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# Duolingo English Test

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## What is the Duolingo English Test?

The Duolingo English Test is a modern English proficiency assessment for today's international students and institutions. The test is available online, on demand. You don't have to make an appointment or travel to a test center—you can take the test from your home via a computer and webcam.

The test is administered using computer adaptive technology, meaning that the question difficulty adapts to each test taker. The test also integrates a video interview and writing sample, which are sent to an institution when you send your results along with your proficiency score.

The entire test experience takes just under an hour. Test results are certified within 48 hours, and they can be shared with an unlimited number of institutions.

# Why should I take the Duolingo English Test?

The Duolingo English Test is a more convenient, accessible, and cost-effective English proficiency assessment.

Traditional English proficiency exams are often difficult to schedule, require travel to a test center, have long and stressful testing experiences, and cost over \$200 USD. The Duolingo English Test can be taken online, on demand from your computer for only \$49. The results are available within 48 hours, and you can share your results with an unlimited number of institutions.

In addition, the Duolingo English Test offers the opportunity to showcase yourself in addition to your English ability through the integration of a video interview and writing sample alongside a proficiency score.







## Which schools or institutions accept the Duolingo English Test?

Duolingo partners with institutions across the globe, including hundreds of universities and secondary schools who accept the Duolingo English Test as part of their admissions process. To see a full list of accepting institutions and how they use the Duolingo English Test, please visit [this page](#).

## How much does the Duolingo English Test cost?

The Duolingo English Test costs US \$49.

## How often can I take the Duolingo English Test?

You may receive certified results for up to two tests in a 30-day period, which starts on the completion date of your first certified test. If you complete a test and your results are not certified, it will not count against this limit.

## How long does the Duolingo English Test take?

The Duolingo English Test takes less than an hour to complete.

## How long are my Duolingo English Test results valid for?

Results for the Duolingo English Test are valid for two years.

## How do I disable my browser plug-ins / add-ons / extensions?

If you have a browser add-on or plug-in (such as Grammarly), these will all need to be disabled in order to successfully start and complete the test.

Instructions to add/remove add-ons or extensions are listed [here](#).

You can also get around this by using an incognito browser in Chrome.

## How can I maintain eye contact with the screen if I have to look down to type?

Our team of proctors and automated systems are able to tell the difference between simply looking down to type (non-touch typing) versus maintaining focus on the screen while typing (touch typing). Looking at the keyboard to type will not affect the certification decision for your test.

You may also receive this note when your webcam is placed in a location that is not at the top center of the monitor. For example, your webcam should not be placed next to the computer or on the desk, it must be directly set on top of the monitor and centered.

## Can I take notes during the test?

No. If you write or take notes while taking the Duolingo English Test, your results will not be certified and you will be banned from taking the test again.

## Can I use my phone or other mobile device during the test?

No. If you use your phone or other mobile device while taking the Duolingo English Test, your results will not be certified and you will be banned from taking the test again.

## Can I take the test on a Chromebook, iPad, tablet, or cellular device?

No, you must take the test on a desktop or laptop computer with a full standard operating system. Please do not attempt to use a different device.

## Can I wear headphones or earbuds during the test?

No. If you wear headphones or earbuds while taking the Duolingo English Test, your results will not be certified and you will need to take the test again.

## What are the consequences for violating the rules of the Duolingo English Test?

If you violate any of the rules of the Duolingo English Test, Duolingo reserves the right to not certify your test results, or to invalidate any previously certified results, without providing a refund. Depending on the severity of the violation, test takers may also be banned permanently from taking the Duolingo English Test again.

## Does the Duolingo English Test have sub-scores? Can I see how I did on a specific question?

Currently, the Duolingo English Test includes one holistic score based on a scale of 10-160. Learn more **about scores**.

You will not have access to how you performed on specific questions or question types.

## How long does it take to receive my results?

You will receive your Duolingo English Test results within 48 hours of completing the test.

## Are scores valid forever?

No. Scores are valid for two years from the certification date. This may vary by institution, so please check with your institutional contact before sending an older test score.



# Top Tips for your Test Experience

*Read the tips below to make the most of the Duolingo English Test!*



## Watch a video walkthrough

See a short summary of the test experience to get to know the format—it only takes 3 minutes!



