Versant scores are aligned to the Global Scale of English (GSE). The GSE runs from 10 to 90, with clear statements of what a learner can achieve at any point on the scale.

Overall GSE Score: 53

Candidate understands texts using a variety of words and structures, and given enough time can produce written texts for general purposes. Writing contains errors or inappropriate word choice, but the message is clear to a sympathetic reader.

Understanding the Skills

Overall Score
The Overall Score of the test represents the ability to understand English input and write accurate, appropriate texts at a functional pace for everyday and workplace purposes. Scores are based on a weighted combination of five sub-scores.

GSE
The Global Scale of English (GSE) is a standardized, granular scale from 10 to 90, which measures English language proficiency. Visit English.com/gse to learn more.

GSE 53/90 is equivalent to Versant 51/80

Additional Performance Indicators

Typing Speed
38 words per minute
Typing speed is the number of words typed in one minute in the Typing task. For a valid Writing score, candidates should type faster than 12 WPM.

Typing Accuracy
94% words typed accurately
Typing accuracy refers to the percentage correctly typed in the Typing task. For a valid Writing score, candidates should have at least 90% accuracy.
Current Capabilities in Detail

Candidate understands, anticipates and produces a sufficient range of grammatical structures in English. Errors may occur frequently but do not interfere with the writer’s meaning.

Tips to improve:
- Increase your awareness of grammar by rereading your writing one week later, noting and correcting any errors in sentence structure.
- Practice writing a short report for a coworker that explains in detail what you do during a typical work day.

Vocabulary: GSE: 53/90  Versant: 51/80  CEFR: B1+
Candidate understands and produces a good range of common English words. Word choices are mostly accurate but are not always the most effective way to convey a message.

Tips to improve:
- Practice reading blogs and looking up any new words in a dictionary.
- Practice making up a short story using at least five new vocabulary items.

Candidate’s writing has an organizational structure that is adequate. Themes or related ideas may be organized together; the reader can connect concepts with some effort.

Tips to improve:
- Practice writing descriptions of events and activities that took place in the past, using complete sentences and connecting sentences with a variety of transitions and connectors.
- Make a list of useful transitions and connectors and practice using them in your writing.

Voice & Tone: GSE: 48/90  Versant: 47/80  CEFR: B1
Candidate’s use of tone is generally appropriate. The candidate’s writing gives a satisfactory effect on the reader; commitment to addressing the reader’s concern is adequate.

Tips to improve:
- Practice using italics, bolding, and capitals to add emphasis to your writing.
- Practice writing an informal email to a friend, asking them to do a favor for you. Then, practice writing a formal email to your boss or coworker, asking them to do a favor for you.

Reading Comprehension: GSE: 59/90  Versant: 54/80  CEFR: B2
Candidate reads, understands and responds to texts on everyday topics and at a functional pace. In more complex texts, specific details will be lost.

Tips to improve:
- Practice using an English dictionary to check the meaning of words, rather than a bilingual dictionary.
- Practice reading and following the exchanges on a discussion board of a website.

Understanding the Skills

Grammar
Grammar reflects how well the candidate understands, anticipates and produces a variety of sentence structures in written English. The score is based on the ability to use accurate and appropriate words and phrases in meaningful sentences.

Vocabulary
Vocabulary reflects how well the candidate understands and produces a wide range of words in written English from everyday and workplace situations. The score is based on accuracy and appropriateness of word use for topic, purpose, and audience.

Organization
Organization reflects how well the candidate presents ideas and information in written English in a clear and logical sequence. The score is based on the ability to guide readers through written text and highlight significant points using discourse markers.

Voice & Tone
Voice and Tone reflects how well the candidate establishes an appropriate relationship with the reader by adopting an appropriate style and level of formality. The score is based on the writer’s ability to address the reader’s concern and have an overall positive effect.

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