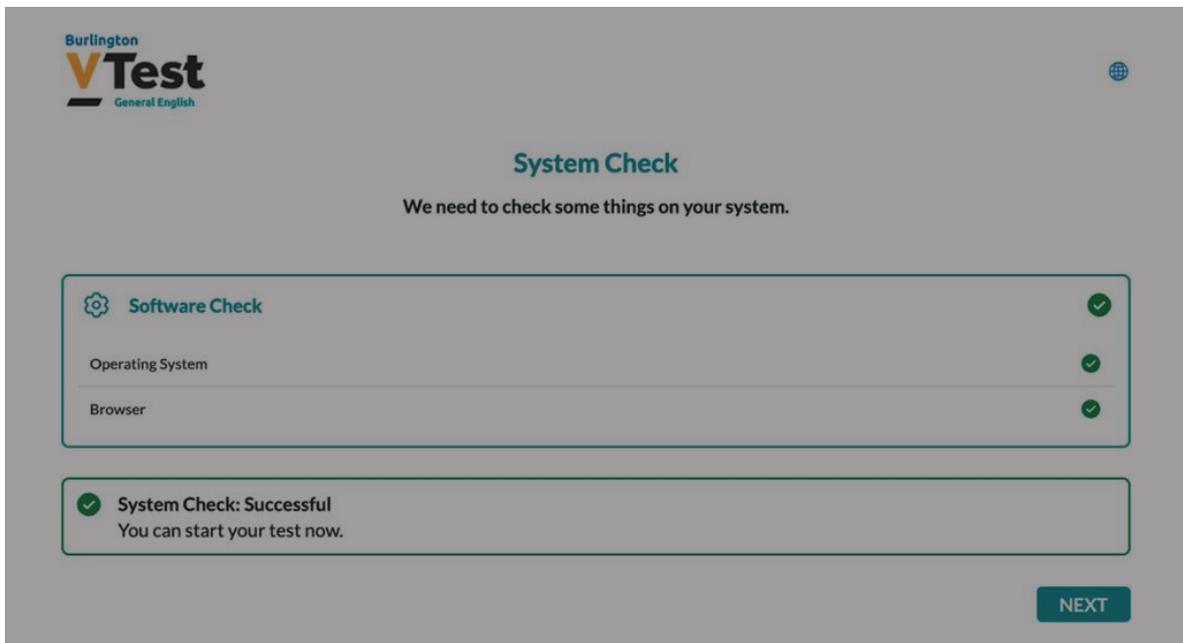
Make sure you have:

1. a high-quality and reliable internet connection.
2. a device with a front-facing camera, microphone, and speakers.
3. tested your camera and microphone. Camera and microphone settings are dependent on the device and browser that you are using for the exam.

It is very important to ensure that your camera and microphone settings are set properly prior to taking the exam.

## Device and browser

To ensure a smooth and uninterrupted exam experience while using the VTest platform, run a system compatibility check before you start the exam.



You should access the platform through one of the supported operating systems and browsers listed below. These combinations have been thoroughly tested to guarantee full functionality and optimal performance. Please ensure that your device meets the minimum requirements outlined in the following table before beginning the exam.

VTest Operating Systems and Browser Compatibility			
OS	OS Version	Browser	Browser Version
Windows	8	Chrome	103
Windows	8	Edge	124
Windows	8	Firefox	120
Linux	14	Chrome	103
Linux	14	Firefox	120
Android	8	Chrome	106
macOS	10	Chrome	103
macOS	10	Firefox	120
macOS	10	Safari	16
iOS	15	MobileSafari	15
iOS	15	Chrome	126
ChromiumOS	120	Chrome	106
ChromeOS	120	Chrome	106

### One screen

To take any VTest exam, you must have a device with only one screen. Multiple screens are not allowed.

### Exam structure

It is important to understand the format of the exam you are going to take. To learn more, go to [VTest General English](#) page.

### Timing

Different question types have different time limits. Complete each question within the specified time limit. Time management is crucial to answering all the questions. To help you manage your time, the color of the progress bar will change.

