



**Macmillan  
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Campus  
Placement Test  
Guide**



## MEC Placement Test guide

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### ● What is a placement test?

A placement test is a diagnostic tool commonly used by English language teachers. The purpose of a placement test is to allocate students to a correct level. It is usually a multi-level paper test in which the student answers as many questions as they can. From the result of the test the students are placed in a class level that is most suitable for them.

### ● What is the MEC placement test?

The MEC placement test contains 100 questions from starter/beginner to advanced level. It lasts 60 minutes. A student's score on the MEC Placement Test, along with the level diagnostic table at the end of this guide can be used to decide on their level of English.

### ● How is the MEC placement test used?

The MEC placement test works in exactly the same way as traditional paper tests but has the advantage that the questions are marked automatically. Either a student can simply take the test or a teacher can assign the test to students and they log into MEC to take the test.

The MEC placement test is in 12 parts with each part containing a different number of questions. The first part contains 27 questions (please be aware that students will need to scroll down the page to view all the questions). The second part contains seven questions, the third part five and so on. There are a total of 100 questions in the test. The pre-set time limit is 60 minutes but students can submit earlier if they have finished. Students can return to any part to review their answers at any point before they submit their test.

A teacher can assign the test to a student or students by bookmarking it and sending it to them via the messaging tool (see Teacher's guide p.4).

Once a student has completed and submitted their test, they will be told their score. This can be checked with the level diagnostic at the end of this guide to ascertain the student's level of English.

## ● Where can I find the MEC placement test?

The pre-built placement test is ready to use straight away. It is located in the Practice Area which you can find on the homepage of the administrator, teacher and student versions of Campus. When you enter the practice area, type 'Placement Test' into the search field. This will bring up the placement test.

## ● Can I change the time limit for the MEC placement test?

No. The time limit on the placement test is set to 60 minutes. However, students can turn off the timer by unchecking the 'Use Timer' box.

## ● Where can I find my student's placement test scores?

Scores can be found in the Practice Scores section of the student's profile on the class profile.

## ● How are the MEC placement test results interpreted?

The MEC placement test will tell you how many questions have been scored correctly out of the total of 100 questions. You can use the diagnostic table below to give you an idea of what level your students are once they have taken the MEC placement test.

Score in Placement Test	English Campus Levels	Cambridge	CEFR	ALTE
0 - 20	Level 1 (Starter/Beginner)	-	A1	Level 1
21 - 30	Level 2 (Elementary)	KET	A2	Level 1
31 - 50	Level 3 (Pre-intermediate)	-	-	-
51 - 63	Level 4 (Intermediate)	PET	B1	Level 2
64 - 80	Level 5 (Upper intermediate)	FCE	B2	Level 3
81 - 100	Level 6 (Advanced)	CAE/CPE	C1/C2	Level 4/5

## ● Can I adapt the MEC placement test?

No. It is not possible to adapt the placement test as this would affect the scoring system and therefore potentially affect the student's grade.