Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support
Erasmus+ OLS Language Assessment
You are now guided through the Erasmus+ OLS Language Assessment
Everything starts with an invitation you receive by email
Hello,

You have been selected for Erasmus+ mobility, congratulations!

You are requested to complete your Erasmus+ OLS language assessment.

Warning: If the language that has been attributed to you is not correct, please do not start the language assessment and contact your sending institution/organisation (Erasmus+ Coordinator) immediately.

By completing this language assessment, you’ll find out what your current level is in the language you will use to study, work or volunteer during your Erasmus+ mobility.

The results of your language assessment do not prevent you from taking part in the Erasmus+ mobility. However, if you are a higher education student, you need to complete the assessment as a prerequisite for your Erasmus+ mobility. The results, in line with the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) are accessible to you and your higher education sending institution or EVS/VET coordinating organisation. For Higher Education students, the results are not communicated to the receiving institution/organisation. For EVS volunteers and VET learners, the results are not communicated to the other organisation(s) of your project. However, you are free to send the results to them.

At the end of your Erasmus+ mobility period, you will be required to complete another language assessment to check the progress made in your language competence during your stay abroad.

The European Commission uses aggregated data of the language assessment results for statistical purposes to measure the impact of the programme.

Information about the language assessment.

The online language assessment takes approximately 40 to 50 minutes, and consists of five sections (grammar, vocabulary, key communicative phrases, listening comprehension, and reading comprehension) with a total of 70 questions. We advise you to take the assessment in a quiet environment with a stable internet connection. You are able to exit the language assessment and resume it at a later date, provided that you have completed the current section that you are working on. Your answers will be saved for 10 days. You cannot restart the language assessment once it has been completed.

Please note that you are requested to complete the language assessment before:

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Please use the following login and password:

Login: presentation@mailinator.com
Password: 51NWXXKJ

Start the language assessment
Use the credentials from the e-mail to log-in on the ERASMUS+ OLS Website:

www.erasmusplusols.eu
Login to my account

If you are leaving for an Erasmus+ mobility activity, you should have received an email from your sending institution/organisation with a login and password to access the platform.

If you haven’t received it yet, please first check that the email has not been sent to your spam folder and then contact your sending institution (Erasmus+ coordinator) to check whether the invitation has been sent or when you can expect to receive it.

If you are a National Agency or a Beneficiary, you should have received an automated email from the Erasmus+ OLS with a login and password to access the platform.

As a reminder, your login is your email address. If you forgot your password you can click here to reset it.

Login

Password

Forgot your password? Click here to reset it.

Login

This space is strictly reserved for the participants in the Erasmus+ mobility activities. If you are one of them please click LOGIN. If not, please click here to return to the homepage.
Once logged-in complete your user profile
Participant's account

My personal details

- Last name*
- First name*
- Gender
  - Male
  - Female
  - Other
- Nationality*
- Mother tongue*
- Year of birth*

My mobility information

- Country of destination*
- Type of mobility*
- Language to test*
- Sending institution/organisation
- Local Language
- Estimated start of the mobility period*
- Estimated end of the mobility period*
- Additional email address to receive email notifications*
- Time zone*

Privacy
- I accept the terms on data protection and data privacy of the Legal notice*

Save these modifications
Interested in how we protect your personal data? Consult the LEGAL DISCLAIMER
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After having completed your user profile, you are automatically directed to the WELCOME PAGE
Welcome to the Erasmus+ OLS language assessment.

You are requested to complete this language assessment in the language you will use to study, work or volunteer during your Erasmus+ mobility. By completing this assessment, you can find out what your current language level is.

The online assessment takes approximately 40 to 50 minutes and consists of five sections with a total of 70 questions:

- Grammar (20 questions)
- Vocabulary (15 questions)
- Key communicative phrases (15 questions)
- Listening comprehension (10 questions)
- Reading comprehension (10 questions)
WELCOME!

The questions are progressively adapted to suit your language level so don’t worry if the questions suddenly become easier or more difficult. We advise you to take the assessment in a quiet environment with a stable internet connection. At any moment during the assessment, you can save and continue later, but keep in mind that once you have completed the assessment and received the results, you cannot do it again.

While you are taking the assessment, the system does not display the correct answers on the screen. Once you have finished the language assessment, your results are displayed on the screen and a copy of these results is also sent to you by e-mail.

The results of your language assessment do not influence your participation in the Erasmus+ mobility.

However, if you are a higher education student, you need to complete the assessment as a pre-requisite for your Erasmus+ mobility.

The results according to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) are accessible to you and your Higher Education sending institution or EVS coordinating organisation. For Higher Education students, the results are not communicated to the receiving institution/organisation. For EVS volunteers, the results are not communicated to the other organisation(s) in your project. However, you are free to send the results to them.

The European Commission uses aggregate data of language assessment results for statistical purposes and to measure the impact of the programme.

The system will now check whether your computer is properly configured to carry out the language assessment correctly.

Wishing you every success with your exchange abroad,
Before getting started on the assessment, we check the compatibility of your equipment
You are about to start your language assessment.

Please check that your interface language is correct before starting the assessment.

The interface language refers to the language in which instructions are given; this is NOT the language in which you are being assessed.

You are able to modify your interface language via the drop-down menu in the top right-hand corner of the screen.

Test your equipment

Congratulations!

Your configuration matches the minimal specifications to access Erasmus+ CLS.

Start the language assessment

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And we check that your loud speakers or headphones work properly
Language assessment - English

Sound set-up for the language assessment

In order to be able to answer the listening comprehension questions, your loudspeakers (or headphones) must be plugged in and functioning.

Erasmus+ suggests you test your sound configuration before beginning the language assessment. Make sure that your loudspeakers (or headphones) are correctly plugged in and verify that the sound is not on 'Mute'.

