

VERSANT ENGLISH PLACEMENT TEST · PEARSON

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*Practice papers · Study booklet***OCTOBER 2026****INSIDE THIS BOOKLET****SECTION 1****Speaking Section**

Parts A–D · spoken responses

40 items

≈ 11 minutes

SECTION 2**Writing Section**

Parts E–I · typed responses

41 items

≈ 40 minutes

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A practice booklet to print or complete on screen. Parts B, C, D and G are audio items — open the listen links from the digital booklet. Answer keys and transcripts for every scorable part are at the end.

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

- Sit the nine parts in order, A to I, without pausing between them — the real test never lets you go back.
- Parts B, C, D and G are played to you: open the listen link on each item from the digital booklet.
- Check yourself against the transcripts and answer keys at the end, then practise the scored version on mocko.ai.

SECTION 1

Speaking Section

Parts A–D · spoken responses

40 items **Duration** ≈ 11 minutes

Parts A to D are spoken. Every item runs on its own countdown and moves on by itself, so work at test pace. Open the audio link for each item from the digital booklet, then answer aloud — record yourself if you want to review your responses afterwards.

PART A

Read Aloud

2 items 30 s to speak · start within 10 s

Read the passage aloud smoothly and naturally in a clear voice. You will be stopped after 30 seconds. This is not a speed reading test. You may not be able to finish reading the entire passage, but that is okay. When your time is up, you will automatically move on to the next item.

A1

A family lives in a small apartment near a bus stop. Each morning, the parents leave early for work. The children eat bread and fruit before school. In the evening, everyone comes home tired but calm. They wash their hands, share a simple meal, and talk about the day. After dinner, one child reads a book, and the other draws a picture at the table.

A2

In a language archive, trained staff preserve old recordings that were made on fragile tape many years ago. The sound may fade unless each reel is cleaned and copied with great care. Because labels are sometimes incomplete, researchers compare voices, dates, and background noise before they describe the material. Their notes must be exact, so future users can trace each source without confusion.

PART B

Repeat

16 items 15 s to speak · start within 6 s

Please repeat each sentence that you hear.

Audio items: open the listen link on each item from the digital booklet. Nothing is printed for you to read.

B1 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B2 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B3 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B4 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B5 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B6 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B7 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B8 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B9 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B10 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B11 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B12 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B13 ▶ Listen to the sentence

B14

► Listen to the sentence

B15

► Listen to the sentence

B16

► Listen to the sentence

PART C

Sentence Builds

10 items 15 s to speak · start within 8 s

Now, please rearrange the word groups into a sentence.

Audio items: open the listen link on each item from the digital booklet. The word groups are printed below each link so you can work offline.

C1

► Listen to the word groups

after dinner last night

we watched

a funny movie

C2

► Listen to the word groups

near the entrance yesterday

a strong wind knocked down

several signs

C3

► Listen to the word groups

along the front path yesterday

our neighbors planted

new flowers

C4

► Listen to the word groups

the test results

in clear language

the doctor explained

C5

► Listen to the word groups

for the evening meeting yesterday

several students borrowed

extra chairs

C6

► Listen to the word groups

that students remembered easily

the lecturer clarified

the theory with examples

C7

► Listen to the word groups

with young business owners

the conference speaker shared

practical advice

C8

► Listen to the word groups

the delicate ceiling repairs

after workers completed

the museum reopened

C9

► Listen to the word groups

the final decision appear

more balanced and deliberate

her careful remarks made

C10

► Listen to the word groups

often weaken public trust

senior staff warned

that vague goals

PART D

Conversations

12 items 15 s to speak · start within 8 s

You will hear a conversation between two people, followed by a question. Give a short, simple answer to the question.

D1

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What is being made for the party?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D2

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Where will they get sandwiches?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D3

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Which room should they use?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D4

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Which class will their father take them to?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D5

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What time does the cleanup begin?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D6

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Where was the scarf?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D7

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What will they watch first?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D8

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

When will the jacket be fixed?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D9

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Where will they record this afternoon?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D10

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Until when is the card valid?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D11

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

What do they still need?

YOUR ANSWER _____

D12

▶ Listen to the conversation

▶ Listen to the question

Which ingredient is missing for dinner tonight?

YOUR ANSWER _____

Writing Section

Parts E–I · typed responses

41 items **Duration** ≈ 40 minutes

Parts E to I are typed. In the real test each item is timed separately and saves automatically when the time is up. On paper, keep to the time shown on each part header and write your answers in the space provided.

