

Writing

What do I need to know about my test?

- You have 45 minutes to complete the Writing test.
- There are two tasks in the test. Each task has a suggested time to spend, and a range of words to aim for.
- Try to write as much as you can for each task. This will give you the best chance to show your writing ability. There is a word count function to show you how many words you have written.
- Make sure you leave enough time for both parts of the test. Use all the time available to plan and write your answers. There is a timer to show you how many minutes you have spent on the test.
- Read the tasks carefully and consider ways to develop your answer. You can use a pen and paper to plan your answer or list your ideas before you start typing.
- Be careful with your typing because there is no spellcheck! If you have some time at the end of the test, read your answers again to check for spelling mistakes, spaces, full stops and capital letters.
- Look at the [sample test](#) and read the information on the test so that you are familiar with the tasks and how to move through the test.

<p>Task type 1</p>	<p>Message task</p> <div style="background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>Part 1</p> <p>You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.</p> </div> <p>Sam, a student from another country, has sent you a message on the e-platform that your schools share.</p> <p>Read Sam's message.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p>Hi!</p> <p>How are you?</p> <p>I had a great time last weekend walking in the mountains with my family. It was amazing and such a good way to relax and get some exercise. I love spending my free time outdoors.</p> <p>How about you? Do you like doing things outdoors in a park or the countryside? Why or why not?</p> <p>How important do you think it is for everybody to spend time outdoors?</p> <p>Sam</p> </div> <p>Write a message replying to Sam.</p> <p>Try to write 100 – 200 words.</p>
	<p>You should spend around 20 minutes on Part 1.</p> <p>Write between 100 and 200 words.</p>
<p>Testing focus</p>	<p>Describing an experience in a message to a friend</p>
<p>Advice</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You should spend about 20 minutes on this task. • Read the task instructions and input message carefully. • Plan your answer so that you include all the information that is required. • Write your answer in a style and format that is appropriate for replying to a message on a shared platform. The tone should be friendly, but you should write in full sentences and punctuate your text. • Try to link your ideas together so that your writing is easy to follow. • Think about how you can use paragraphs effectively. • Try to use a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures.
<p>Preparation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise writing short messages to your family and friends in English. • Practise writing within a time limit so that you know how to manage your time. • Practise writing online using https://writeandimprove.com/

Task type 2	<p>Essay task</p> <p>Part 2</p> <p>You should spend about 25 minutes on this task.</p> <p>In your English class you have been talking about the advantages and disadvantages of having a pet. Your teacher has asked you to write an essay on the following topic:</p> <p>Should children be allowed to have their own pets?</p> <p>Write your essay giving your views, providing reasons and examples to support your views.</p> <p>Try to write 100 – 250 words.</p>
Time and no. of words	<p>You should spend around 25 minutes on Part 2.</p> <p>Write between 100 and 250 words.</p>
Testing focus	<p>Expressing and supporting views on a topic</p>
Advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You should spend about 25 minutes on this task. • Read the task instructions carefully. • In your answer, try to support your opinions with examples, reasons and explanations. • Try to link your ideas together so that your writing is logical and easy to follow. • Try to write your answer in a style and format that is appropriate for an essay. • Think about how you can structure your answer and use paragraphs effectively. • Try to use a variety of vocabulary and grammatical structures.
Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Try to read short essays or articles where the writer shares their views. How are the paragraphs structured? What words and phrases are used to link ideas; compare and contrast; express agreement or disagreement; summarise and conclude? • Practise writing within a time limit so that you know how to manage your time. • Practise writing online using https://writeandimprove.com/