

Linguaskill Writing

Writing test advice for the candidate

Before the test

- On the Linguaskill website, look at the [sample test](#) and read the information in the [test format and task types](#) section, so that you are familiar with each part and how to move through the test
- Make sure you know where the timer and word count functions are
- Make sure you know how to use the copy and paste buttons
- Make sure you know how to move backwards and forwards between Part 1 and Part 2
- Watch the tutorial video

General advice

- Read both tasks carefully and consider ways to develop your answers. It's a good idea to have a pen and paper with you to plan your answer or list your ideas
- Plan to spend 15 minutes on Part 1 and 30 minutes on Part 2. This is because it is usually easier to write more, and use more advanced language, for Part 2
- There is no maximum word count for either task so try to write as much as you can. This will give you the best chance to show your full language ability. You are free to move between parts of the test to change or add to your answers
- Be careful with your typing because there is no spellcheck! If you have some time at the end of the test, read your answer again to check for spelling mistakes, spaces, full stops and capital letters

Advice Part 1

- Spend about 15 minutes on this part
- Try to cover each bullet point with as much detail as possible, for example, you can usually give some examples, reasons or explanations. Where possible use a variety of language (e.g. structures, vocabulary etc.)
- You don't need to include an email address, or subject line at the start of your email. You can usually start your email with an opening like "Dear/Hi/Hello...,"

Advice Part 2

- Spend about 30 minutes on this part
- Try to cover each bullet point with as much detail as possible. For example, you can usually give some examples, reasons or explanations. Where possible use a variety of language (e.g. structures, vocabulary etc.)
- In addition to writing about the bullet points in the task, you can include other ideas if you think they are important and relevant to the task

