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Accurate
With a 0.99 correlation, Versant test scores generated by the Versant testing system are virtually indistinguishable from expert human scoring, ensuring confidence in the results.

Reliable
The Versant English Placement Test is highly reliable (split-half reliability of 0.96), delivering more consistent testing without the variability typical of multiple evaluators and locations.

Fast
Versant is fully automated and can be easily taken over a computer by large groups of candidates. A detailed score report is available minutes after the test is completed.

Versant English Placement Test

The Versant™ English Placement Test is an English proficiency test which measures the English speaking and writing skills of individuals whose native language is not English. Universities, private language schools, and corporate training programs around the world use the test to evaluate the ability of students and staff to understand and communicate clearly in English.

The Versant English Placement Test takes only 50 minutes and results are available online within minutes after the test is completed, allowing for quick, yet accurate placement decisions. Test questions reflect many different situations in the classroom and real world including reading aloud, conversations, dictations, summarizations, and email correspondence. Versant English Placement Tests can be taken on a computer either in online (web browser) or offline (computer software) mode.

Sophisticated Automated Scoring Technology

With the state-of-the-art Versant testing system, tests are scored automatically within minutes. The Versant testing system uses speech processing technology to measure speaking and listening skills. This system was built to handle the different rhythms and varied pronunciations used by native and non-native English speakers. The testing system is able to generate scores based on the words used in the spoken responses, as well as the pace, fluency, and pronunciation of those words in phrases and sentences.

The Knowledge Analysis Technologies (KAT) engine measures written English skills and evaluates the meaning of text by examining whole written passages. The KAT engine is based on Pearson's unique implementation of Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA), an approach that generates semantic similarity of words and passages by analyzing large bodies of relevant text. LSA can then "understand" the meaning of text much the same as a human reader.

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Versant English Placement Test Features

Purpose

- Course Placement
- Progress Monitoring
- Exit Exam
- Training Programs

Duration of Test

- ~50 minutes

Number of Questions

- 81

Question Types

- Read Aloud
- Repeat
- Sentence Builds
- Conversations
- Typing
- Sentence Completion
- Dictation
- Passage Reconstruction
- Summary & Opinion

Validity and Reliability

- Versant has been extensively field tested and evaluated to verify its validity and reliability.

Score

Precise score in the range of 20 to 80

- Overall score
- Diagnostic subscores in speaking, listening, reading, and writing
- Detailed explanation of language capabilities
- Suggestions for improvement
- Typing speed and improvement
- Score mapping to GSE and CEFR

Test Security

- Secure capture and storage of candidate responses
- Anonymous test ID numbers to ensure data privacy

SCORE REPORT

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Versant English Placement Test

Test Taker: Test Taker 1 – testtaker@org.com
Test Identification Number: 12345678
Test Completion Date: January 1, 2019
Test Completion Time: 1:23 PM (UTC)

OVERALL SCORE
53

SKILL AREA	SCORE	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
Overall	53							
Speaking	57							
Listening	43							
Writing	57							
Reading	52							

SKILL AREA	UNDERSTANDING CANDIDATE'S CAPABILITIES
Overall	Candidate can handle many utterances using a variety of words and structures, and can follow and sometimes participate in a native-paced conversation. Pronunciation is mostly intelligible; candidate can express some composite information on familiar topics to a cooperative listener. 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.
Speaking	Candidate produces a range of meaningful sentences. Candidate speaks with adequate rhythm but with some inappropriate phrasing and pausing, and produces many vowels and consonants in a clear manner, although some sounds are non-native.
Listening	Candidate understands simple everyday conversational speech when it is spoken clearly and directed at him/her.
Writing	Candidate writes clear, connected texts on a variety of subjects using a sufficient range of grammatical structures and a good range of common English words.
Reading	Candidate reads, understands and responds to simple written texts, but has difficulty dealing with more complex texts.

The score report is available within minutes and includes the candidate's overall score and subscores, with detailed explanations of language capabilities.

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Simple Test Administration – 1, 2, 3, 4

1 The test administrator provides the test taker with the test instructions and test paper.

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 and the answers are scored automatically.

4 The test administrator retrieves the test taker's score from the online reporting system.

Contact Info

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