## Identification requirements

Following these guidelines will ensure a smooth registration process, and will help to avoid complications on exam day. Always check specific requirements for your exam location, and consult with VTest support services if you have any questions or special circumstances regarding your identification.

1. **Government-issued ID:** You are required to present an original, valid, government-issued photo ID. If you use a digital form of identification, you might be asked to submit a physical form as well. If your ID is not in English and cannot be read by VTest administrators, you may not be allowed to take the exam.
2. **Expiration Date:** The ID should be current, not expired, and valid at the time of the exam. Ensure that the ID you plan to use will not expire before the exam date. Renew it if necessary.
3. **Name Matching:** When you register, enter your full name (first and last name) exactly as it appears on your ID. The name on the ID must match the name you used to register. If there are discrepancies, additional documentation may be required.
4. **Photograph:** The ID should include a recent photograph of you to verify your identity.
5. **Signature:** The ID should include a signature, which should match the name on the ID.
6. **Acceptable IDs** include:
  - a. Passport with name, photograph, and signature
  - b. National ID with name, photograph, and signature
  - c. Government-issued driver's license with name, photograph, and signature
7. **Unacceptable IDs** include:
  - a. Birth certificate
  - b. Bank card (credit or debit)
  - c. Foreign driver's permit
  - d. Academic ID
  - e. Military ID
  - f. National insurance card
  - g. Workplace identification card
  - h. Diplomatic, consular, or embassy identification card
  - i. Any non-government issued or non-government validated document
8. **Verification Process:** Expect that VTest administrators may verify your ID multiple times during the exam process. Be prepared to provide clarifications or secondary ID during and after the exam if requested.
9. **Secondary ID:** In some cases, a secondary form of ID may be required if the primary ID does not meet all necessary criteria (e.g., lacks your full name, your photograph, or your signature).

If you anticipate any issues with name consistency before registering, or any name changes after registration, please contact VTest Support.

## Question types and tips

The 4 Skills exam begins with the Listening section, in which you will hear 8-12 recordings (conversations and monologues) and answer 12-26 questions, depending on the level. It is followed by the Reading section, in which you will read 9 texts and answer 12-26 questions, depending on the level. The length of both sections varies depending on your level of English as determined by the adaptive nature of the test. Next, comes the Writing section, where you are asked to complete one exercise, and write three short essays. The exam ends with the Speaking section, which includes three parts.

Screenshots and descriptions below are for informational use only. Please take the sample exam to get a better understanding of the exam structure and content.

