

# Versant Professional English Test

The Versant™ Professional English Test was developed by experts in psychometrics and linguistics and is our most comprehensive Versant language proficiency test. Taken on a computer and marked by Pearson's patented Versant Al scoring technology, this 60-minute test is designed to assess a candidate's ability to deal with workplace situations and provides rich insights into their speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Corporations, private language schools and training providers around the world use Versant to baseline an employee's English skills, measure progress in a language program, or use results as insights to uncover learning needs.

# One solution for a seamless testing experience

Tests can be used by Learning & Development, language training services, higher education institutions offering vocational training, or in self-paced learning classes.



Assess the core skills vital for communication in English: speaking, listening, reading and writing.



Two levels of difficulty ensure results provide reliable and data-rich insights across all levels of ability.



Detailed score reports provide actionable suggestions for improvement as well as recommended activities in selected Pearson ELT courseware to help guide instruction.



Flexible testing means tests can be taken from home or some other location, with remote monitoring options for extra security.



Auto-scored using Pearson's trusted AI, the test will provide personalized score results in minutes.



Easy test management to help you quickly get started, monitor progress over time, and review scores.





# **Versant Professional English Test Features**

### **Purpose**

- Establish a baseline of English proficiency at the start of training programs focused on professional English
- Measure learners' progress throughout a course to ensure learning goals are met
- Identify learners' strengths and weaknesses to inform course planning
- Prove learners' proficiency at the end of a professional English training program

#### **Score report**

- Overall score provided on the Global Scale of English (10-90)
- Individual skill scores in speaking, listening, reading, and writing
- In-depth analysis of language proficiency across the 4 skills
- · Suggestions for improvement
- All scores are aligned to CEFR levels
- Recommendations mapped to selected Pearson courseware

### **Duration of test**

• ~ 60 minutes

#### **Number of questions**

• 58

#### **Question types**

- Sentence Completion
- Passage Reconstruction
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- Reading Comprehension
- E-mail Writing
- Dictation

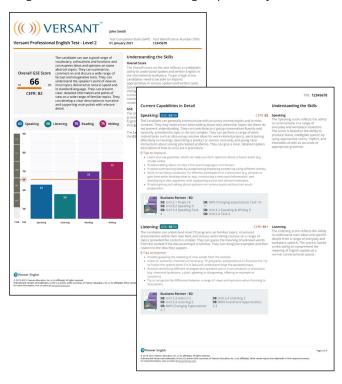
- Response Selection
- Passage Comprehension
- Repeat
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- Speaking Situations
- Story Retellings

#### **Test security**

- Secure capture and storage of candidate responses
- Anonymous test ID numbers to ensure data privacy
- Randomized test forms per test level to prevent cheating

## Data-rich results to guide learning

A score report is available within minutes and provides valuable insights into a candidate's current English proficiency.



## A perfect pairing for learning

Use Versant alongside Pearson English's *Business Partner* and *Market Leader* courseware to provide a complete learning solution.

Recommended activities highlighted in Versant score reports make lesson planning easier and empower staff to know what to focus on for each candidate.

## Simple Test Administration - 1, 2, 3, 4

- 1
- The test administrator provides the test taker with the test instructions.
- 2
- The test taker enters their unique test ID on the secure Versant testing website to start the test.
- 3
- The test taker answers the test questions by speaking, typing, or clicking the mouse and the responses are scored automatically.
- 4
- The test administrator retrieves the test taker's score from the online reporting system.

### **Contact Us**

To try a sample test or get more information, visit www.VersantTests.com or contact your local sales representative.





### John Smith

Test Completion Date (GMT) Test Identification Number (TIN)

1 January 2022

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## Versant Professional English Test - Level 2

**Overall GSE Score** 66

CEFR: B2

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The candidate can use a good range of vocabulary, collocations and functions and can express ideas and opinions on some abstract topics. They can summarize, comment on and discuss a wide range of factual and imaginative texts. They can understand the speaker's point of view on most topics delivered at natural speed and in standard language. They can present clear, detailed information and points of view on a wide range of familiar topics. They can develop a clear description or narrative and supporting main points with relevant detail.

## Understanding the Skills

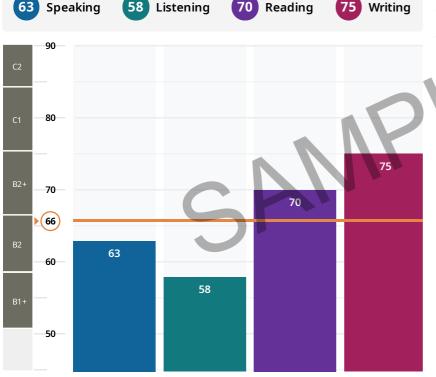
#### **Overall Score**

The Overall score on this test reflects a candidate's ability to understand spoken and written English in the international workplace. To get a high score, candidates need to be able to respond appropriately in various spoken and written tasks. Speaking at a conversational pace and in intelligible English are also important. Overall scores are based on an equally weighted combination of speaking, listening, writing, and reading 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.

