Information about the Kent English Language Test

Please read and make sure you understand the information below before you book your test. On your booking form you will need to confirm that you have done this and agree with the requirements of the test.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact us at englishtest@kent.ac.uk

How to book your place on a test

- Make sure you have the following information:
  - your Kent application number – this will be an 8 digit number e.g 21987654
  - the level of course you are applying for
  - your course start date
  - a scan of your passport photo page
  - a scan of your English language qualification (if available)
- Complete the online booking form
- If you are taking the test in China, complete the booking form for students in China
- We will have a choice of dates and times, please choose one. If there aren’t any choices which are convenient for you please contact us at englishtest@kent.ac.uk and we will try to arrange an alternative
- The places on each session are limited so if it is not possible to confirm your choice we will offer you an alternative
- We will confirm the date and time with you within 2 working days of submitting your booking form
- We will send you a code. This gives you access to a practice test which we would recommend you take in order to familiarise yourself with the test. There are also plenty of resources to help you prepare https://www.englishlanguagetesting.co.uk/test-takers/for-students/password-skills/
- Please make sure Zoom is available in your country and familiarise yourself with how it works as we will be using this on the day of the test
- You will need a laptop or desktop computer which you will take the test on and also a second device (mobile phone, tablet, laptop) with Zoom installed and set up next to you so we can see both you and your screen

On the day of your test

- Make sure you have a desktop computer or laptop with good internet access
- Make sure you have a second device with Zoom installed and charged enough to last for over 3 hours or plugged in to an electricity supply
- We will contact you up to 30 minutes before your test by Zoom
- We will check your identity and some other personal details
- We will be monitoring you throughout the test via Zoom on your second device
- For the test please make sure you are sitting at a desk or table in a room on your own and that you will not be interrupted for the duration of the test
- You are not permitted to have headphones, phone, tablet, smart watch, fitbit or other device with you whilst taking the test (other than the second device running Zoom during your test)
- Make sure your ears are visible during the test
- You will have a break between the 1st part of the test (Reading and Writing) and the 2nd part (Listening and Speaking). No other breaks are allowed and it is not possible to pause the test
- You are not permitted to make notes during the test so you are not allowed to have paper and pen or pencil in the room where you are taking the test

**After the test**

- We will obtain the results of your test within 48 hours of you taking it
- We will send the results to our admissions team who will decide if you have met the English Language conditions of your offer
- This decision will appear on your student portal so please make sure you check your portal for updates

This is a test of your current level of English to help us advise you on the best options for you. It is very important that the test scores accurately reflect your level of English.

If we have any reason to believe you are cheating we will immediately stop the test and you will not be allowed to retake the test. This may result in you not being able to study at the university.