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Start English and The European Language Certificates

Dear Learner

Our START English test gives you the opportunity to check your progress in learning English. START English also gives you a chance to demonstrate your knowledge of English at an early stage and is the first level in the internationally recognised system of The European Language Certificates (cf. Page 6).

This test should be of special interest for you in view of the increasing mobility within Europe, as it is becoming increasingly important to have recognised certificates in order to document language skills. They will certainly be of interest for your present or future boss.

START English is based on a language level that corresponds to A1 on the Council of Europe Scale. This assumes a maximum of 100 teaching hours.

This test material is a so-called mock test which enables you to simulate genuine test conditions. It will show whether you have acquired the necessary knowledge and skills for START English.

If you cannot understand all the information on this page, your teacher will be pleased to help you.



The European Language Certificates of the WBT Weiterbildungs-Testsysteme GmbH are a system of general and vocationally-oriented language tests that cover the A1 to B2 levels of the Council of Europe.



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Level Stufe Niveau	general allgemein général	vocationally oriented berufsbezogen à usage professionnel
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*** German Test for people wishing to acquire German citizenship

**** Sprachstandsanalyse: a language test for people wishing to study in Germany



- **Important Information:**
Please read this page and the next page carefully before starting the test.

1 How long do the various parts of the test take? How many points are allocated for the various test items?

Sub-Test	Aim	Type of Test	Marks	Time in minutes	
1 Language Elements					
	Vocabulary and Grammar	10 multiple-choice items	15	10	
2 Listening Comprehension					
	A	Selective Listening	4 true/false items	12	
	B	Listening for Detail (Numbers and Letters)	5 multiple-choice items		5
3 Situational Responses					
	A	Communicative Responses	3 matching items	6	
	B	Communicative Responses	4 matching items		8
4 Reading Comprehension					
	A	Reading for Gist	3 matching items	9	
	B	Reading for Detail	3 true/false items		9
	C	Selective Reading	3 multiple-choice items		6
	For transferring the answers to the Answer Sheet			5	

* A maximum of 30 minutes is allowed. You can finish earlier if you have answered all the questions.

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Where and how do I write my answers on the Answer Sheet?

The Answer Sheet looks like this:

Part C	a	b
33		
34		
35		

For example: If you think the answers to the questions 33, 34 and 35 are "a", "b" and "b", mark the Answer Sheet as follows:

Part C	a	b
33	×	
34		×
35		×

We recommend you to write your answers on the Question Sheet first. When you have finished the questions, do not forget to transfer your answers to the Answer Sheet.

Are you ready to start?

Okay. Now start the clock.

Turn over the page and start the test.



1 Language Elements

Read the letter and choose the correct word for each gap.
Mark the correct answer **a)** or **b)** on the Answer Sheet.

_____ **1** _____ Liz and Harry,

We want to thank you very _____ **2** _____ for the lovely party we had at your house last Saturday. _____ **3** _____ Harry and I had a great time!

The food was wonderful. _____ **4** _____ you send me the recipe for the fish? We really _____ **5** _____ it and I would like to try to make _____ **6** _____ myself.

It _____ **7** _____ also nice to meet your neighbours, especially because _____ **8** _____ were also in the South of France last year. It was nice to _____ **9** _____ about our holidays.

Thank you again,

_____ **10** _____

1. a) Dear
b) Love

5. a) ate
b) enjoyed

9. a) say
b) talk

2. a) lot
b) much

6. a) him
b) it

10. a) Goodbye
b) Love

3. a) All
b) Both

7. a) was
b) were

4. a) Could
b) Please

8. a) she
b) they



2 Listening Comprehension, Part A

First read the question.

Then listen to the recording.

Mark the correct answer YES (+) or NO (-) on the answer sheet.

You will hear the text two times.

11. Situation:

You arrive at a hotel. The lady at reception speaks to you.

You can go to your room in about ten minutes.

12. Situation:

The phone rings. It's your friend John. He has something to tell you.

John will take you to the pub if you want to go with him.

13. Situation:

You are at the airport. You are waiting for the Alitalia flight to Rome.

Your flight is delayed.

14. Situation:

You are on a car holiday to England and are on the car ferry to Dover.

