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Oxford Online Placement Test

Test guide for students

Detailed information on the test format and results scale can be found here:

<https://elt.oup.com/feature/global/oxford-online-placement/test-format?cc=de&selLanguage=en>

Basics

What is The Oxford Online Placement Test

The Oxford Online Placement Test is a computer adaptive online test, which means that the test adjusts the difficulty of questions based on the student's responses.

Answers are automatically marked after each task, giving you an instant result once the test is complete.

What does the test consist of?

The test is divided in 2 parts:

1. Use of English (grammar and vocabulary): 3 tasks with about 30 questions in total
2. Listening: about 15 tracks with questions

How long does it take?

The maximum duration of the test is **60 minutes**. It is students' responsibility to manage their time.

How to login:

The test is temporized, which means that cannot be accessed outside of the allotted date and time. When asked by the assistants, follow these steps in order:

1. Carefully enter your full username, leaving no extra spaces;
2. Insert your password, paying attention to upper and lower case letters;
3. Left-click on the grey box to the left of the words "I have an organization ID" until it turns blue with a white check mark;
4. Insert on the right, in the field "Organisation ID", contained in the invitation e-mail.

All these details will be delivered to your mailbox from the address:

www-customerservice.eltonline@oup.com

How to complete the test correctly:

1. At the beginning of the test, you will see a screen where you must select the level to start the exam. You will choose the option "please choose a starting point for me".
2. Each screen presents a question. Once you click on "Next", you cannot go back.
3. Wrong answers and non-responses left in the answer spot are equivalent. So, do not leave the answer spots empty, but complete them.
4. The test must be completed to be evaluated. Therefore, it is essential to have reached the "End of test" screen within the 59th minute. To do this, you need to pay attention to the time available. The stopwatch will appear on the screen at the top on the right in the format hh:mm, and a popup will warn you when there will be 15 minutes left until the end of the test. **PLEASE NOTE:** The system calibrates the degree of difficulty of the test according to the answers, therefore it is possible to find some questions that do not exactly match the level to be reached .

Advice

You should remember that to listen to all the audio tracks twice, you need at least 30 minutes. You must add the time needed to read and answer the questions. Therefore, it is recommended to dedicate 35-40 minutes to the listening section of the test.