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## SENTENCE MEANING

This test measures how well you understand the meaning of sentences in English. There will be two different kinds of questions in this test. You will see a sample of each kind with the correct answer indicated.

### Sample Question 1

The sentence below has a blank space. Choose the word or phrase that makes the sentence meaningful and correct.

Mr. Swoboda grows roses, tomatoes, and carrots. That is why his friends say that he is a good \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. gardener\*
- b. builder
- c. painter
- d. florist

The correct answer is **gardener**. Mr. Swoboda is a good gardener.

### Sample Question 2

One or two sentences will be followed by a question. Choose the correct answer to the question.

The teacher called on Joe in class. What did the teacher do?

- a. Shouted to Joe
- b. Asked Joe a question\*
- c. Telephoned Joe
- d. Visited Joe

The correct answer is **Asked Joe a question**. The teacher asked Joe a question.

## Testing Requirements

The following items are required to take the ESL Assessment test:

- A valid photo identification card, such as a driver's license, SMC student ID card, high school ID card, passport, resident alien ID card, or a military ID card.
- Your Santa Monica College six-digit student ID number

\*If you are not a current SMC student, a testing fee will be issued (\$20 per test).

## Testing Hours

For latest testing hours please go to:  
[www.smc.edu/assessment](http://www.smc.edu/assessment)  
or call  
**310-434-8040**

Dates and times subject to change.  
We are closed on all major holidays.



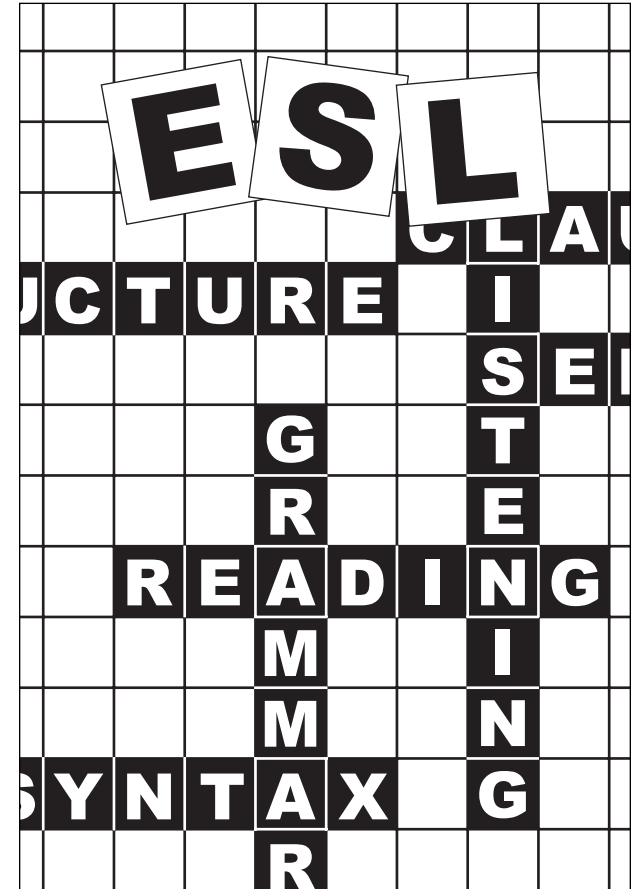
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# ESL Assessment Test Samples



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## General Information

### • HOW DO I TAKE THE ASSESSMENT?

Assessment is conducted on a walk-in basis, first come, first served. Please note that during heavy testing periods there will be an extensive wait. Plan accordingly! You may contact the Assessment Center at (310) 434-8040 for testing hours.

### • HOW LONG WILL THE ASSESSMENT TAKE?

Because the tests are adaptive to your skills, the English and/or ESL test may take approximately 1 to 1.5 hours to complete.

### • COMPUTERIZED TESTING

We currently offer computerized English, ESL, and Math tests. However, under some circumstances you may be asked to take a paper-and-pencil test instead. For computer delivered tests, you will use either the keyboard or the mouse to enter your answers and supply other information. A Test Proctor will always be present should you have any questions or problems.

### • ADAPTIVE TESTING

Each test is adaptive. This means that the computer automatically determines which questions are presented to you based on your responses to prior questions. This technique selects just the right questions to ask without being too easy or too difficult. Each test is untimed so that you can give each question as much thought as you wish. However, once you have selected and confirmed your answer, you cannot return to that question.

### • ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS

Each test consists of 15 to 25 questions. The questions appear one at a time on the computer screen. Most questions are multiple choice, and all you will need to do is use the "Enter" key or mouse to select an answer.

When you have completed the question and confirmed your answer, a new screen will appear with your next question.

### • WHEN AND WHERE CAN I GET MY RESULTS?

Assessment results are usually available as soon as you complete your test. You may also be directed to return at a later time if technical difficulties are experienced, in which case you may pick them up at

the Assessment Center (LA-109). Please note that your scores may not be input into our computer system for up to 48 hours. Be sure to have your copy when you meet with a counselor.



## ESL Test Samples for Non-Native Speakers

The ESL test consists of three sub-tests: Language Use, Reading Skills, and Sentence Meaning. You must take all three tests to get a placement.

### LANGUAGE USE

This test measures your skill in using correct grammar in English sentences. There will be two different kinds of questions in this test. You will see a sample of each kind with the correct answer indicated.

#### Sample Question 1

The sentence below has a blank space. There are four words or phrases under the sentence. Choose the word or phrase that makes a grammatically correct sentence.

They \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper every day.

- a. reads
- b. is reading
- c. read\*
- d. does read

The correct answer is **read**. They read the newspaper every day.

#### Sample Question 2

Two sentences will be followed by four possible answers. Choose the answer that best combines the two sentences.

The answer must be a grammatically correct sentence. It must also express the same thought as the first two sentences.

I sang in the choir. I enjoyed it.

- a. In the choir singing, I enjoyed.
- b. In the choir to sing, I enjoyed.
- c. I enjoyed to sing in the choir.
- d. I enjoyed singing in the choir.\*

The correct answer is **I enjoyed singing in the choir**.

### READING SKILLS

This test measures your skill in reading English. Read each passage, then answer the question. Pick the best answer from the choices below the question.

#### Sample Question 1

Read the passage, then choose the best answer to the question.

My cousin lived in the city from 1984 to 1989. When did my cousin live in the city?

- a. After 1989
- b. Before 1984
- c. Between 1984 and 1989\*
- d. Neither in 1984 nor in 1989

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