



## About Placement Profile

### Overview

Placement Profile is a fully online adaptive test of English language proficiency for prospective students to quickly determine their pre-course English language competency on the Global Scale of English (GSE).

The test provides a GSE score based on the students' responses to different questions across multiple skills (*Reading, Writing, Listening, plus the enabling skills Grammar and Vocabulary*). The score allows the placement of students on a course quickly and accurately.

The content is relevant to students aged 16+. It is not Junior or Primary focussed, or designed to assess English for specific purposes (e.g. business). The adaptive design of the test makes it more efficient in terms of covering a range of ability and keeping the total test time short.

### Question types

The test features a range of different question types used to assess listening, reading and writing skills in addition to grammar and vocabulary skills. The question types will be familiar to the majority of students.

### Equipment check

The test includes an equipment check which ensures that the prospective student's headphones and internet connection are working correctly. The equipment check can be taken at any time. Because the test includes some questions to assess listening it is recommended that students adjust the volume levels of the equipment before taking the test.

### Test Results

The test provides scores on the Global Scale of English (GSE) in the range of 10 to 90.

Results from Placement Profile are presented in colour coded bars. Reporting is designed primarily for the test administrators or teachers and can be done at both group and individual level. The test administrator or teacher should use the overall score to inform the placement of a student onto a course. The Placement Profile diagnostic dashboard provides further insight into a particular student's performance on the questions which focus on particular skills and these can be used for additional needs analysis and support any further advice given to students. If required, the report can be printed and given to the student as a record of their test performance.