The **Level 2** test is appropriate for test-takers in the GSE score range 51-90 (CEFR B1+ to C2)



Listening

CEFR

GSE

Speaking

Writing

Reading

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## **Current Capabilities in Detail**

# Understanding the Skills

## Speaking: GSE: 63/90

The candidate can generally communicate with accuracy on most topics and in most contexts. They may make errors when talking about very unfamiliar topics but these do not prevent understanding. They can contribute to a group conversation fluently and naturally, provided the topic is not too complex. They can perform a range of work-related tasks such as discussing creative ideas for work-related projects, participating effectively in meetings, describing a product or service concisely, and giving clear instructions about solving job-related problems. They can give a clear, detailed spoken description of how to carry out a procedure.

#### ♀ Tips to improve:

- Practice talking about an idea if the exact language is not known.
- Practice summarizing ideas by paraphrasing (repeating something using different words).
- Work on building vocabulary for effective participation in a discussion (e.g. phrases to gain time while thinking what to say), introducing a new topic/information, and developing a clear argument with supporting points and relevant examples.
- Learn and use grammar, which can help you form opinions about a future event (e.g. modal verbs).

## CEFR: **B2** Speaking

The Speaking score reflects the ability to communicate in a range of everyday and workplace situations. The score is based on the ability to produce fluent, intelligible speech by using appropriate stress, rhythm, and intonation as well as accurate or appropriate grammar.

## Listening: GSE: 58/90

The candidate can understand most TV programs on familiar topics, structured presentations within their own field, and classes and training courses on a range of topics (provided the content is simple). They can guess the meaning of unknown words from the context if the discussed topic is familiar. They can recognize examples and their relation to the idea they support.

#### ♀ Tips to improve:

- Listen to authentic materials at home (e.g. TV programs, presentations or discussions). Try to
  follow the speech (even if it is fast) and understand what the speaker(s) says.
- Try to recognize the difference between a range of views and opinions when listening to discussions.
- Practice guessing the meaning of new words from the context.
- Practice identifying different strategies that speakers use in a conversation or discussion (e.g. rhetorical questions, a joke, agreeing or disagreeing, offering an example or solutions).

#### CEFR: B1+ Listening

The Listening score reflects the ability to understand main ideas and specific details from a range of everyday and workplace speech. The score is based on the ability to comprehend the meaning of English spoken at a normal conversational speed.

# Reading: GSE: 70/90

The candidate can generally identify different styles, genres, and registers in written discourse. They can understand complex technical information such as operating instructions, specifications for familiar products and services. They can identify key information in a linguistically complex text (e.g. a scientific article, or a complex business report in their field) and guess what will come next in an unstructured text by using contextual, grammatical and lexical cues.

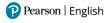
#### O Tips to improve:

- Practice guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words from the context in linguistically complex texts.
- Practice reading a variety of different text types (such as scientific articles and business reports), choosing texts that are longer and more complex.
- Practice scanning and synthesizing information from different sources.

#### Reading

CEFR: **B2+** 

The Reading score reflects the ability to understand written English texts on everyday and workplace topics. The score is based on the ability to operate at a functional speed to extract details and main ideas, infer the message, and construct meaning.



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## **Current Capabilities in Detail**

## **Understanding the Skills**

Writing: GSE: 75/90

CEFR: **B2**-

The candidate can structure long complex texts using a range of cohesive devices. They can demonstrate understanding of structure and conventions of different written genres. They can write an essay or a proposal or detailed report that develops an argument systematically, with appropriate highlighting of significant points and relevant supporting detail. They can write a range of work-related materials using persuasive language. They can switch between formal and informal styles as needed.

#### ☐ Tips to improve:

- Practice using a range of cohesive devices, complex functions, structures when writing long complex texts.
- Practice checking and correcting spelling, punctuation and grammar mistakes in texts.
- Practice writing long texts (e.g. detailed reports or a summary of work-related documents).
- Prepare a work-related survey.

#### Writing

The Writing score reflects the ability to produce a variety of texts on everyday and workplace topics. The score is based on the ability of the candidate to express him/herself with clear, effective structure as well as appropriate tone and style according to the purpose and audience of the