You must now go back to your car because you are near Dover.

**2** Listening Comprehension, Part B

First read the question.

Then listen to the recording.

*Mark the correct answer **a)** or **b)** on the answer sheet.*

You will hear the text two times.

15. How long will the journey take?

- a) 13
- b) 30

Oh, about _____ hours.

16. How much do you pay for your flat?

- a) £45
- b) £54

With heating, £ _____ a week.

17. When does your train leave?

- a) 10.30
- b) 11.30

_____ .

18. How far is it to Aberdeen from here?

- a) 215
- b) 250

Oh, it's about _____ miles.

19. Can you spell your name, please?

- a) B R I A N
- b) B R Y A N

Yes, it's _____ .



3 Situational Responses

Part A

First look at sentences a) – d).

Then listen to the recording.

You will hear three statements or questions.

Mark the best answer for each statement or question a), b), c) or d) on the answer sheet.

You will hear each statement or question two times.

20. _____

a) It's over there on the left.

21. _____

b) It was good.

22. _____

c) Nice to meet you.

d) That's okay.

Part B

First look at sentences e) – i).

Then listen to the recording.

You will hear four statements or questions.

Mark the best answer for each statement or question e), f), g), h) or i) on the answer sheet.

You will hear each statement or question two times.

23. _____

e) Oh, many happy returns!

24. _____

f) No, thanks.

25. _____

g) Sure, here you are.

26. _____

h) Well done!

i) Yes, thanks very much.



4 Reading Comprehension, Part A

Read the headlines a) – d) and the texts 27. – 29.
Choose the best headline for each text
and mark the correct box on the answer sheet.

- a) **British Rail police to lose jobs**
- b) **Long wait for travellers**
- c) *More people out of work*
- d) Two people hurt

27.

British Woodwork Limited who have made children's toys for more than 120 years have closed with a loss of 150 jobs in Leeds today.

28.

A police car had a serious accident yesterday evening. It ran off the road into the side of a house. The police driver and the owner of the house had to be taken to hospital.

29.

Hundreds of people spent the night at Bristol Railway Station yesterday when the last train to London was delayed for five hours because of an accident.

**4 Reading Comprehension, Part B**

Read the following text.

You go back to your flat and find a note from your friend Bernard.

Hi,

I have to go out this morning. When you get back, could you phone the hairdresser's and make an appointment for me - if possible either tomorrow afternoon or early Saturday morning.

Thanks, see you this evening - I'll be back about 7.30.

Bernard

Read the questions 30. – 32. and mark the correct box YES (+) or NO (-) on the answer sheet.

30. Bernard asks you to phone the hairdresser for him.
31. Bernard would like an appointment at the end of the week.
32. Bernard will be back tomorrow.



4 Reading Comprehension, Part C

Read the sign and answer the following questions.
Mark the correct box **a)** or **b)** on the answer sheet.

33. You need to buy a coat for your small daughter. Do you go
- to the first floor?
 - to the second floor?
34. You want to look for some chairs for the kitchen. Do you go
- to the basement?
 - to the third floor?
35. You would like to have a cup of coffee. Do you go
- to the ground floor?
 - to the second floor?

Brown's Department Store

4	4th FLOOR	Men's Clothing, Bikes, Radio & Television, Video, Sports
3	3rd FLOOR	Women's Clothing, Leather Goods, Shoes, Toilets
2	2nd FLOOR	Children's Department, Toys, Watches/Clocks, Restaurant
1	1st FLOOR	Books, Computers, Software, Gardens & Flowers, Cosmetics
G	GROUND FLOOR	Cigarettes, Cassettes/CDs, Chocolates, Newspapers
B	BASEMENT	Washing Machines, Furniture, Supermarket, Writing Paper

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Answer Sheet

.....
Familiennamen - Surname - Apellido - Nom - Cognome

.....
Vorname - First Name - Nombre - Prénom - Nome

.....
Geburtsdatum - Date of birth - Fecha de nacimiento - Date de naissance - Data di nascita

.....
Geburtsort - Place of birth - Lugar de nacimiento - Lieu de naissance - Luogo di nascita

