OXFORD
PLACEMENT TEST

Take a test at home!

Taking the Oxford Placement Test at home is easy!

Just follow these steps.

Okay, let's get started.

Step 1: Check your equipment

- You need an internet connection.
- You need a good pair of headphones.
- You need to make sure the volume on your device's speakers is turned on.
- Your device must meet the minimum system requirements. To check these, click here: system requirements. Then, click on **'automatic system check'**.
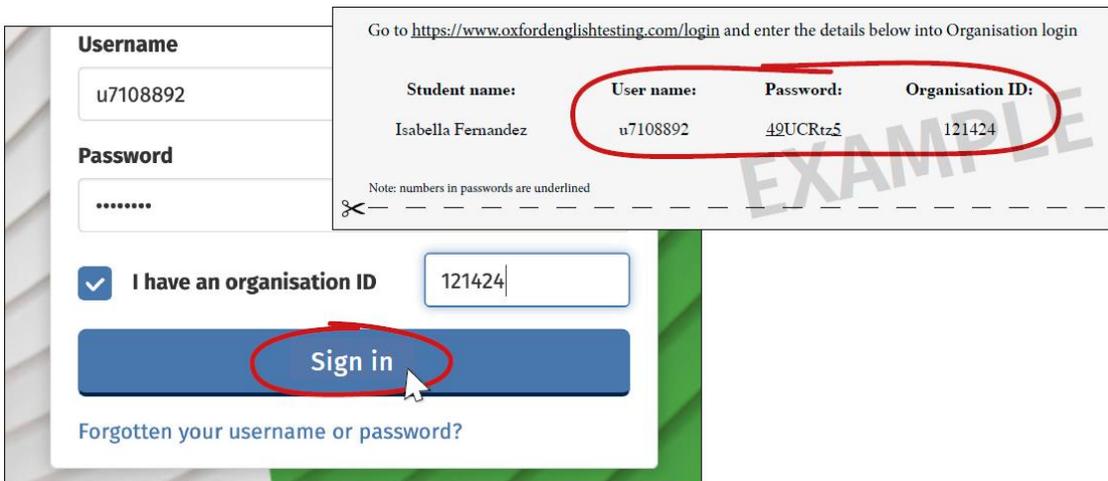
System requirements

In order to ensure you have the best test experience, please make sure your device can meet these system requirements

Automatic system check
Run our automatic system check. This will tell you whether your computer can show our online materials and play the audio for listening questions.

Step 2: Sign in

Sign in using the information that was sent to you by email.

Step 3: Complete your details

Complete or confirm your details, then click **'save'**.

Step 4: Select your test

Click on '**Oxford Placement Test**'.

Step 5: Choose your starting level

The test will open in a new window.

First, choose the starting level you want, then click **'next'**.
(The starting level you choose will not affect your final test score, because the test is adaptive. This means the questions will adjust to your level as you move through the test, ensuring that your final score accurately reflects your true ability—regardless of the level you select at the beginning.).

Please select your starting difficulty from the options below. The test will begin at this difficulty level, but will automatically adapt based on your performance as the test progresses:

| Computer chooses for you | Low | Medium | High |

Step 6: Test Duration and Structure

The maximum time allowed to complete the test is **73 minutes**. The timer starts as soon as you click **"Start"** to begin the test.

The **Use of English** section includes:
- **2 parts** with **10 timed tasks** each.
- **1 part** with **1 timed task** containing **5 to 7 questions**.

If you do not answer a question before the timer for that task expires, the test automatically moves to the next question.

The **Listening** section includes:
- **3 parts** with **5 tasks** each.
- Each task contains **1 or 2 questions**.

After the **two playbacks** of each listening audio, you **must** submit an answer.
If you do not, the test will remain stuck on the question while the timer continues to count down.

There is **no "Back" button**.
Once you submit an answer, you **cannot** change it.

