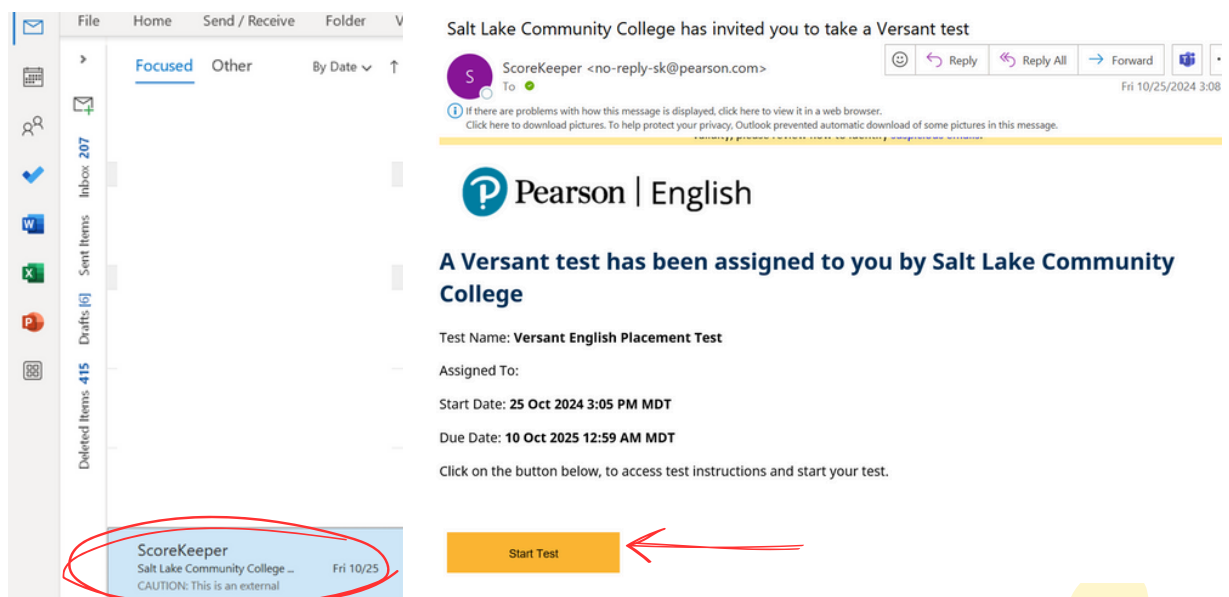


ESL Placement Test: Step by Step

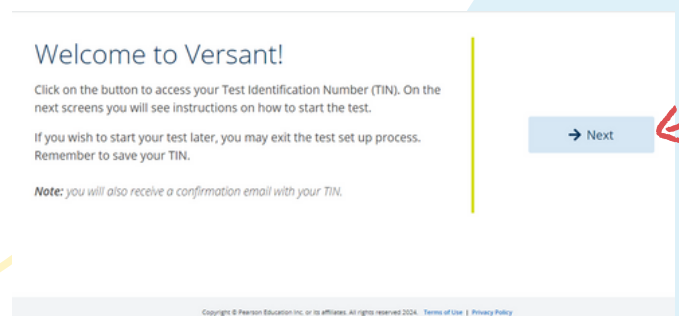
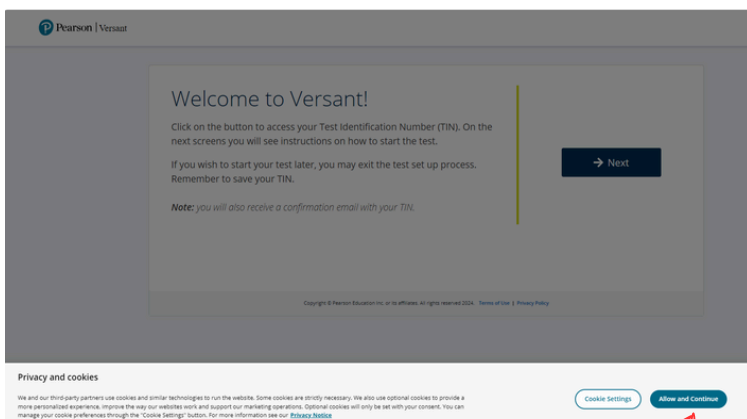
The Versant English Placement Test is taken online. Results are available in minutes. To take the test you will need the following:

- Test instructions
- Access to a computer
- A good internet connection
- A headset with microphone
- One free hour to complete the test
- A quiet room where you can work without interruptions throughout the test

1. If you are a new student: The ESL department will receive your application. Please wait 24 hours for an email from ScoreKeeper (Pearson) to take the test.
2. Check your personal email. You will receive an email from “ScoreKeeper” with the subject “Salt Lake Community College has invited you to take a Versant test.” Click on “**Start Test**”



3. A request will show, please click “**Allow and Continue**”. Then click “**Next**”.



4. If your first name, last name, and Bruinmail are not automatically filled, add the missing information. Then read the privacy policy by clicking on the link “Pearson’s privacy policy”. Next check the box to acknowledge the privacy policy.

