

Placement Test – FAQ

1. How long does the test take?

You will have 75 minutes to complete the test, but you can leave when you have finished. Make sure you leave enough time for all questions, including the short essay questions.

2. How do I prepare for this test?

You cannot prepare for this test, so just come to the computer room. The test consists of a gap-test with approximately 100 gaps and two short essay questions.

This is what a gap-test looks like: Fill in the missing words from the gaps. It need not be the exact word from the original text. You can fill in only ONE word in each gap.

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And here is the original:

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From: http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/newsenglish/britain/081028_freshers_week.shtml

3. How do I know which course I should take?

The result of the test will determine which level is best for you. You can find information about the different courses [here](#).

4. I have already done a course with you. Do I have to sit the Placement Test again?

No, you can sign up for the course that was recommended to you after you finished the course.

5. I did the Placement Test last year/semester. Do I have to sit the test again?

No, the result remains valid. Please just go ahead and enrol for the course that was recommended at that time. If you did the test more than a year ago, you need to take a new test.

6. I have done an English exam such as TOEFL or a Cambridge exam. Do I still have to take the test? *Yes,*

we ask all our students to take the test.

7. When can I register for the test?

As soon as the dates have been published on the [website](#).

8. How can I register for a test?

By enrolling in the Brightspace course 'Placement Test English 20xx-20xx' AND choosing the day (if applicable: and time) when you want to take the test. ('20xx-20xx' stands for the academic year when you want to take the course. So, if you want to start in September 2020 your test will be called 'Placement Test English 2020-2021')

Please make sure that you select the correct group, either for PhDs for BSc/MSc students. If you are a Post-doc or a visiting lecturer, please select Placement Test for PhDs.

9. Can I do the test if I do not have a Net-Id?

No, you need a NET-ID. Contact our secretary at EnglishUnit@tudelft.nl if you do not have one.

10. I cannot find my results in Grades.

Please look under "Grades-> Course Recommendation" If you still cannot find the results please contact the course manager of the course you want to take. You will find the contact details [here](#). If you are a PhD candidate or a member of staff, you will receive an email with your course recommendation.

11. When can I register for a course?

As soon as we have published the results in Brightspace (PhD candidates will receive an email), and we know when we will be teaching the courses. This will be announced in Brightspace, usually one to two weeks before the semester starts.

12. I have enrolled in a course and now it turns out there is a clash in my time table. What do I do?

Unenrol from the group so that someone else can take your place. Hopefully, there is another group that suits your schedule better. If not, you can register for the course in the next semester. In that case you need not take the Placement Test again.

13. I enrolled in a group, but I would like to join another group. Is that allowed?

Yes, that is no problem. Simply unenrol from the group you were in and sign up for the group you want to be in now. Please note that you can do this for both the Placement Test and for a course you would like to take.