

Linguaskill Reading

Reading test advice for the candidate

Before the test

- Look at the [sample test](#) so that you are familiar with the types of questions in the test.
- If you are doing Business English, look at the [Linguaskill Business sample test](#)

General test information

- Linguaskill is an adaptive test. Some questions might be easy, and some will be more difficult. The computer chooses the questions based on your previous answers.
- Click on the forward arrow to move to the next screen.
- You can change your answer to any question on the same screen, but you cannot go back to a previous screen.
- To show you how much of the test you have completed, there will be a progress indicator at the bottom of the screen and a timer.

Reading test advice

General test advice

- Read the instructions, information about the texts, titles, and the texts before starting to answer any questions. Understanding the context is very important.
- Allow time to check your answers.

1. Advice for (Reading) One-Question Multiple Choice

- Read a short text (message or notice).
- Look carefully at each option before making your choice. The answer must match with what the short text says.
- Choose the correct answer.

2. Advice for (Reading) One-Question Multiple-choice gap fill

- Read a sentence with a gap, which needs to be filled with one of the four options provided.
- Consider each of the options, eliminating those you know are incorrect.
- Look at the words that appear before and after the gap; they might affect the answer.
- Click on the gap and choose the correct answer.

3. Advice for (Reading) Five-Question Open gap-fill

- Read a text with five gaps. Each gap needs to be filled with a single word.
- The missing words are grammar words (rather than vocabulary items).
- Read the text carefully and consider its meaning before you fill in any gap.
- Type ONE word only in each gap.
- Check your answer has the right meaning and fits with the grammar of the sentence.

4. Advice for (Reading) Five-question Multiple-choice gap-fill

- Read a text with five gaps. Each gap needs to be filled in with one of four multiple-choice options.
- Think carefully about the meaning of the different options.
- Click on each gap and choose the correct option.
- Check your answer has the right meaning and fits with the rest of the text.

5. Advice for (Reading) Five-Question Multiple Choice

- Read a long text with five multiple-choice questions.
- Read the text quickly for general understanding first.
- Read each of the questions and the options and look closely at the text to choose your answer.
- Select the correct answer for each question, making sure it answers the question fully.

6. Advice for (Reading) Two-question Multiple Choice

- Read a text with two multiple-choice questions.
- Read the text quickly for general understanding first.
- Read each of the questions and the options offered and look closely at the text to choose your answer.
- Select the correct answer for each question, making sure it answers the question fully.

7. Advice for (Reading) Missing Paragraph Text Completion

- Read a long text from which five paragraphs have been removed. You will need to fill in each gap by choosing the appropriate paragraph from six options.
- Look before and after each gap for clues to decide which paragraph fits best.
- Select the correct paragraph for each gap and check why the remaining ones do not fit.
- Finally, reread the whole text with your chosen paragraphs in place to make sure it all makes sense.

8. Advice for (Reading) Missing Sentence Text Completion

- Read a long text with five gaps. Each gap is for a missing sentence. You will need to fill in each gap by choosing the appropriate sentence from eight options.
- For each gap study the ideas and the words that come before or after it; these will help you decide which option sentence fits best.
- Select the correct sentence for each gap.
- Finally, reread the whole text with your chosen sentences in place to make sure it all makes sense.

9. Advice for (Reading) Multiple Text Matching

- Read four texts on the same topic to find relevant information to match to four questions or prompts.
- Read each question and read across the texts to find the opinion you need.
- Select the text that matches each question correctly.
- Check your answers.