PART E

Typing

1 item 60 s

This section allows you to get used to the keyboard and also measures your typing speed. You will have 60 seconds to type as much as you can. Type quickly and accurately. Keep typing until your time is up. Your work will be saved automatically.

E1

Soup is a simple food that people make in many homes. It often begins with water in a pot on the stove. Then cut vegetables go in, such as carrots, potatoes, and onions. Some people add beans or small pieces of meat for more flavor. The soup cooks slowly until the vegetables turn soft. During this time, the smell fills the kitchen and makes the room feel warm. Soup is easy to share with family or friends. It is also useful on cold days, because a hot bowl can be very comforting.

PART F

Sentence Completion

20 items 25 s

Please type one word that best fits the meaning of the sentence. Type only one word. You will have 25 seconds for each sentence. Click "Next" when you are finished.

F1 She forgot her card, so she paid with ____.

F2 I was tired last night, so I went to ____ early.

F3 After class, I went to the ____ to borrow a book.

F4 Our meeting starts at ten, so please be ____ time.

F5 My phone battery was almost dead, so I borrowed a ____ from the receptionist.

F6 The plumber said he could fix the leak, but he needed to order a new ____ first.

F7 If the internet stops working again, call the ____ desk for help.

F8 The cashier said my card was declined because I entered the wrong ____ twice.

F9 ____ checking out, guests are asked to leave their room keys at the front desk.

F10 After comparing several models, she chose the printer with the lowest maintenance ____.

F11 ____ my card was declined, I paid with cash instead.

- F12** The bank would not approve the loan because his income was too ____.
-
- F13** To avoid interest charges, make sure the full balance is paid by the due ____.
-
- F14** ____ the payment had not cleared, the order remained on hold for another day.
-
- F15** My doctor recommended more sleep and regular ____ to reduce stress.
-
- F16** The pharmacist said this medicine may cause ____ in some patients.
-
- F17** ____ the invoice carefully, as one incorrect figure could delay payment.
-
- F18** ____ a replacement card, you must first report the original one as lost.
-
- F19** Before approving the mortgage, the bank asked us to provide further ____ of income.
-
- F20** To avoid overdraft charges, she set up an automatic ____ from her savings account each month.
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PART G

Dictation

16 items 25 s

Please type each sentence exactly as you hear it. You will have 25 seconds for each sentence. Pay attention to spelling and punctuation. Click "Next" when you are finished. After 25 seconds, your work will be saved automatically.

Audio items: open the listen link on each item from the digital booklet. Nothing is printed for you to read.

G1

▶ Listen to the sentence

G2

▶ Listen to the sentence

G3

▶ Listen to the sentence

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▶ Listen to the sentence

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▶ Listen to the sentence

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► Listen to the sentence

PART H

Passage Reconstruction

3 items 30 s to read · 90 s

You will have 30 seconds to read a paragraph. After 30 seconds, the paragraph will disappear from the screen. Then, you will have 90 seconds to reconstruct the paragraph. Show that you understood the passage by rewriting it in your own words. Your answer will be scored for clear and accurate content, not word-for-word memorization. After 90 seconds, your work will be saved automatically.

H1

Our family wanted to have dinner at my aunt's home on Sunday evening, but she called in the afternoon because her oven stopped working. We changed the plan and met at a small restaurant near her street instead. My aunt was sorry, but everyone agreed it was easier than cooking at another house.

On paper: read for 30 seconds, cover the passage, then rewrite it in your own words in 90 seconds.

YOUR RESPONSE

H2

Nina ordered a birthday cake from a bakery for her father's dinner on Sunday. When she picked it up, she noticed the message on top had the wrong name. Because guests were already arriving at her parents' apartment, she could not wait for a new cake. The bakery apologized and promised to refund part of the cost later that day.

On paper: read for 30 seconds, cover the passage, then rewrite it in your own words in 90 seconds.

YOUR RESPONSE

H3

Our building inspection was supposed to take place this afternoon, but the inspector called to say a traffic accident had delayed her route. Since several managers had cleared their calendars for the visit, we decided not to wait indefinitely. The inspection has been moved to Monday, and reception will contact everyone who needs to be present.

On paper: read for 30 seconds, cover the passage, then rewrite it in your own words in 90 seconds.

