

Solutions



Placement Test

Elementary to Intermediate

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Introduction

This placement test is intended to help teachers decide which level of *Solutions*, Elementary, Pre-Intermediate or Intermediate, is the most suitable for their students. It should be given at the beginning of the school year.

Solutions placement test has been developed after consultation with teachers and is designed to assess students' knowledge of the key language as well as their receptive and productive skills. This will enable teachers to have a greater understanding of what level their students are at.

The test contains:

- 50 multiple choice questions which assess students' knowledge of key grammar and vocabulary from elementary to intermediate levels.
- A reading text with 10 graded comprehension questions.
- An optional writing task that assesses students' ability to produce the language.

The 50 multiple choice questions and the reading task are designed to be done together in a 45-minute lesson. The writing task can be done in the following lesson and should take approximately 20 minutes.

Interpreting scores

	Total	Elementary	Pre-Intermediate	Intermediate
Grammar & Vocabulary	50	0–20	21–30	31+
Reading	10	0–4	5–7	8+
Writing	10	0–4	5–7	8+

This table acts as a guideline for teachers when choosing which level of *Solutions* is suitable for their students. Reading and writing scores are included separately so that teachers who choose not to include these tasks in the placement test can still make an accurate assessment of their students' abilities.

Where there is a discrepancy in the level attained in the different parts of the test, a student's score for grammar and vocabulary should take precedence. Alternatively, a teacher may wish to conduct an additional oral interview to confirm the result.

Students whose scores fall on the borderlines should be placed according to the level of the rest of the class and monitored closely at the start of the course.

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Grammar and Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the correct answers.

- 1 My sister _____ very tired today.
A be B am C is D are
- 2 His _____ is a famous actress.
A aunt B uncle C grandfather D son
- 3 I'd like to be a _____ and work in a hospital.
A lawyer B nurse C writer D pilot
- 4 We _____ like rap music.
A doesn't B isn't C aren't D don't
- 5 There _____ a lot of water on the floor. What happened?
A are B is C be D am
- 6 He _____ TV at the moment.
A watches B is watching C watched D has watching
- 7 Helen is very _____. She doesn't go out a lot.
A bored B confident C angry D shy
- 8 Did you _____ to the beach yesterday?
A went B were C go D goed
- 9 Have you got _____ orange juice? I'm thirsty.
A some B a C any D the
- 10 Let's go into _____ garden. It's sunny outside.
A a B any C - D the
- 11 He's _____ for the next train.
A looking B waiting C listening D paying
- 12 Mark _____ his car last week.
A cleaned B did clean C has cleaned D is cleaning
- 13 I bought some lovely red _____ today.
A cabbages B cucumbers C bananas D apples
- 14 Which bus _____ for when I saw you this morning?
A did you wait B had you waited
C were you waiting D have you waited
- 15 Where _____ you like to go tonight?
A do B would C are D can
- 16 That's the _____ film I've ever seen!
A worse B worst C baddest D most bad
- 17 My dad _____ his car yet.
A hasn't sold B didn't sell C doesn't sell
D wasn't sold
- 18 I've been a doctor _____ fifteen years.
A since B for C until D by
- 19 Look at the sky. It _____ rain.
A will B can C is going to D does
- 20 If I _____ this homework, the teacher will be angry!
A am not finishing B won't finish
C don't finish D didn't finished
- 21 This book is even _____ than the last one!
A most boring B boringer C more boring
D far boring
- 22 I'll meet you _____ I finish work.
A if B when C as D so
- 23 We're getting married _____ March.
A in B on C at D by
- 24 If you _____ steak for a long time, it goes hard.
A cook B are cooking C have cooked
D cooked
- 25 I _____ you outside the cinema, OK?
A 'll see B am going to see C am seeing
D see
- 26 I _____ not be home this evening. Phone me on my mobile.
A can B could C may D should

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- 27 The criminal _____ outside the hotel last night.
A was caught B has been caught
C is caught D caught
- 28 He asked me if I _____ a lift home.
A wanted B want C was wanting
D had wanted
- 29 If I _____ older, I'd be able to vote in elections.
A had B am C were D have
- 30 You _____ go to the supermarket this afternoon. I've already been.
A mustn't B can't C needn't D won't
- 31 Kathy drives _____ than her sister.
A more carefully B more careful C carefully
D most carefully
- 32 The _____ near our village is beautiful.
A country B woods C view D countryside
- 33 I'm _____ I can't help you with that.
A apologise B afraid C regret D sad
- 34 It was really _____ this morning. I couldn't see anything on the roads.
A cloudy B sunny C icy D foggy
- 35 Can you look _____ my dog while I'm away?
A for B at C to D after
- 36 If I'd started the work earlier I _____ it by now.
A would finish B had finished C will finish
D would have finished
- 37 This time next year I _____ in Madrid.
A am working B will work C will be working
D work
- 38 I wish he _____ in front of our gate. It's very annoying.
A won't park B wouldn't park
C doesn't park D can't park
- 39 He said he'd seen her the _____ night.
A last B before C previous D earlier
- 40 I _____ agreed to go out. I haven't got any money!
A mustn't have B shouldn't have
C couldn't have D wouldn't have
- 41 It was good _____ about her recovery, wasn't it?
A information B words C news D reports
- 42 I _____ the report by 5.00 p.m. You can have it then.
A have finished B will have finished
C finish D am finishing
- 43 Because of the snow the teachers _____ all the students to go home early.
A said B made C told D demanded
- 44 Thanks for the meal! It was _____.
A delighted B delicious C disgusting
D distasteful
- 45 Look! Our head teacher _____ on TV right now!
A is being interviewed B is been interviewed
C is interviewing D is interviewed
- 46 It's _____ to drive a car over 115 km/h in the UK.
A illegal B illegals C dislegal D legals
- 47 There's a lot of rubbish in the garden I need to get _____ of.
A lost B rid C cleared D taken
- 48 I'm afraid it's time we _____.
A leave B must leave C are leaving D left
- 49 He wondered what _____.
A is the time? B the time was
C was the time D is the time?
- 50 They _____ our salaries by 5%.
A rose B made up C raised D lifted

