



THE OXFORD TEST OF ENGLISH IS CERTIFIED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

# Introducing the Oxford Test of English



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### Welcome to the Oxford Test of English

#### Four skills

Our affordable and adaptive online tests cover Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. Test these four skills together, on their own, or in any combination. Invigilated and marked by real people, the tests take just two hours to complete.

#### Four levels

Our tests are aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), and the CEFR Companion volume. The Oxford Test of English and Oxford Test of English for Schools both assess three levels of the CEFR, A2–B2. The Oxford Test of English Advanced offers certification for advanced English language proficiency for academic and professional purposes at B2–C1 levels of the CEFR.

#### For life

Live, study, or work abroad with the only language proficiency tests certified by the University of Oxford. Recognized by a growing number of universities, educational institutions and organizations around the world. Plus, your results are valid for life.

## The Oxford Test of English proficiency tests are certified by the University of Oxford

All three versions of the test, the Oxford Test of English, Oxford Test of English for Schools and the Oxford Test of English Advanced, are available to test takers 365 days a year, in any module combination, with test results available typically within 5 working days!

Developed for young adult and adult learners, the Oxford Test of English tests assess the ability to understand and communicate effectively in Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. The Oxford Test of English and Oxford Test of English for Schools both assess levels A2–B2 of the CEFR. The Oxford Test of English Advanced assesses B2–C1.



## A world of opportunity awaits



The **Oxford Test of English** has been created for learners aged 16 and above, and the **Oxford Test of English for Schools** has been developed for learners aged between 12 and 16. All versions offer a similar format and marking criteria, but provide tailored content to better suit the interests and experiences of the test taker.



The Oxford Test of English for Schools offers the same trusted pedigree as the Oxford Test of English and is also certified by the University of Oxford, but it is specifically targeted at learners aged between 12 and 16, so you can be sure the content is age-appropriate and relevant.

- Enjoy the reliability of the Oxford Test of English online experience, with the same format and marking criteria, but with tailored content to better suit the interests and experiences of the test taker.
- Offers schools an affordable, personalized test that fits the needs of the students, the teacher, and the school.



### Open a new door with the Oxford Test of English



The **Oxford Test of English Advanced** is an English assessment solution for test takers, aged 16 and above, who want to certify their English proficiency for academic and professional requirements at a higher CEFR level, B2–C1. The test is aligned with the CEFR, including the updated descriptors in the CEFR Companion volume. From summarizing and debating, to essay writing and communicating diplomatically, the test accurately assesses the skills key for success in academic and professional opportunities.

- The Advanced Speaking and Writing modules have been built from the ground up to assess today's language needs, such as debating and presentations, alongside more traditional academic English skills.
- This enhanced academic focus includes a compulsory essay-writing task as part of the Writing module and integrated skill tasks, incorporating mediation as set out in the CEFR.

#### **Recognised worldwide**

Proud to be recognized and accepted by thousands of institutions in over 140 countries around the world.

The Oxford Test of English, Oxford Test of English Advanced, and the Oxford Test of English for schools, will enable you to take the next step in your learning journey or career.

Developed by Oxford University Press and certified by the University of Oxford, the tests are designed by a team of education, language, and assessment experts. Independent of any curriculum or course, the suite of Oxford Test of English proficiency tests provide results that universities, employers, and professional bodies can trust.

#### Recognizing bodies include:

- Universities, schools, colleges, and training organisations
- Government departments and immigration authorities
- Professional and industry associations
- Multinational companies and employers

## Faster and more flexible than traditional language proficiency tests

#### Why choose the Oxford Test of English?

#### On demand

The Oxford Test of English can be booked with as little as 7 days' notice. Choose where and when to take your test from our growing global network of Approved Test Centres. Test content is independent of any curriculum or course.

#### **Flexible**

The Oxford Test of English suite of tests all assess proficiency in Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing. You can take all four modules at the same time, just a single module, or a combination of modules.