*Each student will have their own Test Identification Number (TIN). Please write down the TIN number or take a picture with your phone, so you can check your score later.

TIN: 79864430 Validated

Emma Smith

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5. Before starting your test, read the requirements and instructions on your computer.

Please watch a video that explains the best practices to help you with your test: [Play video](#)

To start your Test:

- Choose your test delivery method: Web Browser
- System requirements: [Show requirements](#)
- Test Instructions: [Download Test Instructions](#)
- ☐ I have read the test instructions

Cancel OK

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Versant for Web Test Instructions

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BEFORE THE TEST:

- Computer with a good internet connection
- Headset with a boom microphone
- A quiet room
- For system-check, go to [VersantCheck.com](#)

Follow the instructions to make sure you are ready to take a Versant test

DURING THE TEST:

- Microphone distance from mouth
- Speak naturally
- Don't know? Be silent or say "I don't know"
- No notes
- Test cannot be paused

STARTING AND ENDING THE TEST

- Go to <https://www.versanttest.com/scorekeeper/take-test>
- You may be asked to enter your TIN
- Click on "Validate", then follow the on-screen instructions
- Select "Web" and click on "Start test"

6. Check the box “I have read the test instructions” after you have read them and click OK. Don’t watch the video.

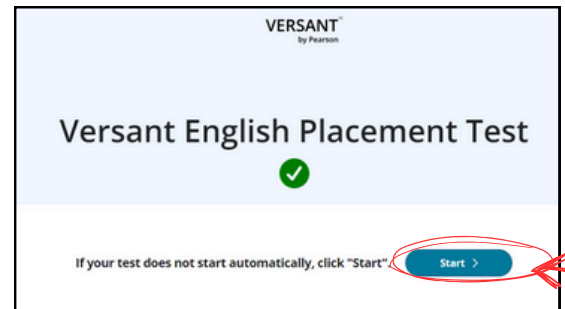
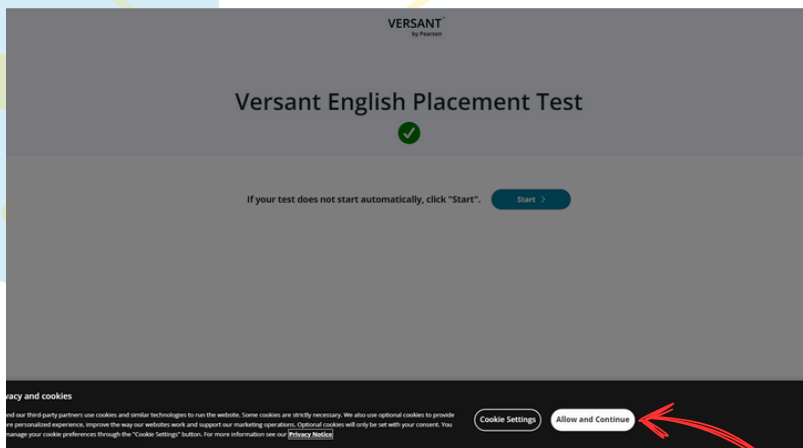
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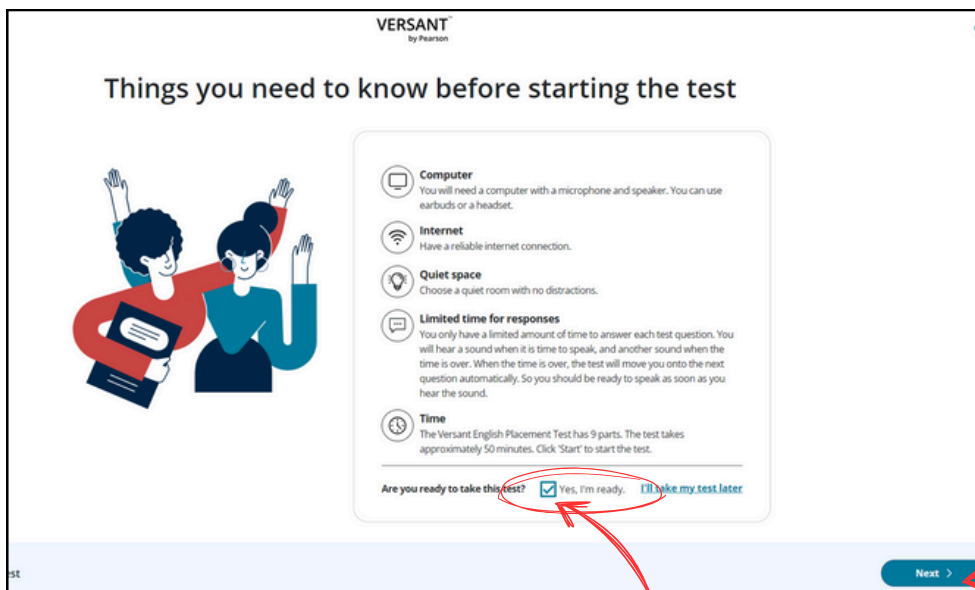
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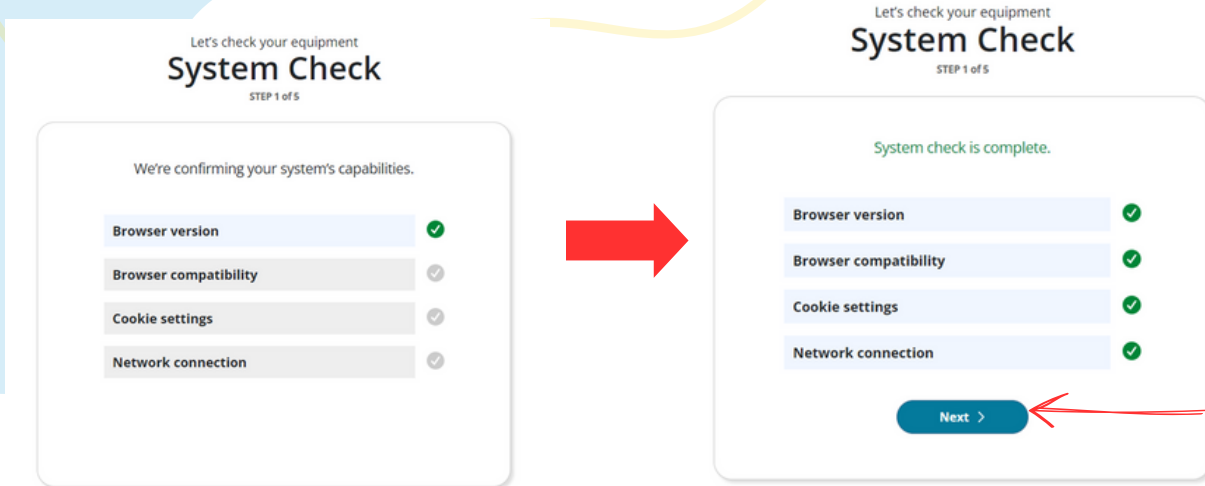
7. A request will show, click Allow and Continue, then click Start.



