CAMBRIDGE PLACEMENT TEST

Instructions for Candidates
Introduction

The Cambridge Placement Test is an online adaptive test – the questions you are shown are chosen because of your answers to earlier questions.

You have thirty minutes to do the test. There is no set number of questions for you to answer but you must answer enough for your English language level to be calculated. The progress bar on the right of the screen shows you whether you are moving through the test quickly enough.

The test begins with Reading and Use of English tasks and then has Listening tasks. You will need headphones for the Listening tasks.

This guide will explain the test to you. If you have any questions, ask your invigilator.
There is a tutorial which shows you how to take the test.

Enter your token in the space and select 'Take Test'.
When you are ready to take the test, you will need to enter some information about yourself in the first screen.

If you are unsure what to do during the test, click on the help button. The clock won’t stop so don’t spend too long.
The clock tells you how much time you have left and the progress bar gives you an idea of how far through the test you are.

For most questions, you answer by clicking the box next to the option you have chosen.

You move to the next question by clicking on the arrow button.
For multiple choice gap-fill tasks, click in the gap and the options will appear.

You can then select your answer by clicking on it.
If you attempt to go to a new task without completing the task you are on, you will get this warning.

For open response gap-fill tasks, type your answer in the gap.
For multi-item reading tasks, move between the questions using this navigation bar.

Remember to check the clock and the progress bar to make sure you are answering the questions quickly enough.
For each listening task, you can hear the recording twice by clicking on the audio button. You can start each recording when you are ready but you can't pause the recording after starting. You can adjust the volume.

For listening tasks with graphics, click on the graphic to answer the question.
For listening multi-item tasks, you can move between questions by clicking on them in the panel on the right.

When the clock reaches ‘0 mins’, that is the end of the test. You can still answer the question you are working on.
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