#### **Online**

All three tests are 100% online and taken in one of our secure, Approved Test Centres. All test activities are completed on a computer, harnessing digital capabilities to ensure you perform at your best.

#### Internationally recognized

The Oxford Test of English tests are remove aligned to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). The Oxford Test of English Advanced has been developed against the latest descriptors in the CEFR Companion volume.

#### **Fast results**

Results for the Listening and Reading modules are available on the day of the test. Results for Speaking and Writing modules are typically available within 5 working days of the test, provided that the test was booked 7 days in advance.

#### Certification

You will receive a Module Report Card by email for each module you complete. When you have completed all four modules, you receive a Certificate of Proficiency. This reports your proficiency in each of the skills as well as providing an overall CEFR level.

Your dream Your journey Your test

# Using adaptive technology, the Oxford Test of English ensures an individual experience for every candidate

What does the Oxford Test of English look like?

#### **Adaptive**

The Listening and Reading modules are adaptive, which means the test difficulty adjusts in response to your answers, quickly finding the right level for each test taker. This means that the questions are at just the right level of challenge, making the test shorter and less stressful than traditional proficiency tests.

#### **Individual**

The Speaking and Writing modules provide randomly generated tasks, making the overall test different each time. This technology ensures you get an individual, personalized experience when you take the test.

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Four levels
For life



#### **Test overview**

The Oxford Test of English, Oxford Test of English Advanced, and the Oxford Test of English for Schools English proficiency tests offer a similar marking criteria, but provide tailored content to better suit the age, interests and experiences of the test taker.

This overview summarises the content of each module in all three versions of the test. For more detail, speak to your Approved Test Centre.

Module	Test	Duration	Content and format
Speaking	Oxford Test of English Oxford Test of English for Schools	15 minutes 4 parts	The Speaking tasks are all based on real-world contexts. Depending on the version of the test taken (Oxford Test of English or Oxford Test of English for Schools), this could be a simulated interview, leaving a voicemail, or giving a talk and answering follow-up questions. All responses are recorded and the tasks marked by trained and experienced assessors.
	Oxford Test of English Advanced	15 minutes 5 parts	The Speaking tasks are all based on real-world contexts, tasks include leaving a voice message, a summary, a debate and answering follow-up questions. All responses are recorded and the tasks marked by trained and experienced assessors.
Listening	Oxford Test of English Oxford Test of English for Schools	30 minutes 4 parts	The Listening module has conversations and monologues in different English-speaking contexts. Test takers have the opportunity to demonstrate a variety of listening skills, such as understanding inferred meaning or identifying opinion, by answering multiplechoice questions.
	Oxford Test of English Advanced	35 minutes 4 parts	The Listening module has conversations and monologues in different English-speaking contexts. Test takers have the opportunity to demonstrate a variety of listening skills as above, as well as integrated skills, such as note taking.
Reading	Oxford Test of English Oxford Test of English for Schools	35 minutes 4 parts	The Reading texts vary in length and complexity. Test takers have the opportunity to demonstrate their ability in a number of reading skills, such as understanding cohesion and organizing, or identifying author purpose.
	Oxford Test of English Advanced	35 minutes 4 parts	The Reading texts in the Oxford Test of English Advanced reflect a higher level of proficiency with more focus on texts from academic and professional contexts.
Writing	Oxford Test of English Oxford Test of English for Schools	45 minutes 2 parts	The Writing tasks include writing a response to an email, and an essay, article, or review on a topic typical of classroom discussion. Test takers can demonstrate their accuracy and range of grammar and vocabulary as well as how well they can structure written communication.
	Oxford Test of English Advanced	50 minutes 2 parts	The Oxford Test of English Advanced includes a compulsory essay-writing task, as well as a summary task that assess test taker readiness for further academic study, including post-graduate courses.

#### Experience the test for yourself by taking the online demo at oxfordtestofenglish.com

#### Results you can trust

#### **Aligned**

The Oxford Test of English suite of proficiency tests assess test takers' ability to understand and communicate effectively in English at A2, B1, B2 and C1 levels of the CEFR. Results are reported using both the CEFR and a standardized score.