Completing the Test
It is essential to finish and submit the test **before the timer runs out**.
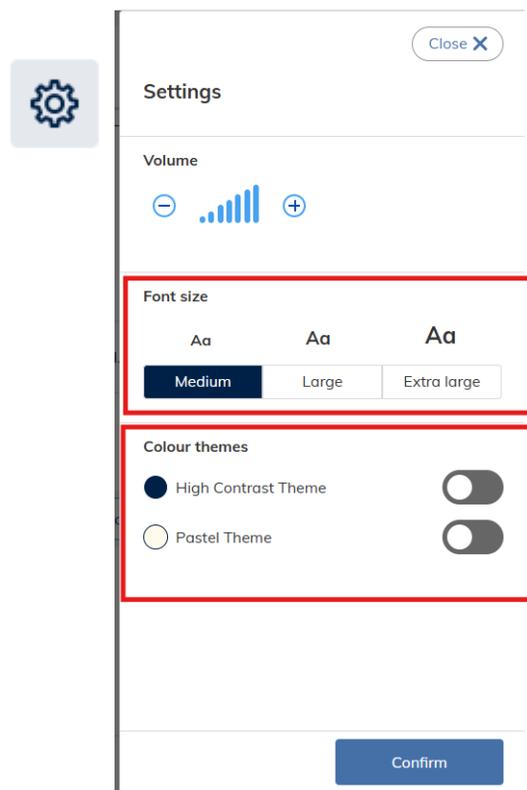Any test not submitted within the 73-minute limit— regardless of how many questions were answered—is considered **not passed**.

Step 7: Take the test

Answer all the questions in the time shown on the screen. Good luck!

You can adjust volume, text size and the background colour at any time during the test, using the settings icon in the top right corner of the screen.

Step 8: Finishing the test

When you have finished, click the 'Finish' button to submit your answers. You can then close the test window. Then wait to hear from your test administrator.
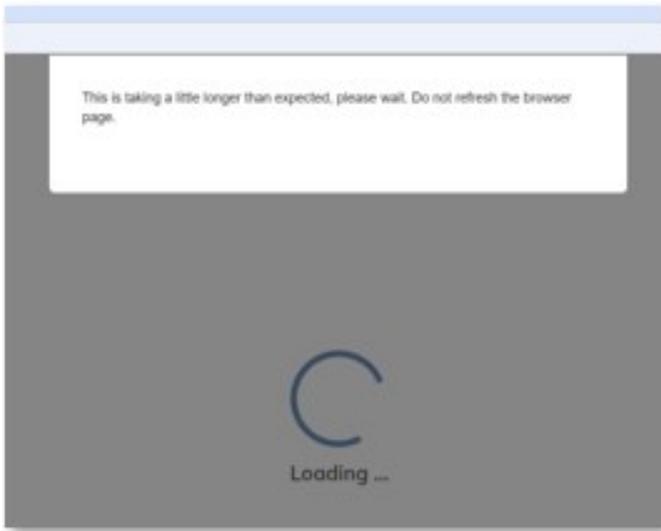

Important: Once you have completed the test, if the status still appears as "*in progress*", you must refresh the page until the message "*You currently do not have access to any tests*" appears.

Troubleshooting 1

When the page does not load and the on-screen message tells the candidate not to refresh the page
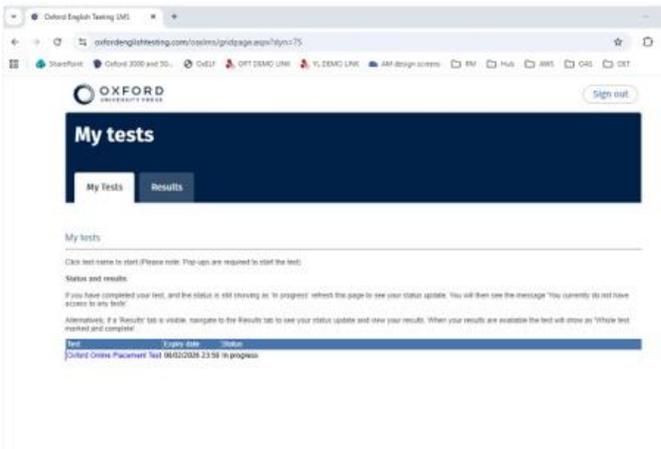
If test takers see this message:

Wait for about a minute to see if the issue resolves on its own.

If the page is still not loading, close the test window.

Then refresh the '**My tests**' page:

Click the link to launch the test again.

If the internet connection has recovered, the test will resume from the point where the candidate left off.

Troubleshooting 2

When the internet connection drops during the test
This issue is usually caused by a temporary loss of internet connection.
- If no other error messages appear, it is likely a **local network issue**.
- If additional error messages do appear, please **take note of them** and contact your institution so they can help resolve the problem.

Troubleshooting 3

When the test freezes on a question and the candidate cannot continue because the page is unresponsive
Try refreshing the page.
If refreshing does not resolve the issue, follow the steps outlined in **Troubleshooting 1**.