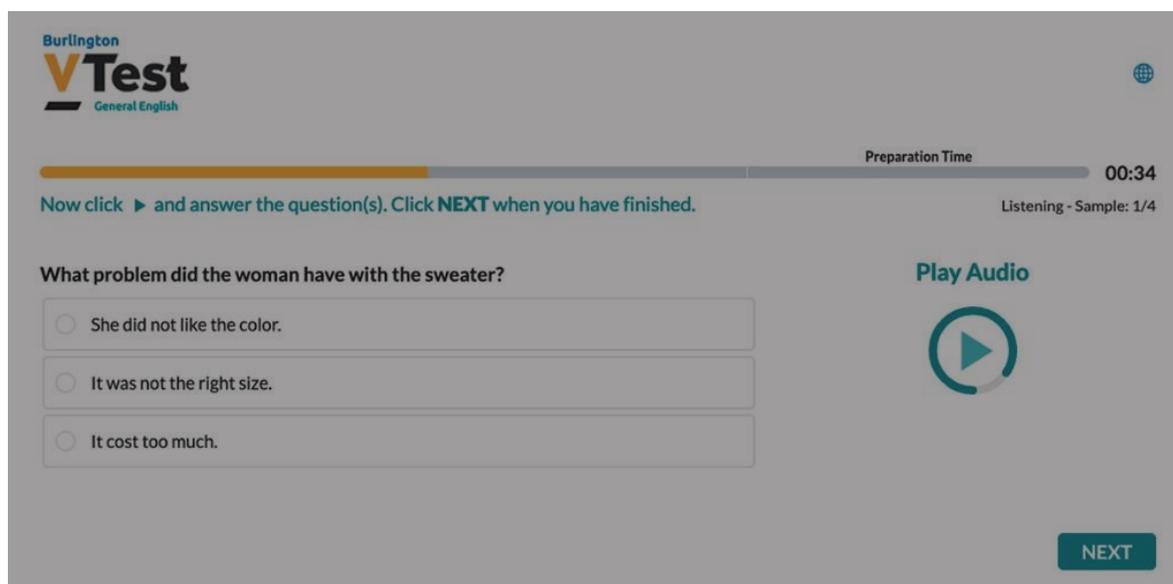
### Listening Task

#### Listen and answer

This task type requires you to listen to an audio recording and answer questions about the recording by choosing the correct options. The recording will either be a conversation or a monologue. It will play only once and cannot be replayed.

You will have time before listening to look over the questions and prepare. The recordings vary from around 30 seconds to 2 minutes in length. You then have time after the recording ends to answer the questions. When time is up, you will be automatically advanced to the next recording, but you can also self-advance using the NEXT button if you finish sooner.

If you click NEXT without answering all the questions, a pop-up notification will appear. You can choose to go back and complete the questions or continue.



#### Tips for the Listening section:

- Read the questions and answer choices carefully before listening to the audio.
- Listen to the audio carefully.
- Be sure to answer all questions before the timer gets to 0.
- It is better to guess than not to answer.
- Eliminate any answer choices that you know are wrong, and select the best choice from what remains.

## Read and answer

This task type requires you to read a text and answer questions about it by choosing the correct options. The texts include a variety of everyday materials, such as articles, emails, notices, and short reports, reflecting real-world language use in different contexts.

You will have a time limit for reading the text and answering all the questions. When time is up, you will be automatically advanced to the next text, but you can also self-advance using the NEXT button, if you are finished sooner.

If you click NEXT without answering all the questions, a pop-up notification will appear. You can choose to go back and complete the questions or continue.

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04:32  
Reading - Sample: 2/2

Read the text and answer the questions. Click **NEXT** when you have finished.

**Why was the second part of the hike more difficult?**

They got lost on the way.

The weather changed suddenly.

The path became steeper.

**What does the text suggest about the lake?**

It was surrounded by houses and buildings.

It had very clear and beautiful water.

It was too dangerous to swim in.

**My Weekend Hike**

Last weekend, my friends and I decided to go hiking. We chose a trail that was about 10 kilometers long, leading to a beautiful lake. We packed food, water, and a map, and started early in the morning.

The first part of the hike was easy, but after an hour, the path became steeper and more difficult. We were tired, but kept going. When we finally reached the lake, the view was amazing. The water was clear, and the trees reflected in it like a mirror. We sat on the rocks, ate our sandwiches, and enjoyed the fresh air.

On the way back, we saw a deer in the forest. It was standing very still, looking at us. We stayed quiet so it wouldn't get scared, and after a few seconds, it ran away. It was the perfect ending to a perfect day!

**NEXT**

## Tips for the Reading section:

- Read the questions and answer choices carefully before reading the text.
- Skim the text to get a general idea of what it's about, and then scan it to find the answers to the questions.
- Be sure to answer all the questions before the timer gets to 0.
- It is better to guess than not to answer.
- Eliminate any answer choices that you know are wrong, and select the best choice from what remains.

## Writing Tasks

The Writing test consists of three parts. Part 1 is a pre-writing task that serves to assign you to appropriate levels for Parts 2-3.

### Part 1: Scrambled Sentences

In this task, you must arrange nine scrambled sentences into correct sentences.

Each sentence has a time limit for ordering the words. When time is up, you will be automatically advanced to the next sentence, but you can also self-advance using the NEXT button, if you are finished sooner. If you click NEXT without answering all the questions, a pop-up notification will appear. You can choose to go back and complete the questions or continue.

### Part 2: Picture

In this task, you will respond to two prompts based on a picture. The first prompt asks you to describe the image, while the second requires you to share your personal viewpoints or ideas about it.

You will have time to read each prompt and prepare your response, followed by a time limit for writing. When time is up, you will be automatically advanced to the next prompt, but you can also self-advance using the NEXT button, if you are finished sooner.

### Part 3: Essay

This task requires you to read a statement or question and write a personal essay about it.

