



Benchmark Test - Instructions for Students

Instructors should make sure students are aware of the following information before taking a test. We suggest you give your test group the following instructions, in their own language. To ensure students are familiar with the test we also advise schools to run sample tests in small groups ahead of time and model how to sit, wear the headset, and how to answer. It may be helpful to run through the instructions when you do this too. Please note that sample tests are not scored.

1. This is an English test. You will be asked some questions and see some instructions on how to answer them.
2. At the start you will be asked to check the sound to make sure you can hear the questions.
3. Some of the questions will record your answer. Please make sure you gave access to your microphone in your browser. You will be also asked to record a sample of your voice during the equipment check to test the quality of your recording.
4. You must speak clearly throughout the test - don't shout or whisper. (Model behaviour).
5. Don't touch your microphone. Make sure it is in front of your mouth before the test begins. After that, don't touch it or cover your mouth. (Model behaviour).
6. If you don't know the answer, try your best or say, "I don't know" in English. Then click on the Next button to move on. (Model behaviour). Remember too many skipped questions may influence your score.
7. The test is designed to detect periods of silence and may close a question early if you do not appear to be participating.
8. Each test question is timed, and you need to answer before the time runs out. You'll see a timer in the upper right corner of the test. When the time is up, the test will move on to the next question.
9. You can click Next when you are ready to move on to the next question if the time is not up.

10. You can't go back, listen again, or change your answers so listen or read the question carefully, and try to answer correctly.
11. Do not close the test down until you finish.
12. If the test freezes for any reason, try refreshing the page.
13. When you finish the tests, make sure you click on "Finish", so your answers are submitted and scored.