## Take a free practice test

Try sample test questions so you will know what to expect on the real test in order to do your best. The sample test is free, and you can take it as many times as you want! When completed, the sample test provides an estimated score range.

Keep in mind that the sample test is shorter (only 8 minutes), it is not proctored, and the score range is unofficial and less accurate.



## Prepare your test environment

Because the Duolingo English Test is taken online from your computer, you'll want to make sure to have everything you need to avoid encountering any difficulties when taking the test. You must have:

- A government-issued photo ID
- A quiet, well-lit room
- About 1 hour of uninterrupted time
- A computer equipped with a front-facing camera
- An internet connection and compatible browser



## Understand the rules

After you complete the test, proctors will review your test video to ensure that you followed the rules, including but not limited to: not wearing earphones, not interacting with others, not using your phone or other devices, and not looking offscreen. It's important to follow these rules during the test, or you'll need to take it again. The test rules are outlined in the FAQs and in the instructions at the beginning of the exam.



# Top Tips for your Test Experience

## ★ Showcase yourself!

At the end of the test, there is a video and writing sample. Both are included when you share your results with a university. This is a great opportunity for an admissions team to learn more about you, and for you to showcase yourself and your English ability. You will have a choice of 2 question topics for both the video and writing sample, and will be asked to speak for 1 - 3 minutes and write for up to 5 minutes.

Don't worry—there is a timer that will keep track for you, and you will be able to review your responses *before* you share your results with institutions. If you aren't happy with your performance, you can take the test again!

Ready to try it out?

TAKE A TEST

# What types of questions are on the Duolingo English Test?

The exam portion of the Duolingo English Test contains a series of speaking, reading, writing, and listening exercises. This portion is graded.

The second, ungraded portion of the exam consists of a video interview and writing sample. In each section, the test taker will be able to respond to one of two prompts offered.

For a quick walkthrough of the test experience, log in and take a Practice Test.

## New scored, long-form speaking and writing

To better assess students' speaking and writing ability, the Duolingo English Test now scores the long-form, open response speaking and writing as part of the overall score. These are scored using artificial intelligence for **more consistent grading** than human raters

The Duolingo English Test strikes a balance between offering an accessible test length (via stable internet connection) and ensuring that test items are highly predictive of the language skills they measure.

Changes to the test items are a result of feedback from institutions that students' ability to speak and write is paramount to their success in an academic setting.

While our previous measures of speaking and writing were predictive of those abilities, institutional feedback compelled us to explore further ways to assess speaking and writing. As such, Duolingo has developed reliable automated scoring of the previous video

interview and writing sample without significantly adding to the test length—which remains under an hour.

### ***What type of questions are students answering?***

Prompts are multi-modal and may be written, audible, or image based. The difficulty is correlated with the test taker's performance. The more proficient the test taker, the more abstract the questions become. Examples include:

- [Audible] Describe your favorite mode of transportation. Is it by car, boat, airplane, bicycle, or train? Explain why.
- [Written] Talk about a book you read recently. What was it about? How did you first hear of it? What did you like or dislike about it?
- [Image] Describe graffiti art on the wall of urban landscape

# New scale and scoring methodology

To account for additional scored test items and scoring methodology, the Duolingo English Test has a **new scale out of 160 in 5 point increments**.

Our research team and technical advisory board, comprised of experts in the fields of language testing and psychometrics, developed a scale that has higher confidence at individual score points, helps reduce misinterpretation of scores, and distinguishes Duolingo from other tests.

The former 100-point scale was commonly misunderstood to be a percentage correct or a linear mapping of test takers' responses. For example, scoring a 70 on the 100-point scale was often equated to getting 30% incorrect or earning a "C-". The new scale helps mitigate this misinterpretation.

*When making high-stakes decisions, institutions should always also consider other factors like GPA, other test*

*scores, recommendations, or interviews. As a best practice, when setting minimum thresholds, it is useful to set scores flexibly and conduct periodic reviews of score requirements.*

To learn more about score interpretation and comparison with the TOEFL iBT® and IELTS® Academic, visit our [scores page](#).