YOUR RESPONSE

PART I

Summary and Opinion

1 item 18 minutes

Read the passage. Then, in the first box, write a short summary of the author's opinion in 25-50 words. In the second box, write your opinion on the topic. Do you agree or disagree with the author? Why? Try to use your own ideas. You must write at least 50 words. You will have 18 minutes to read the passage and write both the summary and opinion. Write both the summary and the opinion before clicking 'Next'. Write in complete sentences. After 18 minutes, your work will be saved automatically.

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Many employers now allow staff to work from home for part or all of the week, and supporters argue that this change should become a normal feature of working life. They believe remote work gives people greater control over their time and allows businesses to judge employees by results rather than by how long they sit at a desk. For these reasons, remote work is often presented as a sensible improvement rather than a temporary convenience.

One advantage is that working from home can make daily life more efficient. When people do not need to travel to an office every morning, they save time, avoid stress, and may begin work with more energy. This extra flexibility can also help workers balance employment with family duties or personal responsibilities. As a result, many employees say they are better able to focus on important tasks and organize their day in a way that suits them.

Remote work may also benefit employers. Companies that need less office space can reduce costs, while managers can hire skilled staff who live far away instead of choosing only from local applicants. In addition, some people communicate more clearly in writing online, which can make meetings shorter and decisions easier to track. Although remote work may weaken team spirit if it is poorly managed, that problem can often be reduced through regular contact and occasional meetings in person.

For these reasons, remote work deserves long-term support. It can save time, widen opportunity, and lower costs for both workers and employers. While it may not suit every job, it should remain a normal option wherever the work can be done well outside a traditional office.

SUMMARY (25-50 WORDS)

YOUR OPINION (AT LEAST 50 WORDS)

Answer keys

Parts F and G have one right answer and you can mark them yourself. For the spoken parts and the long writing tasks, compare your response with the transcript or the content points listed below — the real test scores them on accuracy, fluency, vocabulary and sentence mastery, which needs the online version.

Part A — Read Aloud

No answer key: the passage is printed in full above. Read Aloud is scored on pronunciation and fluency, which needs the recorded version.

Part B — Repeat

Item	Expected response
B1	Please put the cups on the table.
B2	My phone is in my bag.
B3	After lunch, I helped my friend clean the kitchen floor.
B4	When the movie ended, everyone stood up quietly and left the room.
B5	Do you want tea, or would you like water instead?
B6	Did you call your friend?
B7	Please leave the package beside the front desk.
B8	I usually take notes during the meeting.
B9	The patient waited quietly in the hall.
B10	We nearly missed the early train.
B11	She felt nervous because the manager asked several detailed questions.
B12	Please revise the draft so the main argument appears earlier and reads more clearly.
B13	Before you water the plants, check whether the soil still feels damp beneath the surface.
B14	Even after the revision, the policy still creates confusion for staff and clients.
B15	Unless the team reaches a clear consensus soon, the dispute may quietly damage morale.
B16	Please explain how the revised framework addresses concerns without creating unnecessary complexity.

Part C — Sentence Builds

The task is to rearrange the word groups, so where the three groups assemble more than one way every correct build is listed.

Item	Expected response
C1	We watched a funny movie after dinner last night.
C2	A strong wind knocked down several signs near the entrance yesterday.
C3	Our neighbors planted new flowers along the front path yesterday.
C4	The doctor explained the test results in clear language.
C5	Several students borrowed extra chairs for the evening meeting yesterday.
C6	The lecturer clarified the theory with examples that students remembered easily.
C7	The conference speaker shared practical advice with young business owners.
C8	The museum reopened after workers completed the delicate ceiling repairs.
C9	Her careful remarks made the final decision appear more balanced and deliberate.
C10	Senior staff warned that vague goals often weaken public trust.

Part D — Conversations

The transcript of each conversation is printed with its answer so you can check what you missed.

Item	Expected response
D1	Lemon cupcakes also accepted: cupcakes, some lemon cupcakes, the lemon cupcakes A: Are you baking something for the party? B: Yes, I'm making lemon cupcakes. A: Save one for me later.
D2	The cafe also accepted: cafe, at the cafe A: I'm hungry before the movie. B: Let's get sandwiches at the cafe. A: Good idea. I'll order tea too.
D3	The back room also accepted: back room, the back room near the stairs, back room near the stairs A: Which room should we use tonight? B: Use the back room near the stairs. A: Okay, I'll set the chairs there.
D4	Art also accepted: art on thursday, the art class, art class A: The twins have music on Tuesday and art on Thursday. B: Their father can take them Thursday, not Tuesday. A: Great, I'll handle the music class myself.