You will be asked to include some information in your essay. Be sure your essay includes this information.

You will have time to read the prompt and prepare your response, and a time limit for writing your essay. When time is up, you will be automatically advanced to the next prompt, but you can also self-advance using the NEXT button, if you are finished sooner.

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Prep 14:34

Start writing now. Click **NEXT** when you have finished. Writing - Essay

Friends can make life better.  
Answer these questions:

- Who is a good friend of yours and how did you meet them?
- What do you like about this friend?
- What is something fun you would like to do together in the future?

Write at least 80 words. You can write more.

Please input

Write this many words or more: 80  
Number of words input: 0

NEXT

### Tips for the Writing test:

- Read the question carefully to be sure you understand what you must write about.
- Think about what you will write and how it will be organized.
- Be sure to write at least the minimum number of words requested. You can write more.
- Check the word counter to keep track of your word count.
- Keep track of your writing time by watching the timer.
- DO NOT WRITE IN ALL CAPS. Do not use text conventions, such as “u r” instead of “you are.” Make sure to use correct spelling and punctuation.
- Proofread your response to ensure it doesn’t have simple spelling or grammar errors that you’re easily able to correct.

## Speaking Tasks

The Speaking test consists of three parts. Part 1 is a pre-speaking task that serves to assign you to appropriate levels for Parts 2-3.

### Part 1: Rejoinders

This task type requires you to hear 9 statements or questions and choose the best response from three options.

You will have a time limit for completing the task. When time is up, you will be automatically advanced to the next part, but you can also self-advance using the NEXT button, if you are finished sooner.

If you click NEXT without answering all the questions, a pop-up notification will appear. You can choose to go back and complete the questions or continue.

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00:21

Listen to the question or statement and then choose the best response. Speaking - Rejoinders: 2/4

I'm wearing it now.

Because it looks nice.

At a shop in the mall.

NEXT

### Part 2: Read Aloud and Discuss

In this task, you will read a text aloud and then answer two questions: one about the text and another that asks you to give a personal opinion.

For each question, you will have time to read the question and prepare your answer, and 60 seconds to speak. When time is up, you will be automatically advanced to the next question, but you can also self-advance using the NEXT button, if you are finished sooner.

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Preparation Time 00:43

Speak Now. Press **START RECORDING** to begin. Speaking - Read Aloud and Discuss: 2/3

Why was the writer's job difficult at first?

I started a new job two weeks ago. The first few days were very difficult because there was a lot to learn. But my coworkers are all very friendly and have helped me a lot. Now, I feel more comfortable. My job is in a small office, and I work with five other people. I answer emails, help customers, and sometimes make phone calls. It's not my dream job, but it's a good start, and I'm happy to have it!

00:15 / 00:58

NEXT

### Part 3: Pictures

In this task, you will look at two pictures and answer three questions about them. The first question requires you to describe and compare the pictures. There are then two follow-up questions that ask you to express opinions about the subjects or activities in the pictures. The same pictures are used for all three questions.

For each question, you will have time to read the question and prepare your answer, and 60 seconds to speak. When time is up, you will be automatically advanced to the next question, but you can also self-advance using the NEXT button, if you are finished sooner.

The screenshot displays the Burlington VTest Speaking interface. At the top left is the logo for Burlington VTest General English. A progress bar indicates 'Preparation Time' at 00:49. Below the bar, it says 'Speak Now. Press **START RECORDING** to begin.' On the right, it says 'Speaking - Pictures: 1/3'. The main question is 'What is the same and what is different in the two pictures?'. Two images are shown side-by-side: Image 1 shows two women walking on a city sidewalk, and Image 2 shows two women hiking on a trail with backpacks. At the bottom, a timer shows '00:15 / 00:58' and a 'NEXT' button is visible.

### Tips for the Speaking test:

- The only “wrong” thing you can do on a Speaking test is not speak! Try to say something about every prompt, even if you are not sure what to say.
- Use your preparation time wisely to think about and organize what you are going to say.
- Try to answer every point in the prompt.
- Speak clearly and at a speed that feels comfortable. Use natural pauses, and avoid rushing through your answers.
- Be sure to speak for the full amount of time you are given.
- Keep track of your speaking time by watching the timer.
- Don’t worry if you get cut off at the end. That’s a good thing! It means you were able to speak for the full amount of time.