SCALE	CEFR	ABILITIES
10   55	A1/A2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can understand very basic English words and phrases.</li><li>• Can understand straightforward information and express themselves in familiar contexts.</li></ul>
60   85	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can understand the main points of concrete speech or writing on routine matters such as work and school.</li><li>• Can describe experiences, ambitions, opinions, and plans, although with some awkwardness or hesitation.</li></ul>
90   115	B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can fulfill most communication goals, even on unfamiliar topics.</li><li>• Can understand the main ideas of both concrete and abstract writing.</li><li>• Can interact with proficient speakers fairly easily.</li></ul>
120   160	C1/C2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can understand a variety of demanding written and spoken language including some specialized language use situations.</li><li>• Can grasp implicit, figurative, pragmatic, and idiomatic language.</li><li>• Can use language flexibly and effectively for most social, academic, and professional purposes.</li></ul>



## What do I need in order to take the Duolingo English Test?

In order to take the Duolingo English Test, you will need a computer with a functioning microphone, speakers, and webcam. Please also download the most up-to-date version of one of our **supported browsers**, and we recommend that you have an internet connection with at least 2 Mbps download speed and 1 Mbps upload speed.

You will also need to have your ID ready when taking the test. In order to receive certified results, you will need to submit a photograph of your ID so that we can verify your identity.

## Which browsers can I take the Duolingo English Test on?

You can take the Duolingo English Test using the most up-to-date version of one of the following browsers:

- Chrome

- Opera

We also recommend completing the Practice Test first to confirm that you can complete the test on your computer and browser.

## Which IDs are accepted for the Duolingo English Test?

Iranian applicants need their passports for identification. To see a list of acceptable forms of ID for each country, please **visit this page**. If you do not see your country listed here, or if you do not have the proper governmental identification for your country, please contact **Support**.

Please note that you **MUST** write your name exactly as it appears on your governmental ID card. This may include your middle name or additional given names and surnames.

## Test Update: More insightful video interview and writing sample

We are making video interviews and writing samples more efficient and insightful. Students respond to prompts designed to elicit structured responses that are informative, explanatory, or argumentative.

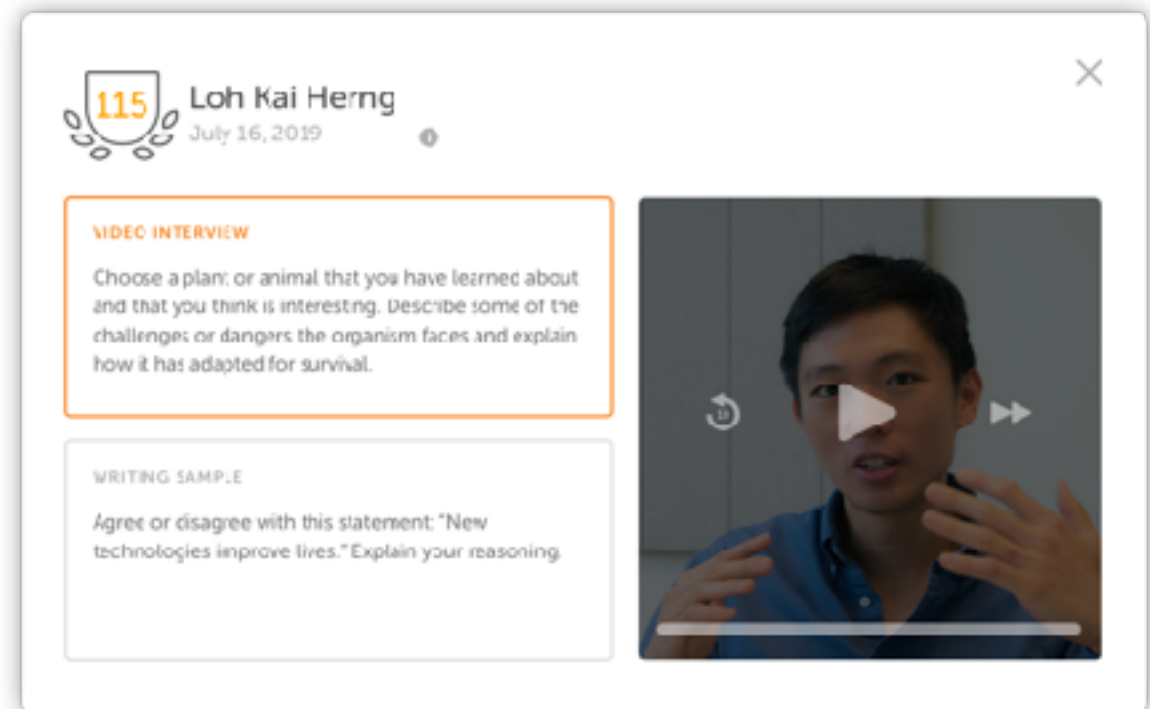
Students choose between 1 of 2 prompts. This lowers test anxiety and elicits responses about topics in which the student has greater interest.

