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About the Test

- The Burlington VTest General English exam is a comprehensive assessment tool designed to evaluate proficiency in Listening, Reading, Writing, and Speaking for candidates of all nationalities.

- It is administered online and provides a quick and reliable assessment of candidates' English language abilities, mapped to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

- It is multistage adaptive – the level of difficulty of the questions is adjusted to each candidate, based on their performance.

Structure & Content

- The tasks are designed to be interesting and based on realistic situations candidates are likely to encounter in real life.

- See page 2 for additional information about the content and timing.

Uses

- A placement tool to determine where your students' capabilities lie across all four skills.

- A progress monitoring tool.

- An exit or graduation assessment.

Scores & Certificates

- All candidates receive a score report, a certificate, and feedback, irrespective of their level.

- Results are reported as an overall score, and skills are reported in detail separately, along with a report containing 'Can do' statements which teachers and candidates can use for improvement.

- Schools receive a Group Report, with information regarding the overall level of the English language of their candidates.

Candidates with Specific Requirements

- Making our services accessible and user-friendly is a top priority.

- The VTest platform integrates accessibility tools, ensuring compliance with global accessibility standards.

- Candidates can try our accessibility tools and adjust them to their needs and comfort prior to the exam.

Benefits

- A very flexible, multistage adaptive test that allows candidates to test their level in the skills they want.

- There is no pass or fail.

- Teachers and candidates see the progress they have made during the course.

- An objective evaluation from an independent board of each candidate's progress, measured against the CEFR.

- The test can become a source of learning as candidates know which areas of language to focus on.

- Instantaneous results enable teachers and candidates to easily design new learning goals.

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Structure, Tasks, & Time

))) Listening section overview

# of Passages	# of Items	Time
8-12 passages	12–26	20-45 minutes max

Candidates progress through sets of passages and questions that adapt to their ability. Candidates' performance on earlier passages determines which passage they will hear next; subsequent passages are similarly based on candidates' performance.

Candidates can self-advance using a NEXT button.

The Listening section duration varies: Pre-A1 and A1 candidates may finish in about 20 minutes, while C2 candidates may take up to 45 minutes.

☰ Reading section overview

# of Texts	# of Items	Time
9 texts	12–26	15-35 minutes max

Candidates progress through sets of texts and questions that adapt to their ability. Performance on the first set of texts determines which text they will see next, with each subsequent set adjusting based on their previous performance.

Candidates can self-advance using a NEXT button if they finish sooner.

The Reading section duration varies: Pre-A1 and A1 candidates may finish in about 15 minutes, while C2 candidates may take up to 35 minutes.

○ Speaking section overview

Part	# of Items	Time
Part 1 (Pre-Speaking): Rejoinders	9	± 7 minutes
Part 2: Read aloud & Discuss	1 text to read aloud + 2 follow-up questions	± 4 minutes
Part 3: Pictures	1 set of 2 pictures + 3 related questions	± 4 minutes

✎ Writing section overview

Part	# of Items	Time
Part 1 (Pre-Writing): Scrambled Sentences	9	± 7 minutes
Part 2: Picture	1 picture with 2 prompts	± 22 minutes
Part 3: Essay	1 prompt	± 16 minutes

Online Exam Administration

VTest offers a range of online exam administration solutions tailored to meet diverse assessment needs. By combining technology and human expertise, we provide cost-effective and efficient assessment options. We currently offer three distinct exam administration modes:

1. **Standard** – offers maximum flexibility
2. **Online Proctoring** – for high-stakes exams
3. **Onsite Proctoring** – at approved test centers

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