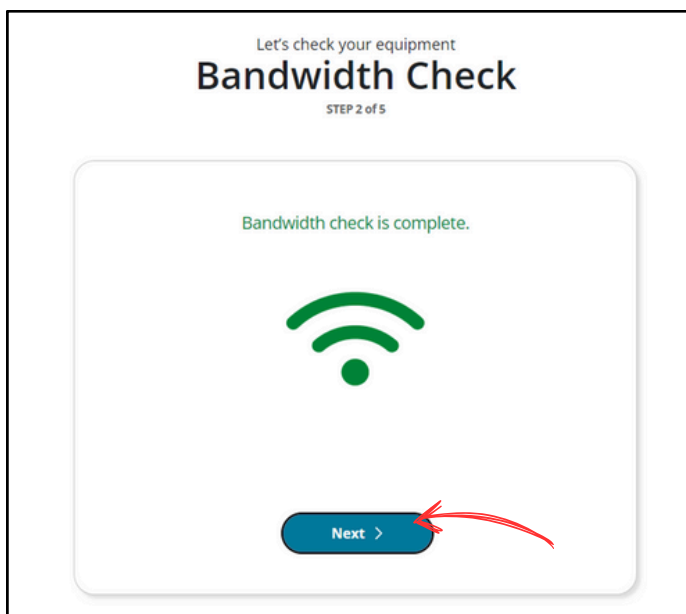
8. Make sure you have a computer with a microphone or have a headset, strong internet connection, a quiet space, and enough time to complete the test. When you have all of the requirements ready, click the box "Yes, I'm ready." Then click "Next".