These questions provide more insight about the student's thought process and command of the English language. Example prompts include:

- [Description, explanatory] Describe the geography of the country where you currently live. How does the geography of the country affect its people and its culture?
- [Description, informative] Choose a plant or animal that you think is interesting. Describe some of the

threats or challenges it faces and explain how it overcomes those threats or challenges.

- [Opinion, argumentative] Studying a foreign language is required in some schools. Overall, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing? Explain your opinion.



## What rules do I need to follow while taking the Duolingo English Test?

While taking the Duolingo English Test, you will need to comply with the following rules.

- Make sure you are alone in a quiet, well-lit room.
- Make sure your ears are always visible and not covered (e.g. covered by hair, a hat, etc.).
- Make sure your face is visible and not obscured by sunglasses or other accessories.
- Do not wear headphones or earphones.
- Do not use any outside materials, including mobile devices, notes, or textbooks.
- Do not communicate with anyone else.
- Do not use any writing utensils or paper.
- Do not leave the test window on your web browser for any reason.
- Do not look away from the screen.

If you violate any of these rules, Duolingo reserves the right to invalidate your test results.

## How is the Duolingo English Test scored?

Statistical machine learning algorithms are used to score the Duolingo English Test based on the content of your responses. Time taken per question does not affect your score.

You will not be penalized more for entering an incorrect response to a question rather than skipping the question. For c-test questions, you will receive the same score for a blank or an incorrect response. **For listen/transcription questions, you will be penalized more for omitting a word than mistyping the word.**





## How can I pay for the Duolingo English Test?

You pay for the Duolingo English Test right before you take the test. We accept all major credit cards,

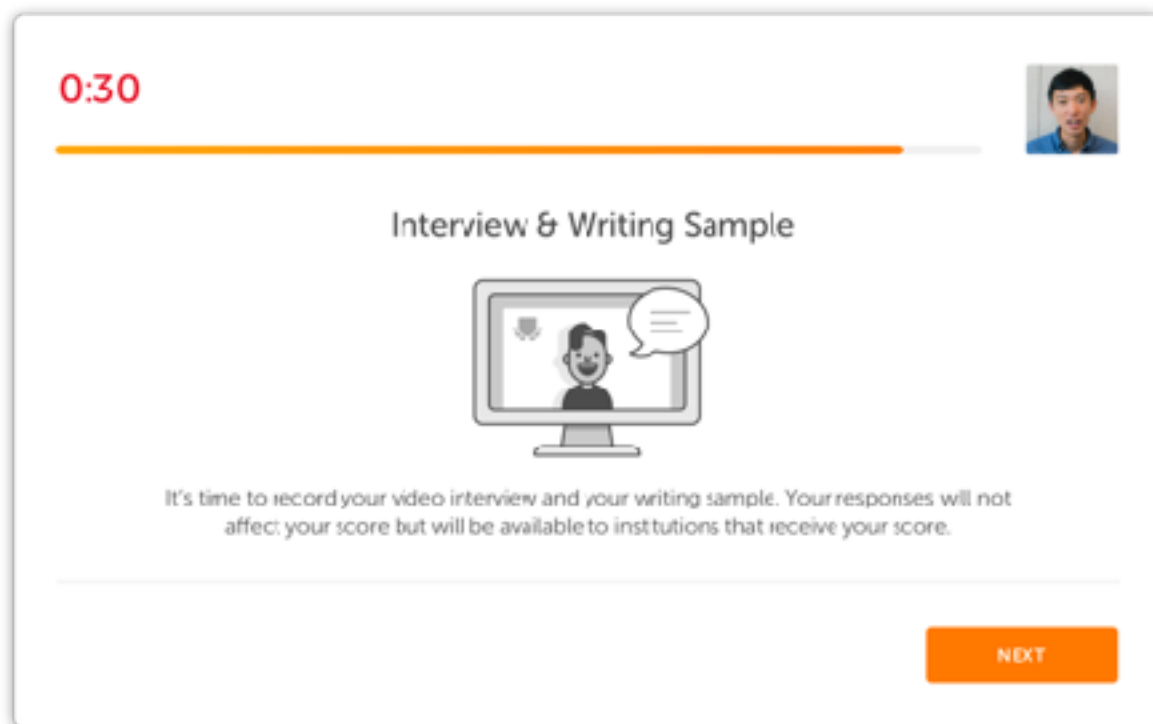
## How long do I have to take the Duolingo English Test after I pay for it?

