

Student Placement Test

The following online test is designed so students can test their level of English. The test is **40 questions multiple choice** and is **30 minutes** long. After your school administrator receives your test results, we will place you in a class.

Grammar

1) Where can you see these signs?

**Patients must check in
at the reception desk**

- a. in a bank
- b. in a doctor's office
- c. in a hotel

Quiet please

- a. in a bank
- b. at a music school
- c. at a library

**Keep your bags with
you at all times**

- a. in a theatre
- b. in a hotel
- c. in an airport

**Visiting hours are from
10:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

- a. at a gym
- b. at a hospital
- c. at a school

**Early show - 7:00
Late show - 10:00**

- a. at a movie theatre
- b. at an airport
- c. at a restaurant

2) Choose the word which best fits.

I am from Vancouver, British Columbia. British Columbia is on the west coast of Canada, and Vancouver is **a. (his, your, its)** largest city. There are **b. (about, between, among)** 2.5 million people living there. Vancouver is a very multicultural city, and many people **c. (on, in, at)** Vancouver do not speak English as a first language. The city has beautiful parks, beaches and mountains, but it also has a modern downtown area. In the past, there **d. (is, were, was)** more houses downtown, and only a **e. (few, little, lot)** tall buildings. However, most of the houses and smaller buildings have been replaced by larger apartment towers.

3) Choose the word which best fits.

Terry Fox is a Canadian national hero. Fox was a young athlete who lost his leg to cancer and became famous for attempting to run across the country with an artificial leg to raise money for cancer research. He **a. (wished, hoped, desired, wanted)** that his journey would raise \$24 million dollars—one dollar for each person in Canada. When the run began in April of 1980, Fox was not **b. (recently, immediately, soon, once)** famous, but by June, he was a national star. Despite the heat of summer, he ran 42 km every day and made many public appearances. Unfortunately, Fox was **c. (incapable, unwilling, unable, unqualified)** to finish his journey. His cancer returned, he was forced to end the run and he died in hospital nine months later. Every year since his death, a charity event has been held to **d. (realise, repeat, remember, remind)** Terry and continue his efforts. The Terry Fox Run is held in over 60 countries, **e. (including, containing, supporting, consisting)** Korea, China and Saudi Arabia, and has raised over \$600 million dollars.

4) Choose the word which best fits.

Killer whales, also called orcas, are the largest members of the dolphin family. They have a very distinctive appearance, with a black and white body, a white patch above the eye and a tall fin on their backs the **a. (look, size, shape, kind)** of a triangle. Killer whales are found in all oceans, **b. (between, from, among, in)** the ice cold Arctic and Antarctic regions to more tropical seas. They are sometimes called “wolves of the sea” **c. (because, so, therefore, although)** they travel and hunt in groups like a wolf pack. Orcas are predators and feed on a range of animals, **d. (like, well, such, so)** as fish, mammals, and sea birds. The **e. (next, last, first, recent)** description of a killer whale was in the year AD 70. While in western culture they have historically been described as dangerous animals, wild orcas are not a threat to humans.

Vocabulary

5) Choose the word which best completes each sentence.

- a. I still have a lot of notes to go **(on, by, over, after)** before the exam on Friday.
- b. We spent a lot of time **(to talk, talking, for talking, to talking)** about our families and childhood memories.
- c. Frank is trying to get **(across, by, over, into)** his break-up with Kathy, but he is not ready for a new girlfriend.
- d. Every time they take a vacation abroad, something **(turns, goes, comes, ends)** wrong with their flight.
- e. My parents encouraged me **(should study, study, studied, to study)** a subject that interested me.
- f. Everyone was satisfied with the decision **(besides, other, except, apart)** for Steve.
- g. Whether a song is good or not is a **(issue, subject, point, matter)** of opinion.
- h. Have you considered **(getting, get, to get, to be getting)** a part-time job to make some extra money?
- i. She **(complained, accused, blamed, denied)** her roommate of taking twenty dollars from her bedroom.
- j. The roof of the church was **(supported, held, constructed, built)** up by large, marble pillars.
- k. In order to get in shape, John has taken **(in, up, over, back)** running.

- l. It would (**agree, suit, like, fit**) me if we postponed the decision until next week.
- m. The children (**don't need to, must not, needn't, haven't got to**) start a fire when they are alone in the house.
- n. You should have (**remarked, mentioned, advised, told**) that you were going to be late for dinner.
- o. Although the houses (**differ, oppose, disagree, distinguish**) in size, they have a similar colour and design.
- p. He wants to start his own business (**by, before, within, under**) the next five years.
- q. There was (**much, a lot of, another, an**) important information in the notebook that he lost.
- r. Kelly was trying to choose a major, but she didn't know where her best interests (**stood, rested, lay, centred**).
- s. If you want to lose weight, you need to reduce your (**income, input, increase, intake**) of fat and sugar.
- t. There was always a (**piece, little, touch, part**) of jealousy in her voice when she spoke about her sister.