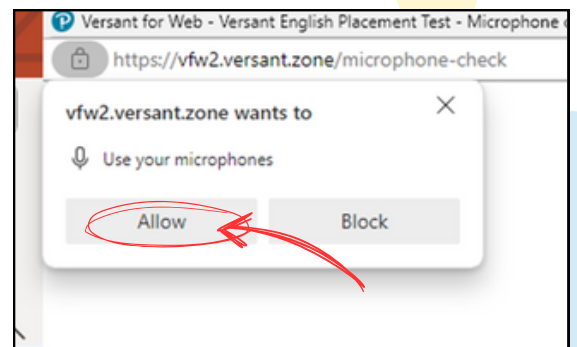
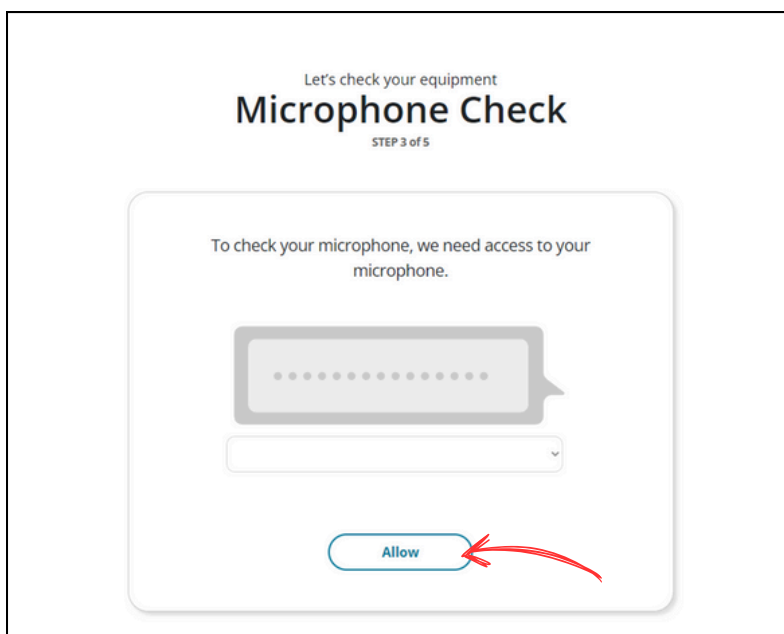
9. The system will do a quick computer check. Please wait until you see the green check marks for all 4 items, then click “**Next**”.



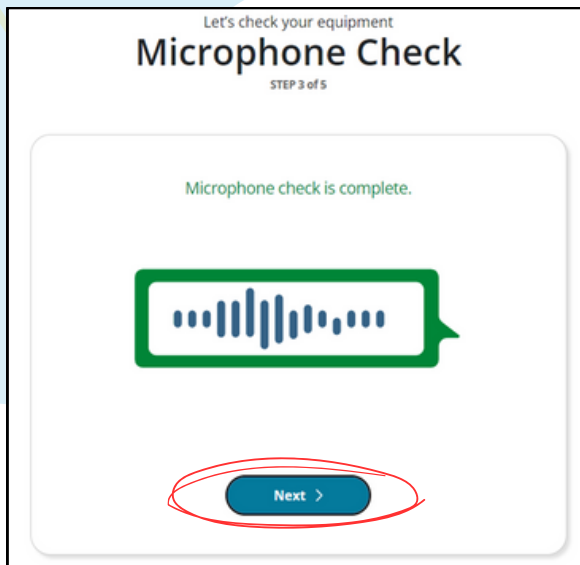
10. Make sure your internet is working. When the check is complete, it will turn green. Then click “**Next**”.



11. In this section, they will check your microphone. To use your microphone, click on “**Allow**”. Once you have done that, repeat the phrase “**One, Two, Three, Four.....Ten.**”

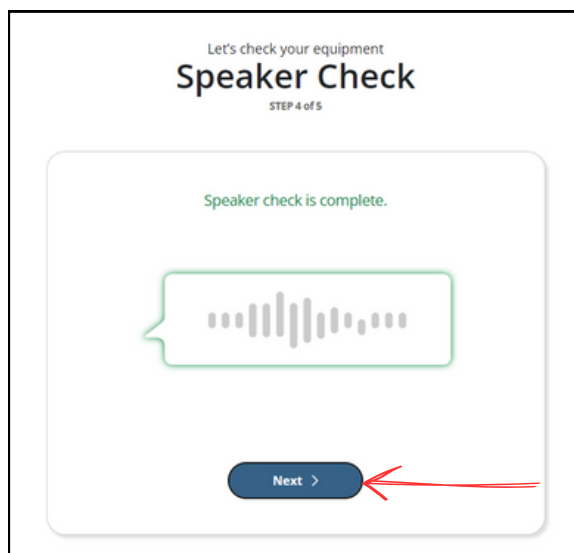
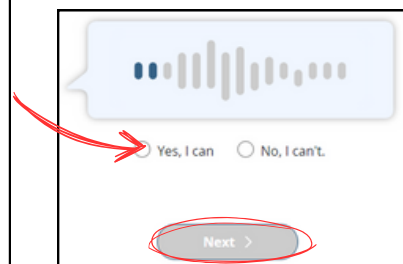


12. Once the microphone check has been completed, click “**Next**”.



13. In this section, they will check your sound volume. Check to see if you can hear anything by clicking on “**Play**” to hear the music. Once you hear the audio, click “**Yes, I can**”. Then click “**Next**”.