# Exam Day

On the day of your exam:

- Check the emails you received about VTest and have your personal secure code ready.
- Close all browser windows.
- Open the VTest exam platform.
- If you are taking the exam on your own device, make sure it is fully charged or connected to a power source to avoid battery drainage during the exam.

## Personal secure code

To access VTest exams and results, a secure code is required. When you receive an invitation to a VTest exam, you will be provided with a secure code. Please make sure to have this secure code on hand before taking the exam. One unique code is created per exam and per candidate. You cannot use another candidate's code in order to access your exam.

You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality and security of your code and account information, and for any and all activity that occurs under your account. Make sure you notify your test center or VTest immediately upon learning of any unauthorized use of your secure code or any other unauthorized access or breach of security.

## Secure code requiring user registration

In some cases, the test center may send you a code directly. In this case, you will be asked to fill in your personal information if your test center has not already done so for you.

## Logging in to your exam

1. Go to the [Log in](#) page.
2. Click the START button.
3. Enter your personal secure code.
4. Click the NEXT button.

## Online proctoring mode

The VTest online proctoring mode combines AI and human-based security protocols as an extra measure to protect the integrity of the test. Make sure you check in advance if you are taking a VTest under Online Proctoring.

## Online Proctored exam

When taking a VTest under online proctoring, make sure:

- your device has a working front-facing camera that is turned on and uncovered.
- you have a valid, non-expired passport or national ID card to present and photograph during the test check-in process. The name on your ID must match your test booking information.
- to complete the data privacy consent forms during the test check-in process.

If, during the session, you need help or guidance, you can click the "Technical support link" and fill in the [form](#). Our support team will evaluate the request and get back to you or your test center with instructions

## Identity verification

To confirm your identity when taking an online proctored test, VTest requires a photo of yourself and of your official ID.

- a. **Candidate Photo:** When taking your photo, make sure your face is centered within the provided photo frame.
- b. **Official Identification Photo:** When asked to take a photo of your ID, make sure to hold it up to the camera and place it within the provided photo frame. Make sure your name, date of birth, nationality, country, and ID number are all legible. The photo should only show your ID, not yourself or the room.

The online proctored sessions are reviewed against a set of criteria, and the validity of any flagged sessions are determined based on the available evidence.

There are special requirements that need to be met in order for your exam results to be delivered. If you do not strictly adhere to these requirements, your exam may be canceled.

### VTest proctored exam requirements:

- Keep your face within the camera's field of vision for the entire duration of your exam.
- Do not exit full-screen mode, record, copy, paste, or open another application during the exam.
- If you exit the full-screen mode more than 3 times, your exam will be blocked. Note that when you log back into your exam, the questions will have changed.
- Do not use any external support.
- No one else should be in the room with you while you are taking the exam.
- Only speak when required.
- Your camera and microphone must be on at all times.
- Do not use an additional screen (only one screen is allowed).

For a full list of exam security requirements and the "Candidate's rights and responsibilities" which follow below, refer to our [Terms and Conditions](#) page.

## After the Exam

### Receiving your VTest score report and certificate

VTest provides automated scoring reviewed by humans for all exams. Results and certificates are available shortly after the exam is completed, or up to 48 hours if the human reviewers (for proctoring and / or scoring) need to investigate further. Once your score is ready, you will receive an email to inform you that your results are available on the VTest results platform.

### Viewing your VTest score report and certificate

To log in, use the same personal secure code you used when logging in for the exam. You can also check the status of your exam in the same interface.

Some test centers or customers that ordered the exams may ask VTest not to distribute results and certificates automatically. In that case, you will not be able to access your results on the VTest results platform; the test center or customer will provide you with the results directly.

### Understanding your VTest scores

Scores are reported on an 11-level CEFR scale from Pre-A1 to C2 for each skill taken. An overall CEFR level is also reported for candidates who take the full four skills exam: Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking.

VTest provides CEFR descriptors ('Can Do' Statements) that explain what each CEFR level means. These descriptors are provided further below.