#### **Flexible**

Institutions can specify the modules and CEFR levels required. For example, universities may specify a particular CEFR result in all four modules to reflect the needs of academic life, while an employer may specify a CEFR level for just a single module required for a particular job.

#### Secure

Security is prioritized in test design, delivery, and administration. Effective security measures have been built into the test design to ensure the integrity of test results and fairness to all test takers.

#### **Certified**

Our suite of proficiency tests are certified by the University of Oxford. Certification is part of the University's endorsement of the test. Endorsement is founded on the University's ongoing quality assurance auditing of the test.

Universities, employers or professional organizations can rest assured that the test meets the highest standards, as this letter from the University explains:



I am pleased to confirm that the University of Oxford endorses and certifies the Oxford Test of English suite of English language tests.

Through its Education Committee, chaired by the Pro-Vice Chancellor for Education, the University of Oxford has overseen the development of the Oxford Test of English, the Oxford Test of English for Schools, and the Oxford Test of English Advanced to ensure they meet the highest standards in educational measurement.

The University has audited each stage of test development against best practice, including test design, test question pretesting and calibration, CEFR alignment, mark scheme development, assessor training, test security, piloting and test administration.

The University of Oxford regularly monitors test administration to ensure the tests remain valid and reliable measures of English proficiency.

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Prof. Matthew Weait, Director
Department for Continuing Education.

#### **Understanding results**

#### **Certificate of Proficiency**

#### 1. Module Report Card

The Module Report Card shows the module score and CEFR level for the module completed.

#### 2. Certificate of Proficiency

Test takers receive a certificate if they complete all four modules (Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing).

#### 3. Overall CEFR level and score

Certificates have an overall CEFR level and an overall score. The overall score is the average of the scores of the four individual modules, out of a total of 140. For Oxford Test of English Advanced this is out of a total of 170.

#### 4. Test scores

Scores for the Oxford Test of English are from 51–140. These scores are aligned to CEFR levels A2, B1, and B2. The scale is used for the individual module scores and the overall score for the test.

Scores for Oxford Test of English Advanced are from 111-170, aligned to CEFR levels B2 and C1.

#### 5. Module score

Each module is given a CEFR level and a score out of 140 (170 for Oxford Test of English Advanced). This shows the test taker's relative strengths across the four skills.

Test takers may retake modules and their best results appear on the Certificate or Module Report Card.

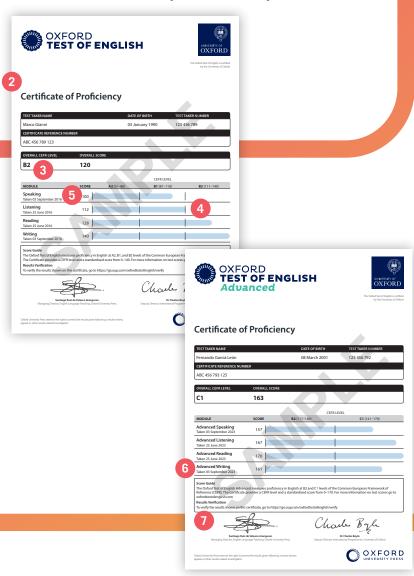
#### 6. Date module was taken

Test takers may take individual modules on different dates. Here you can see the date each module was taken.

#### 7. Verifying results

Test takers can provide results verification to their university, employer, or organization.

You receive a Module Report Card for each module you complete. If you complete all four modules, you receive a certificate endorsed by the University of Oxford.



#### **Test scores**

Oxford Test of English Oxford Test of English for Schools Oxford Test of English Advanced В1 **C1** B1.2 A2.2 B1.1 **B2.1 B2.2** A2.1 C1.1 C1.2 51 81 140 170 66 96 111 126 156

#### **Module Report Card**

Test takers receive a Module Report Card for individual modules.



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# Your journey starts here —

Find out more at oxfordtestofenglish.com