Remember, you can adjust your volume during the test by moving the slider in the upper right hand corner.



14. In this section, the system will check for background noise. It is important to be in a quiet room, so you are not distracted. When you are ready, click “**Start**”, and remain silent for the next few seconds.

*If you are not in a quite room, the sound checking will fail. It is to ensure a quiet environment. Please try again if it fails. When the sound check passes, please click “**Next**”.

Let's check your equipment

Background Noise

STEP 5 of 5

Please be very quiet. When you press "Start", we will begin listening to your environment for background noise.

Quiet Too loud

Start

Let's check your equipment

Background Noise

STEP 5 of 5

Background noise check is complete.

Quiet Too loud

Next >

15. Once the system has checked everything, you will be able to start the test. Please click “**Next**”.

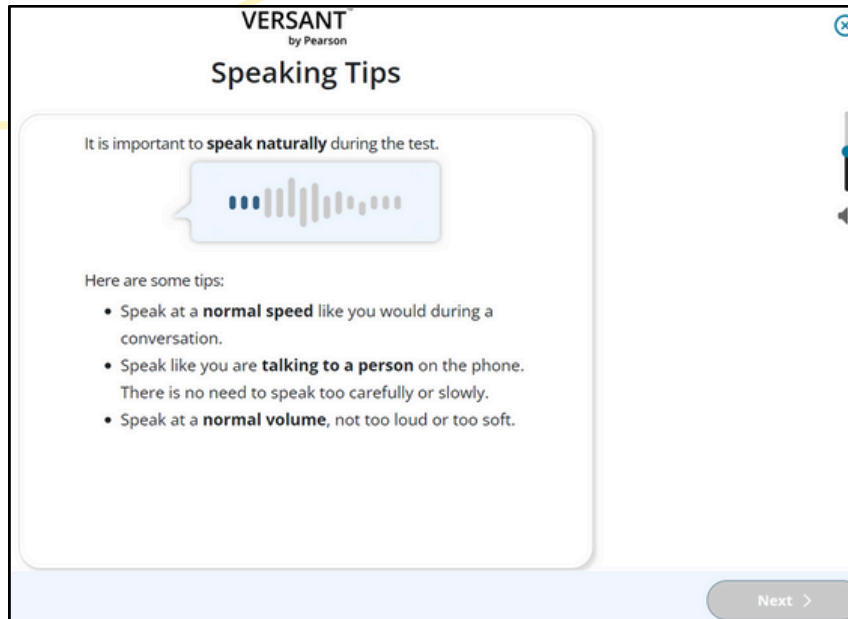
Success!

All setup checks have passed.

System check	✓
Bandwidth check	✓
Microphone check	✓
Speaker check	✓
Background noise check	✓