Click on the 'Play' button below to test your sound configuration.

Did you hear the sound played?

Yes  No

Click to listen:
AND THEN,
you can finally start the assessment .....
You start with the grammar part (20 questions)
Choose the right answer.

- This economics course is really difficult.
- Yes, I agree. I did a finance course last year and that was

  - less easy
  - more so easy
  - lot easier
  - much easier
Your progress through the five parts is shown in the progress bar
Progress

Did Laura go to the conference?
No, she didn't. Mary went instead.
The difficulty adapts to your skill level
Choose the right answer.

- What were you doing at this time yesterday?
- I was reading my new book. Then the phone rang so I had to stop.

- The speaker finished his/her new book yesterday.
- The phone rang while the speaker was reading his/her new book.
- The phone stopped ringing.
- The new book is fantastic.
If you encounter a problem, report it to the HELPDESK
Fill in the blank(s).
Verb to study

I didn't study a lot at university because I often went out with my friends.

Options:
- don't study
- didn't study
- am not going to study
- studied
You are informed once you have completed a part of the assessment
Level test - English

Grammar

You have completed part 1 (Grammar) of this test.
You still have 4 part(s) to complete. The next set of questions tests your Vocabulary.

Good luck!
Vocabulary follows next with 15 questions
Choose the right answer.

- Mr. Cowe, tell us about your strengths and weaknesses.
- I would say that I'm hard-working, resilient and creative, although I admit I sometimes have difficulty accepting criticism. But even when I'm snowed under with work, I always remain calm under pressure.

- Mr. Cowe comes to work even when it's snowing.
- Mr. Cowe cannot deal calmly with a high volume of work.
- Mr. Cowe remains calm even when he's had enough of work.
- None of these answers are correct.
Key communicative phrases come next with 15 questions
Which sentence best summarizes the following section?

"Vibhor Singhal, a Mumbai-based executive at PhillipCapital India, said a key reason for the success of India-origin executives was the "openness of the US economy in terms of accepting and allowing talent from outside to rise to the top". Proficiency in the English language "also gives Indians an edge over the competition," said Vikram Dhawan, director of investments at financial research firm Equentis. The South Asian nation produces about a million engineering graduates a year and has earned a reputation for its booming IT outsourcing business, thanks to its large educated workforce and low labour costs."

[News article from the AFP]

- IT companies are using a high number of Indian subcontractors.
- Indian workers, proficient in English, are edgy about the competition.
- The US economy is reluctant to accept outside talent.
- None of these answers are correct.
In the listening comprehension exercises (10 questions), you can listen to extracts up to three times
Choose the right answer.

Select the appropriate question for the answer you heard:

- I was wondering how to get to the Silver Dome, please.
- I wonder whether you know who's exhibiting at the Modern Art Museum.
- I was wondering if you could tell me where the new Modern Art Museum was, please.
- I wonder if you know what time the Modern Art Museum closes, please.
The assessment finishes with reading comprehension exercises (10 questions)
Which sentence best summarizes the following section?

MAGAZINE INTERVIEW

Interviewer: So, Gareth, many people hold the opinion that you didn’t fulfill your full potential in professional rugby; what do you think about this view?

Gareth Halfpenny: Well, I agree to an extent. It’s true that I had a lot of injury related problems, but my main obstacle was psychological: I was always, shy, sensitive, and lacking self-confidence. I was also too narrow-minded; I found it difficult to listen to others’ advice.

- Gareth Halfpenny totally agrees with the opinion given by the interviewer.
- Gareth Halfpenny’s only problem was psychological.
- Gareth Halfpenny lacked trust.
And after having replied to all 70 questions, you instantly see your result on the screen (in line with the Common European Framework of Reference)
RESULTS OF YOUR LEVEL TEST IN ENGLISH

Your current overall level in English before starting your Erasmus+ mobility is: B2 according to the CEFR

B2

You can understand complex lines of clearly structured argument on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in familiar fields and particular attitudes or viewpoints.
In addition to your overall skill level, your competence in the 5 assessed fields is specified
Your detailed English language levels in the assessed language competences are:

**Written comprehension**
- **A1** You can understand familiar names, words and very simple sentences, for example on notices and posters in catalogues.

**Listening comprehension**
- **B2** You can understand the majority of TV and radio news programmes as well as films and documentaries in standard speech. You can follow most general, clearly articulated exchanges between native speakers, even with some background interference.

**Grammatical competence**
- **B2** You understand relatively complex grammatical structures and the relationship between ideas as indicated by high level connecting devices.

**Lexical competence**
- **B1** You understand a fairly wide range of vocabulary, linked to pertinent, everyday life topics and situations, enough to get by when travelling, working or socialising.

**Semantic competence**
- **C1** You can identify different degrees of nuances relating to emotions, satire, humour, subjectivity and objectivity as well as shifting register, in a wide range of socio-linguistic contexts. This includes recognising inferred meaning even in the latest forms of written communication such as internet chats and text-messaging.

Save and print your evaluation report.
You may also use the assessment results to complete your *Europass* profile
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You also receive the assessment result by email
Dear Participant Y,

Thank you for having completed your English Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support language assessment.

Your current overall level in English is: B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference CEFR. Your detailed English competency levels in the assessed language are:

- Listening comprehension : B2
- Reading comprehension : B1
- Grammar : B2
- Vocabulary : B2
- Key communicative phrases : C1

Kind regards,

Erasmus+ Online Linguistic Support (OLS)
Towards the end of your mobility you complete the assessment again - and we hope your results will be just like these...
Result of the first assessment

Result of the second assessment
We wish you every success in your assessment!
For more information, you may also consult the User Guide and FAQs both available on the Website
End of the presentation