### Validity

VTest General Score Reports and Certificates results remain valid without an official expiration date. However, institutions and organizations may set their own requirements regarding how recent a certificate / score must be. Always check directly with the relevant institution or organization to ensure compliance with their specific policies.

### Retaking

You can retake the exam as soon as your results are released. There are no restrictions on how many times you can book the exam. However, we advise that you consult with a teacher or teaching practitioner to develop a comprehensive study plan which will enable you to achieve a better result.

### Rescoring and appeals

At VTest, we work hard to ensure that scoring is accurate and reliable, and that we communicate the results of our examinations to our score-users promptly and clearly.

If you are not satisfied with your score, you can submit an appeal against your results and ask for a rescore at a fee, through our [website](#). Appeal forms must be submitted no later than five working days after the release of the results.

### Sharing your results

In addition to your detailed results and feedback on the results platform, VTest also provides you with two Official Result documents: the Score Report and the Certificate of Proficiency.

The **Score Report** can be shared with institutions as proof of your English proficiency level.

The **Certificate of Proficiency** is the official proof of your achievement.

If you need to provide your exam results to an institution or employer, make sure to submit your certificate or test report as instructed. Keep copies of all documents for your records. If this is acceptable to them, you can also send them your personal secure code and the link to the [Results](#) page.

The exam results verification platform allows candidates and third parties to access or verify final scores and official reports.

# VTest for All

VTest is committed to providing equal opportunities for all people. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion, national origin, or physical disability.

## People with special requirements

Accessibility is at the very heart of VTest's priorities. At VTest, we take inclusivity very seriously, and we have created a multimodal tool which supports our candidates' needs for special accommodations. Our accessibility technology helps those with visual impairments, dyslexia, and / or auditory challenges. The solution is embedded in our testing platforms.

If you need a specific exam environment, ask your test center to provide you with available options. It can take up to two weeks to provide the candidate with the appropriate solution.

## Contact and support

We are always happy to support you to ensure that you feel ready to take your VTest exam..

## Privacy policy

VTest complies with the confidentiality standards relating to the European data protection law entitled General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Read more at our [Privacy Policy](#) page.

## Candidate's rights and responsibilities

As a VTest candidate, you have the right to:

1. be informed of your rights and responsibilities, be given clear and concise information, and approach our exams confidently and with clarity.
2. be treated with respect, fairness, and impartiality.
3. be tested with measures that meet professional standards.
4. inquire about and receive testing accommodations for disabilities.
5. know the test administration schedule, results availability, and any associated fees.
6. receive test results in a reasonable amount of time and in easily understandable terms.

As a VTest candidate, you must:

1. keep your login credentials and access code secure, and do not share them with anyone else.
2. maintain academic integrity and not engage in any form of cheating, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration. This includes copying from others, using external sources not permitted, or seeking assistance from others during the exam. The use of dictionaries, reference materials, scratch paper, etc., is prohibited.
3. not collaborate with others. Submit your own work, and not responses or answers that were completed by someone else.
4. not use unauthorized materials. This includes access to websites, search engines, or online resources during the exam.
5. not use multiple devices or have unauthorized software running while taking the exam.

6. not leave the camera view when you take a proctored exam.
7. not record, share, or disseminate any test content, questions, or materials with others, as this may violate copyright and confidentiality agreements.
8. not engage in misconduct, including causing disturbances, using offensive language, or engaging in any behavior that violates test center rules or online test etiquette.

It's essential for candidates to adhere to these rules to ensure the fairness and integrity of the exam process. Violating these rules can result in consequences such as exam invalidation, score cancellation, and even potential legal actions, depending on the severity of the violation and VTest's policies.