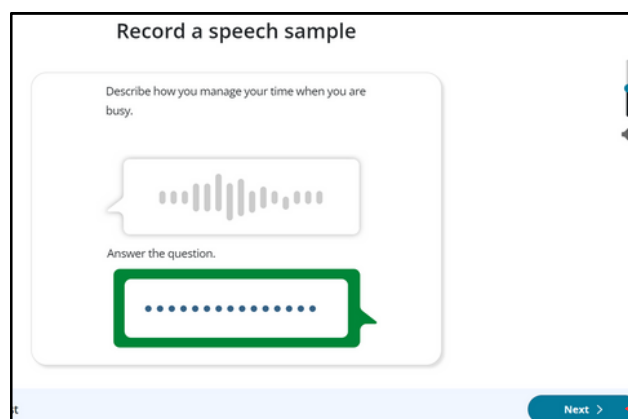
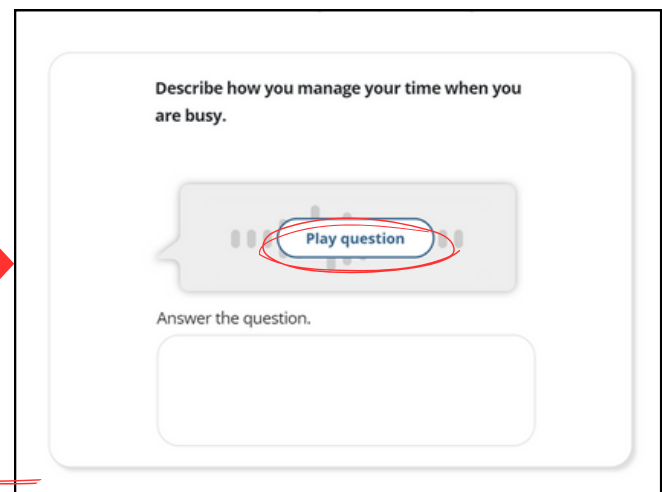
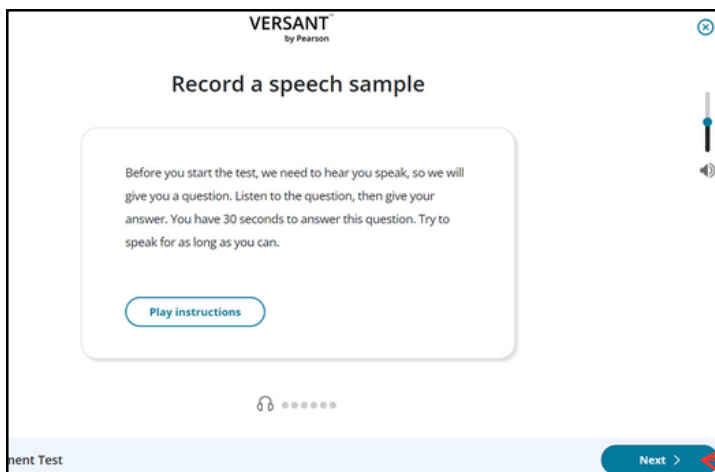
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16. The test will provide you with speaking tips. Please listen and read carefully, Once you are done listening and reading, click “**Next**”.

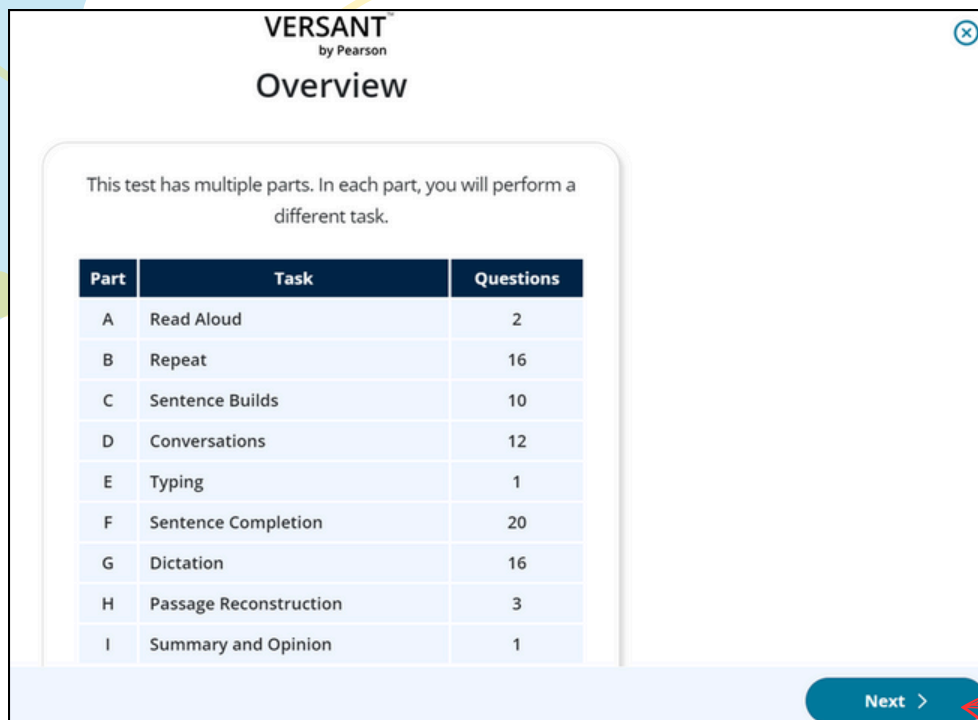


17. An examiner's voice will then guide you through the test and explain how to answer the different types of questions.

Click “**Next**”. You will be given an example of a test question. You can read and listen to the question. Then you will need to answer the question. Once you finish with your example speech, click “**Next**”.



18. Before starting the test, read the “Overview.” It will provide an overview of the different parts of the test. When you are ready, click “**Next**” and start the test.



General Speaking Test Tips

All of your answers are spoken aloud and recorded for scoring:

- Make sure you are in a quiet room with no background noise (even loud fans and air conditioning can cause interference).
- Ensure your headset is properly connected to your computer (to avoid static or technical issues).
- Speak clearly at the same volume you would use for a telephone conversation (don't shout or whisper).
- When you speak, do not rush or speak extra slowly.
- Try pronouncing words that you do not know, but be aware, you should not repeat yourself for any reason, including to correct yourself.
- Consider which words need to be emphasized.
- Pay attention to punctuation (e.g., commas, semi colons, and periods) as these will give you clues for pauses in your speech.
- Do your best and try not to worry about mistakes. You will not be able to re-record your answer.