You have 90 days to take a test starting from your original purchase date.

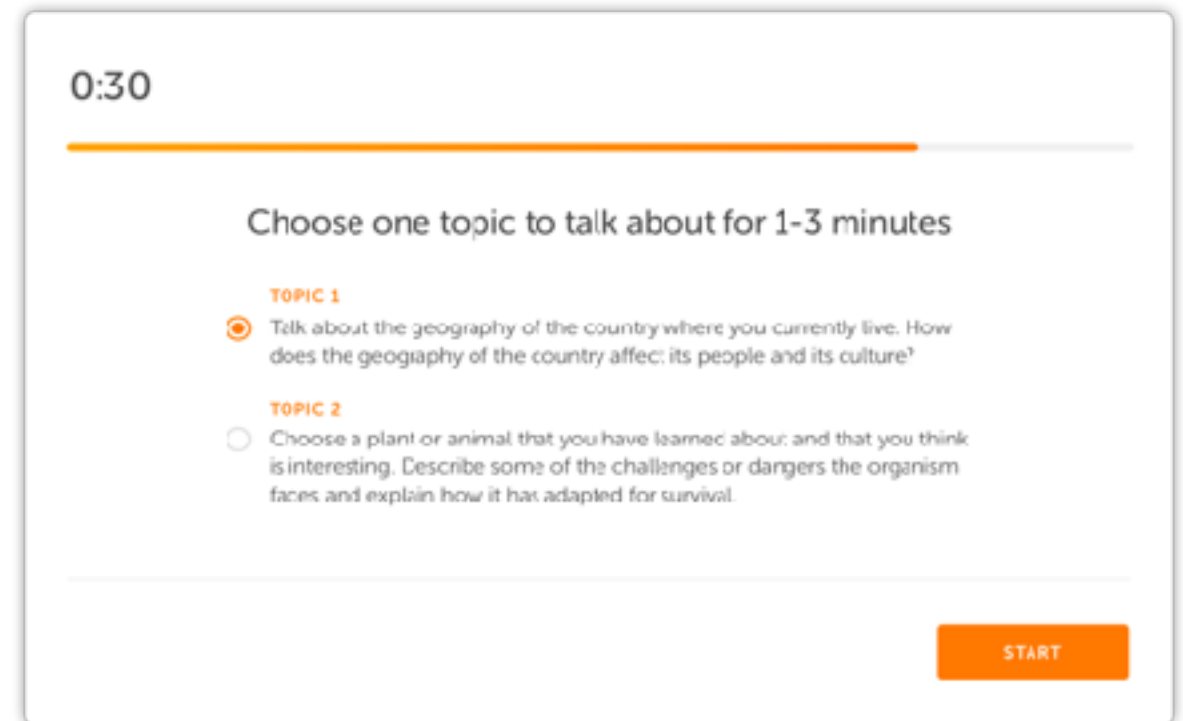


# How does the video interview and writing sample work?

At the end of the scored portion of the test, there is an unscored interview and writing sample that will be available to the institutions that receive your results.



For the video interview, you will be presented 2 question topics. You have 30 seconds to choose 1 question to which you'll respond. Your response will require speaking for 1-3 minutes. If you do not make a selection, your question will default to Topic 1.



For the writing sample, you will be presented with 2 question topics. You have 30 seconds to choose 1 to which you'll respond. Your response will require writing for 3-5 minutes. If you do not make a selection, your question will default to Topic 1.

## How can I review my video interview and writing sample before I send my results to an institution?

When you are logged in to [englishtest.duolingo.com](https://englishtest.duolingo.com), under “Your tests”, next to your certified test, click **VIEW INTERVIEW & WRITING**.