Mark /50

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Reading

Read the text.

Saucy dragons

Levi Roots, a reggae singer from Jamaica, has a big smile on his face these days. In case you missed it, Levi recently appeared on the famous reality show for people with business ideas, *Dragon's Den*. The participants have to persuade the team of business experts that their ideas are excellent and hope that two or more of the team will decide to invest money in their business idea.

Levi did just that!

The singer, who has been a successful music artist for several years, also sells something he calls 'Reggae, reggae sauce'. It is made using special secret ingredients from his grandmother and is a hot Jamaican sauce that is eaten with meat. Until now it has only been possible to buy the sauce from Levi's website or once a year at the famous Notting Hill carnival. But now, thanks to the TV programme, that is all going to change!

Levi presented his business idea to the team and started with a catchy reggae song about the sauce to make them sit up and listen. He certainly got their attention! He then described his plans for the sauce. This part of his presentation didn't go so well. He made mistakes with his figures, saying that he already had an order for the sauce of 2 and a half million when in fact he meant 2 and a half thousand! But, the team were still interested and amazingly, two of the team offered to give £50,000 to the plan in exchange for 40% of the company. Mr Roots was ecstatic!

Levi is even happier today. It seems that two of the biggest supermarket chains in the UK are interested in having the sauce on their shelves. In addition to this, Levi is recording the 'Reggae, reggae sauce' song and we will soon be able to buy or download this. 'It's all about putting music into food,' says Levi with a big, big smile on his face! And music and food will probably make him a very rich man indeed!

1 Are the sentences true or false?

- 1 At the moment Levi isn't very happy. ____
- 2 Levi sells something we can eat. ____
- 3 His song is a big success. ____
- 4 He sang his song on TV. ____
- 5 Some supermarkets want to sell his product. ____

2 Choose the best answers.

- 1 *Dragon's Den* is a show about
A cooking.
B new business ideas.
C famous people.
- 2 To make the sauce
A you have to go to Notting Hill.
B you have to ask a member of Levi's family.
C you need a good recipe book.
- 3 When Levi presented his idea
A he finished with a song.
B two and a half million people were watching.
C he talked about the wrong figures.
- 4 Some people on the team
A own supermarkets.
B didn't like the taste.
C bought part of Levi's company.
- 5 Today Levi
A is a millionaire.
B has two things he can profit from.
C prefers music to food.

Mark /10

Writing

Imagine you have just returned from a two-week holiday. Write an e-mail to your friend telling him/her about the holiday. Include information about the journey, where you stayed, what you did and the people you met.

Mark /10

TOTAL /70

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Answer Key

Grammar and Vocabulary

- | | |
|------|------|
| 1 C | 26 C |
| 2 A | 27 A |
| 3 B | 28 A |
| 4 D | 29 C |
| 5 B | 30 C |
| 6 B | 31 A |
| 7 D | 32 D |
| 8 C | 33 B |
| 9 C | 34 D |
| 10 D | 35 D |
| 11 B | 36 D |
| 12 A | 37 C |
| 13 D | 38 B |
| 14 C | 39 C |
| 15 B | 40 B |
| 16 B | 41 C |
| 17 A | 42 B |
| 18 B | 43 C |
| 19 C | 44 B |
| 20 C | 45 A |
| 21 C | 46 B |
| 22 B | 47 B |
| 23 A | 48 D |
| 24 A | 49 B |
| 25 A | 50 C |

Reading

1 1 F

2 T

3 F

4 T

5 T

2 1 B

2 B

3 C

4 C

5 B

Writing

Content (maximum 4 points)

- 1 point for each point included.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ point if part of a point is included but not developed.

Form (maximum 2 points)

- 2 points for correct format.
- 1 point if only part of format is used.
- 0 points if format is not used at all.

Range (maximum 2 points)

- 2 points for using a good range of vocabulary and structures.
- 1 point for using a reasonable range of vocabulary and structures.
- 0 points for using a poor range of vocabulary and structures.

Accuracy (maximum 2 points)

- 2 points for accuracy over 80%.
- 1 point for accuracy between 70 and 80 %.