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1 Language Elements

	a	b		a	b		a	b		a	b
1			4			7			9		
2			5			8			10		
3			6								



2 Listening Comprehension

Part A

	+	-		+	-
11			13		
12			14		

Part B

	a	b		a	b		a	b
15			17			19		
16			18					



3 Situational Responses

Part A

	a	b	c	d
20				
21				
22				

Part B

	e	f	g	h	i
23					
24					
25					
26					



4 Reading Comprehension

Part A

	a	b	c	d
27				
28				
29				

Part B

	+	-
30		
31		
32		

Part C

	a	b
33		
34		
35		



Answer Key



Language Elements

- Item 1 a)
- Item 2 b)
- Item 3 b)
- Item 4 a)
- Item 5 b)
- Item 6 b)
- Item 7 a)
- Item 8 b)
- Item 9 b)
- Item 10 b)



Listening Comprehension

Part A

- Item 11 +
- Item 12 -
- Item 13 +
- Item 14 +

Part B

- Item 15 a)
- Item 16 a)
- Item 17 b)
- Item 18 a)
- Item 19 b)



Situational Responses

Part A

- Item 20 c)
- Item 21 a)
- Item 22 d)

Part B

- Item 23 g)
- Item 24 h)
- Item 25 e)
- Item 26 i)



Reading Comprehension

Part A

- Item 27 c)
- Item 28 d)
- Item 29 b)

Part B

- Item 30 +
- Item 31 +
- Item 32 -

Part C

- Item 33 b)
- Item 34 a)
- Item 35 b)





Points

In the START English examination you can achieve a maximum of 70 points. The following table shows how many points you can obtain in the various parts of the test. You can enter your points in the column on the right-hand side.

Compare your answers with the Key on Page 19. To calculate the overall total, write the number of points in the right-hand column. Points are awarded as follows:

Language Elements	Items 1 - 10	1,5 points each
Listening Comprehension, Part A	Items 11 - 14	3 points each
Listening Comprehension, Part B	Items 15 - 19	1 point each
Situational Responses, Part A	Items 20 - 22	2 points each
Situational Responses, Part B	Items 23 - 26	2 points each
Reading Comprehension, Part A	Items 27 - 29	3 points each
Reading Comprehension, Part B	Items 30 - 32	3 points each
Reading Comprehension, Part C	Items 33 - 35	2 points each

To pass the test you must obtain 80% of the possible maximum number of points, i.e. at least 56 points.

Sub-Test	Maximum Number of Points	Number of Points Awarded
 Language Elements (1-10)	15	<input type="text"/>
 Listening Comprehension	17	<input type="text"/>
Part A (11-14)	12	<input type="text"/>
Part B (15-19)	5	<input type="text"/>
 Situational Responses	14	<input type="text"/>
Part A (20-22)	6	<input type="text"/>
Part B (23-26)	8	<input type="text"/>
 Reading Comprehension	24	<input type="text"/>
Part A (27-29)	9	<input type="text"/>
Part B (30-32)	9	<input type="text"/>
Part C (33-35)	6	<input type="text"/>
Total Points	70	<input type="text"/>



Transcription of Texts

Listening Comprehension

Part A

11. I'm afraid your room is not quite ready yet. It will take about another 10 minutes.
12. The weather's so good today, we could meet in our garden and have a quiet drink before lunch. It would be much nicer than sitting in the pub. What do you think?
13. Due to bad weather Alitalia Flight No. 4673 to Rome will be leaving two hours later.
14. Ladies and Gentlemen, we will arrive in Dover in about ten minutes. Would all car and coach passengers please now return to their vehicles. All other passengers should stay in the lounge area.

Part B

15. How long will the journey take? - Oh, about 13 hours.
16. How much do you pay for your flat? - With heating, £45 a week.
17. When does your train leave? - Half past eleven.
18. How far is it to Aberdeen from here? - Oh, it's about 215 miles.
19. Can you spell your name, please? - Yes, it's B R Y A N.

Situational Responses

Part A

20. Good morning, my name's Brian. I'm your new teacher.
21. Excuse me, where's the library?
22. Sorry I'm late.

Part B

23. Have you got a pen for me?
24. I've just passed my test.
25. It's my birthday today.
26. Would you like to come for dinner this evening?

C2

C1

B2

B1

A2

A1

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