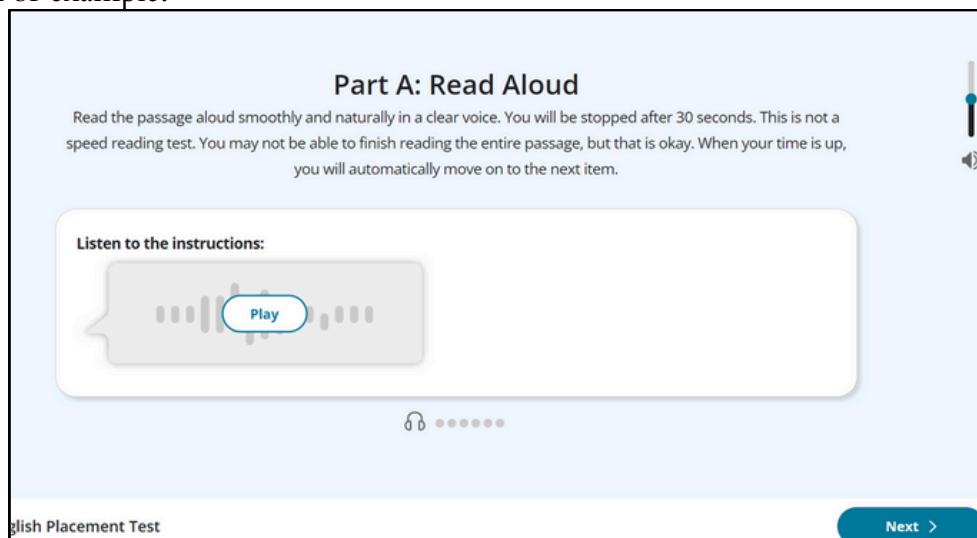
You will have 15 seconds to answer each question.

When the test starts, it will give you instructions for each section. There are 9 parts, and each part will ask you to complete different tasks.

Item type	Skill(s) tested	Items in test
Read Aloud (Part A)	Speaking and Reading	2
Repeat (Part B)	Speaking	16
Sentence Builds (Part C)	Speaking	10
Conversations (Part D)	Listening	12
Typing (Part E)	Typing Speed and Accuracy	1
Sentence Completion (Part F)	Reading	20
Dictation (Part G)	Listening	16
Passage Reconstruction (Part H)	Writing	3
Summary and Opinion (Part I)	Reading and Writing	1

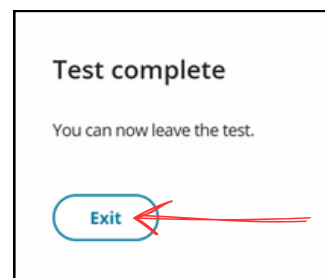
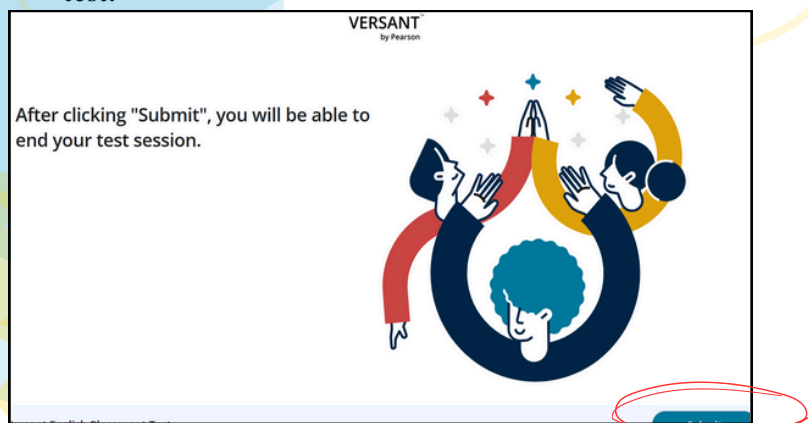
The test will give you instructions at the beginning of each section. Make sure to listen or read the instructions carefully, and do what is asked of you. There will also be an example for each part of the test.

For example:



*Read and listen to the instructions and example for each part. Then answer the questions from parts A through I.

