

London International Academy English Placement Test

Information and Sample Questions

Information:

The English Placement test is designed to place students into the appropriate ESL level (A through E) or English level (ENG3U or ENG4U) according to the Ontario curriculum expectations. Each level corresponds to a numeric score, although some exceptions are taken into account when placing students.

As with most English placement tests, LIA's test is divided into three sections: *Listening and Speaking*, *Writing*, and *Reading*.

Sample Questions:

The *Listening and Speaking* section is a series of questions that are graduated by complexity. Students must listen to each question and respond accordingly. A beginner question might be, **"What meal do you most enjoy?"** while an advanced question might be, **"Before you decided to come to Canada, what were you doing in your home country and did that situation influence your decision to leave?"** Clarity of thought, academic vocabulary, and pronunciation are also given weight.

The *Writing* section provides students with four prompts, from which they must choose one. These prompts, for example, **"Tell me about an average weekend in your home country,"** are open-ended and familiar. However, students must structure their responses to reveal their ability to work with the expectations of academic writing, such as organization and transition words and phrases.

The *Reading* section asks student to read a mid-level text rich in description, dialogue, and thoughtfulness. Students must then respond to content questions, such as, **"When and where does the story take place?"** grammar questions, such as, **"What is the purpose of the exclamation mark at the end of this sentence?"** and critical thinking questions. These questions are graduated by complexity, similar to the Listening and Speaking section.