Item	Expected response
D5	Half past nine also accepted: at half past nine, nine thirty A: The neighborhood cleanup starts at ten, right? B: Actually, it begins at half past nine. A: Then we'd better leave early.
D6	The locker also accepted: in the locker, locker A: I left my scarf in the studio yesterday. B: I saw gloves there, but your scarf was in the locker. A: Thanks, I'll check the locker after class.
D7	The comedy also accepted: comedy, the comedy show, comedy show A: We could watch the comedy, or the crime series. B: Let's start the comedy; the crime show's too long. A: Fine, I'll make tea before it begins.
D8	Today also accepted: later today A: The tailor can fix it today or on Friday. B: Today works, since Friday I'm out of town. A: Great, I'll take the jacket over this morning.
D9	The spare room also accepted: spare room, in the spare room A: Can we record in the office this afternoon? B: No, the office is noisy; use the spare room. A: Fine, I'll move the microphones there at two.
D10	Next march also accepted: until next march A: Did the library renew your card? B: Yes, it's valid until next March now. A: Good, then you can borrow the atlas.
D11	One more can also accepted: a can, one more can of paint, another can A: Do we have enough paint for the hallway? B: No, we still need one more can. A: I'll stop by the hardware store.
D12	Basil also accepted: some basil, fresh herbs A: Do you want me to pick up anything for dinner? B: Yes, since we're out of fresh herbs, get some basil from the market. A: Sure, I'll buy it with the bread.

Part E — Typing

Not scored. Typing is reported separately as words per minute and accuracy.

Part F — Sentence Completion

Item	Expected response
F1	cash
F2	bed also accepted: sleep
F3	library
F4	on
F5	charger
F6	part
F7	support also accepted: service
F8	pin also accepted: password
F9	when
F10	cost also accepted: expense
F11	when also accepted: since
F12	low
F13	date
F14	because also accepted: since
F15	exercise
F16	drowsiness also accepted: sleepiness
F17	review also accepted: check, verify
F18	for
F19	proof also accepted: evidence, documentation, verification
F20	transfer also accepted: payment

Part G — Dictation

Item	Expected response
G1	What time is lunch?
G2	The bus is late again.
G3	Please wait here until I come back.
G4	After we finish dinner, we can walk by the river.
G5	When the baby was asleep, we cleaned the kitchen quietly.
G6	Why is the kitchen light still on?
G7	Why was the report delayed?
G8	Bring the signed form tomorrow, please.
G9	Since the server was offline, several orders were processed by hand.
G10	When the machine is ready, press the green button gently.
G11	Since the shelves were damaged, we moved the supplies to a safer area.
G12	Please notify me if the committee requests additional evidence.
G13	The audience remained quiet while the speaker explained the unusual procedure.
G14	Unless the software updates overnight, the system may remain unusually slow tomorrow.
G15	If the supplier alters the formula again, our certification may lapse.
G16	While the manuscript seemed coherent, its conclusion contradicted the earlier premise.

Part H — Passage Reconstruction

Scored on content, not wording. Check that your response covers the points listed for each item.

Item	Expected response
H1	The family planned to eat dinner at the aunt's home on Sunday evening The aunt called in the afternoon because her oven was broken The plan changed to meeting at a small restaurant near her street The aunt apologized or felt sorry Everyone thought the restaurant was easier than cooking somewhere else
H2	Nina ordered a birthday cake for her father's Sunday dinner When she collected it, the name written on the cake was wrong She could not wait for a replacement because guests were already arriving The bakery apologized The bakery promised a partial refund later that day

Item	Expected response
H3	The building inspection had been scheduled for this afternoon The inspector said a traffic accident delayed her Several managers had made time for the visit They decided not to keep waiting The inspection was rescheduled for Monday Reception will notify the people who need to attend

Part I — Summary and Opinion

Scored on content, not wording. Check that your response covers the points listed for each item.

Item	Expected response
I1	Remote work should become a normal long-term option It saves commuting time and can reduce stress and improve work-life balance Employers can lower office costs and hire from a wider pool of workers Problems such as weaker team spirit can be managed with regular contact and in-person meetings Remote work is not suitable for every job but should be offered where practical



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