19. When you finish, click on the blue “SUBMIT” button to submit the test, then exit the test.



Score report

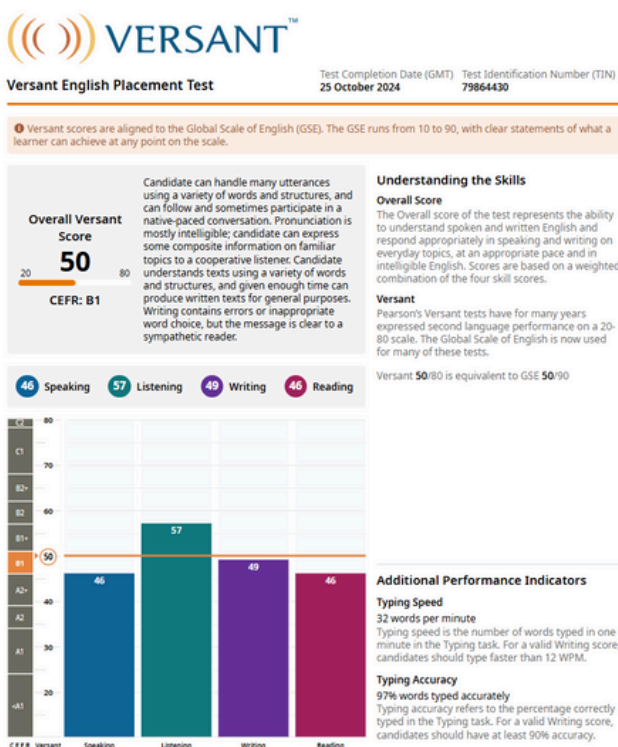
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OR search “Versant Score Lookup” in your web browser. Click the first link and put in your TIN.
Check the captcha to proceed.
Click “Get score”.

Score lookup

Enter your Test Identification Number (TIN) in the space below to obtain your Versant score report.

A screenshot of the Versant Score Lookup form. It has a text input field for 'TIN:'. Below it is a checkbox labeled 'I'm not a robot' next to a reCAPTCHA logo. At the bottom is a dark button labeled 'Get score'. Three red arrows point to these elements: the TIN field, the checkbox, and the 'Get score' button.

You will receive an overall score, and a score for four individual skills (reading, writing, listening and speaking). You will also receive tips on how to improve each skill.



Current Capabilities in Detail

Speaking: Versant: 46/80

GSE: 43/90 CEFR: B1

Candidate produces some simple and meaningful sentences. Candidate speaks with adequate rhythm but some sections are uneven. Many words are produced clearly, but some sounds are mispronounced.

Q Tips to improve:

- Practice providing an explanation of something related to your work or something that you know a lot about.
- Practice explaining your opinion on a current issue.

Listening: Versant: 57/80

GSE: 59/90 CEFR: B2

Candidate follows much of what is said around him/her on general topics provided speech is clear, although occasionally information is lost.

Q Tips to improve:

- Practice listening to discussions and identifying the main reasons for and against an idea.
- Practice listening to presentations and identifying the speaker's point of view.

Writing: Versant: 49/80

GSE: 48/90 CEFR: B1

Candidate writes straightforward texts on familiar subjects using a limited range of grammatical structures and an adequate range of common English words.

Q Tips to improve:

- Practice writing an online review of a restaurant or product.
- Study how transitions that you use in your first language translate into English words and structures.

Reading: Versant: 46/80

GSE: 43/90 CEFR: B1

Candidate reads, understands and responds to simple written texts, but has difficulty dealing with more complex texts.

Q Tips to improve:

- Practice reading entertainment advertisements to understand if you would like to attend them.
- Practice reading news and magazine articles and extracting the main ideas and important details.

Understanding the Skills

Speaking

Speaking reflects the ability to produce English phrases and clauses in complete sentences. The score is based on the ability to produce consonants, vowels, and stress in a native-like manner, use accurate syntax, use words appropriately in contexts, and use appropriate rhythm, phrasing, and timing.

Listening

Listening reflects the ability to understand specific details and main ideas from everyday English speech. The score is based on the ability to track meaning and infer the message from English that is spoken at a conversational pace.

Writing


Writing reflects the ability to produce written English texts on everyday topics. The score is based on the ability to present ideas and information in a clear and logical sequence, use a wide range of appropriate words as well as a variety of sentences structures.

Reading

Reading reflects the ability to understand written English texts on everyday topics. The score is based on the ability to operate at functional speeds to extract meaning, infer the message, and respond appropriately.

*If you decide to stop the test or if there is a technical issue, click on the option that best fits in your case, then select “Yes, I’m ready” and “Start”.

Ready to Continue?



First, please tell us why you left the test?

☒ I chose to leave the test.

☐ There was a technical problem.

Are you ready to continue this test? ☒ Yes, I'm ready. [I'll take my test later](#)

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Start

*To continue, follow the same procedure starting from **Step 1**.