## 'Can do' statements

CEFR	When ...			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
	... learners can			
<b>Pre-A1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand short, very simple questions and statements, everyday familiar words, numbers, prices, dates, and days of the week, provided they are delivered slowly and clearly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recognize familiar words accompanied by pictures, such as a fast-food restaurant menu illustrated with photos, or a picture book using very simple everyday vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>give basic personal information (e.g., name, address, nationality), perhaps with the use of a dictionary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce only a very limited range of recognizable sounds, requiring significant effort on the part of the listener.</li> </ul>
<b>A1.1-A1.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>recognize concrete information (e.g., places and times) on familiar topics encountered in everyday life, provided it is delivered slowly and clearly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand very short, simple texts a single phrase at a time, picking up familiar names, words and basic phrases, and rereading as required.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>give information about matters of personal relevance (e.g., likes and dislikes, family, interests) using simple words and basic expressions.</li> <li>produce simple isolated phrases and sentences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>correctly reproduce a limited range of sounds as well as the stress on simple, familiar words and phrases, though some effort is required of the listener. Hesitation, repetition, or pauses have a negative effect on the listener's experience.</li> </ul>
<b>A2.1-A2.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand phrases and expressions related to areas of the most immediate priority (e.g., very basic personal and family information, shopping, local geography, employment), provided people articulate clearly and slowly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand the main points of short texts dealing with everyday topics (e.g., lifestyle, hobbies, sports, weather).</li> <li>identify specific information in simpler material they encounter, such as letters, brochures, and short news articles describing events.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce a series of simple phrases and sentences linked with simple connectors like "and," "but," and "because."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce speech that is generally intelligible when communicating in simple everyday situations, and provided the listener makes an effort to understand specific sounds. Hesitation, repetition, or pauses may have a negative effect on the listener's experience.</li> </ul>

CEFR	When ...			
	Listening	Reading	Writing	Speaking
	... learners can			
<b>B1.1–B1.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand straightforward, factual information about common everyday or job-related topics, made in clear standard language, identifying both general messages and specific details.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand most factual information in straightforward texts on familiar subjects of interest.</li> <li>identify the main conclusions in clearly signaled argumentative texts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce straightforward, connected texts on a range of familiar subjects within their field of interest, by linking a series of shorter discrete elements into a linear sequence.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce speech that is intelligible despite a strong influence on stress, intonation, or rhythm from other languages spoken, or regular mispronunciation of less familiar individual sounds and words. Hesitation, repetition, or pauses may be evidenced, but do not affect the listener's experience.</li> </ul>
<b>B2.1–B2.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand the main ideas of propositionally and linguistically complex discourse on both concrete and abstract topics, delivered in standard language, provided the topic is reasonably familiar, and the direction of the argument is signposted by explicit markers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>read with a large degree of independence, adapting style and speed of reading to different texts and purposes.</li> <li>recognize when a text provides factual information, and when it seeks to convince readers of something.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce clear, detailed texts on a variety of subjects related to their field of interest, synthesizing and evaluating information and arguments from a number of sources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>generally use appropriate intonation, place stress correctly, and articulate individual sounds clearly, though with some influence from other languages spoken. Hesitation, repetition, or pauses may be evidenced, but do not affect the listener's experience.</li> </ul>

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<b>C1.1–C1.2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand enough to follow extended discourse on abstract and complex topics even when relationships are not signaled explicitly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand in detail a wide range of lengthy, complex texts likely to be encountered in social, professional, or academic life.</li> <li>identify finer points of detail including attitudes and opinions, whether implied or stated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce clear, well-structured, coherent texts, expanding and supporting points of view.</li> <li>employ more complex grammatical forms with control and flexibility, and demonstrate a range of vocabulary, including less common lexis.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce smooth, intelligible speech, varying intonation and stress correctly with only occasional lapses.</li> <li>produce speech that is fluent and shows very little evidence of hesitation, repetition, or pauses.</li> </ul>
<b>C2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand with ease virtually any kind of language, whether live or broadcast, delivered at a fast, natural speed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>understand virtually all types of texts including abstract, structurally complex, or highly colloquial literary and non-literary writings, appreciating subtle distinctions of style, including both implicit and explicit meaning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce clear, smoothly flowing, coherent texts that communicate complex ideas in an effective and engaging way.</li> <li>demonstrate flexible, sophisticated control of grammatical forms, and a precise use of a wide range of vocabulary.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>produce speech with such a high level of control of individual sounds and prosodic features (stress, rhythm, and intonation) that the finer points of the message are clear and precise. Speech is fluent and there is very little evidence of hesitation, repetition, or pauses.</li> </ul>