

English Speaking and Listening Test



Our most comprehensive assessment of English communication skills so you can hire with confidence.

Trusted by businesses, governments, and universities across the world, Versant by Pearson uses the latest expertise in automated language assessment to evaluate English proficiency skills accurately and reliably in real-world situations.

Why choose the English Speaking and Listening Test?



Assess effectiveness of spoken communication

Combined evaluation of fluency, pronunciation, and intelligibility to give an accurate view of how well candidates can be understood.



Evaluate comprehension skills

Determine a candidate's ability to listen and respond appropriately.



Actionable and insightful reporting

Receive precise scores along with a clear explanation of language ability. Mapped to the Global Scale of English.

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English Speaking and Listening Test
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Speaking:
GSE: 50/90 | CEFR: B1
Candidates at this level can speak on familiar topics with some effort. Fluent, yet lacking specificity and structure; sometimes use inappropriate vocabulary. English expressions, and grammatical structures that cause misunderstanding. Speech is fairly fluent and intelligible, and candidates can interact to some extent.
Tips to improve:
• Describe a problem you have at work or school. Explain why it is a problem and how it could be solved.
• Practice giving detailed instructions on how to do a task, such as how to photocopy some papers.

Manner of speaking:
GSE: 50/90 | CEFR: B1
Candidates at this level can be understood with some effort by listeners; prominent stress and consistent understanding although accent is evident at reasonable stress and rhythm in general. Show frequent hesitations, repeat repairs.
Tips to improve:
• Find a passage you would like to practice. Listen to how a native speaker and try to "shadow" that person by reading it aloud focusing on where it is.
• Focus on pronouncing commonly used words, vocabulary in your field, personal names rather than low-frequency words.

Listening:
GSE: 46/90 | CEFR: B1
Candidates at this level can follow some short and extended speech that is articulated. Candidates' interactions demonstrate understanding of main points and some details of passages and conversations in everyday workplace situations.
Tips to improve:
• Listen to interviews and identify the speakers' viewpoints and attitudes in the information content.
• Watch video clips that explain the steps of a complex process using non-language (e.g., how planes grow).

Overall GSE Score
48
CEFR: B1

CEFR	A1	A2	B1	B1+	B2	B2+	C1	C2
Overall			48					
Speaking			50					
Listening			46					

Understanding the Skills
The Overall score represents the ability to:
• Consistently understand spoken English
• Speak English with good grammar, vocabulary, and delivery
• Scores are based on a combination of Speaking and Listening scores

GSE
The Global Scale of English (GSE) is the global standard for measuring English language proficiency in detail on a simple 10 to 90 scale. Learn more about the GSE at pearson.com/languages.

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Test specifications

Recommended for:
Recruiting and progression

Skills assessed:
Speaking and listening

Test duration:
17 minutes

Format:
40 questions covering a variety of question types, ensuring a holistic assessment of an individual's abilities.



Why customers love Versant by Pearson tests

94% of customers say Versant by Pearson helps reduce time-to-hire*

89% of customers agree using Versant by Pearson improves the quality of new hires*

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Fast

Issue tests quickly and receive results within minutes



Relevant

Practical, business-relevant content to evaluate language skills in a real-world contexts



Accurate

AI technology accurately assesses language proficiency without human bias



Simple to use

Quick and easy to administer and track results through a dedicated dashboard



Convenient

24/7 test availability on website, mobile, or desktop



Secure

Ensures data privacy with anonymous test ID numbers

What is the Global Scale of English (GSE)

The GSE is a simple, standardized scale for pinpointing reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills, precisely and accurately. It results from extensive global research, enabling employers to confidently set benchmarks for specific roles, receive unparalleled insights into employee skills, and support professional development with highly personalized learning pathways.

English language testing your organization can trust

Whether you need a comprehensive evaluation of all four language skills, or require a targeted assessment of specific abilities, Versant by Pearson Tests provide the flexibility and reliability needed for successful, high-volume talent acquisition, as well as accurately assessing employees as part of learning and development programs.

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