

MET



What is the Michigan English Test (MET)?

- The MET is a secure, internationally recognized, multi-level English language proficiency test used for educational and occupational purposes. As it is a multi-level exam, it is often used at several points in students' studies to track their progress and, when they leave a program, to certify their language level.
- The MET evaluates proficiency from CEFR level A2 to C1, with separate scores for each skill area as well as an overall average score.
- Every MET is developed by Michigan Language Assessment professionals according to the highest industry standards.

How is the MET administered and scored?

- Offered as either a 2 skills-test (listening and reading) or a 4-skills test (adding speaking and writing). All sections are paper/pencil.
- One to two set test dates every month.
- Offered, under secure test conditions, at local authorized Michigan Assessment Centers.
- Scored by Michigan Assessment, with results reported in 4 weeks.
- Results are issued by Michigan Assessment and have no expiration date.

How is MET typically used?

The MET is most often used in the country where it is administered.

Test Takers	Language Programs
Meet university requirements	Demonstrate student progress
Document progress in language learning	Demonstrate language achievement to students and parents
Learn level of ability	Provide students an international language credential
Scholarship application	Prove program quality to certifying agencies
Prove language ability for employment	Distinguish program from others in the community

Are you interested in recognizing the MET at your institution?

Michigan Language Assessment exams are accepted throughout the world by colleges, universities, governments, and employers as evidence of a person's English skills. Strict registration, administration, and scoring mechanisms ensure that our tests are secure and reliable.

Benefits

- Make your institution attractive to the thousands of people who have taken the MET.
- Offer prospective students a more affordable way to demonstrate their proficiency.
- Have confidence in your test results and quickly verify test results submitted to you.
- Consult with language experts at Michigan Language Assessment regarding your language testing questions and needs.
- Increase visibility by having your institution's name appear on our website, and by gaining the ability to use Michigan Language Assessment *Official Recognizing Organization* logo.

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The MET Skill Sections



Listening

There are three types of items in the MET listening section:

- **Short Conversation:** Test takers hear short conversations between two people. Then they hear a question about it. The question is printed in the test booklet. The test taker chooses the best answer to the question from the choices printed in the test booklet.
- **Long Conversation:** Test takers hear longer conversations between two people, followed by several questions about it. The questions are printed in the test booklet. The test taker chooses the best answer to each question from the choices printed in the test booklet.
- **Short Talks:** Test takers hear some short talks by a single speaker. After each talk, test takers answer questions about it. The questions are printed in the test booklet. There is space in the test booklet for test takers to take notes while listening.

Reading

There are 2 types of items in the current reading section; there will be 3 types starting January 2019:

- **Grammar:** Test takers read a single sentence from which a word or phrase has been omitted. Test takers must choose the word or phrase that correctly completes the sentence.

- **Extended Reading** (starting in January 2019): Test takers read a longer passage and then answer questions based on the text.
- **Reading Sets:** Test takers read three texts that are linked by a common theme. The test takers must then answer comprehension questions based on the three texts.

Speaking

Test takers talk with a speaking examiner (1-on-1) for approximately ten minutes. They discuss a range of different topics based on five scripted tasks. The first three tasks are related to an illustration.

Writing

There are two tasks in the writing test. First, test takers respond to prompts that ask them to write several sentences. They are then given a topic and asked to write an essay in response.

What's available to help prepare?

Michigan Language Assessment Website

- A free, complete, downloadable sample test is available for all four sections of the MET.
- Official MET Practice Materials (practice tests) can be ordered.
- The MET Speaking Rating Scale and the MET Writing Rating Scale are also available.

Video Resources

The **MET Teacher Seminar Series** is a multi-part video series. These videos look at each section of the listening and reading sections and discuss how teachers can help their students develop the skills they need to do well on the MET. The videos are available on our YouTube channel or on our website.