



Accurate

Accurate, objective, and reliable test scored by advanced computing and text processing technology to eliminate human and cultural bias.



Reliable

On-demand, easily administered test which can be taken anytime and at any place on a computer.



Fast

Save time administering the test and get test results fast! The test takes only 35 minutes and score reports become available online within minutes after the test is completed.

Versant Writing Test

The Versant Writing Test is an English proficiency test which tests the English writing skills of individuals whose first language is not English. The test measures the use of English that would be appropriate for use in the workplace.

The Versant Writing Test takes only 35 minutes and randomly pulls test items from a large question item pool to ensure the highest test security. The test questions reflect many different situations of writing at workplaces including dictations, summarizations, and email correspondence. Tests can be taken on a computer either in online (web browser) or offline (computer software) mode.

Sophisticated Automated Scoring Technology

Tests are scored within minutes by advanced automated scoring systems including the Knowledge Analysis Technologies™ (KAT) engine which evaluates the meaning of text by examining whole written passages. The KAT engine is based on Pearson's unique implementation of Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA), an approach that generates semantic similarity of words and passages by analyzing large bodies of relevant text. LSA can then "understand" the meaning of text much the same as a human reader.

With the automatic scoring technology, detailed score reports become available online for review or download. Therefore, administrators do not need to wait days or weeks to obtain candidates' scores, so decisions on hiring or placement can be made within minutes. Score reports include an overall score with sub-scores on key written communication skills (e.g., grammar, vocabulary, organization, voice & tone, and reading comprehension), detailed explanations of language capabilities, and suggestions for improvement.

Versant Writing Test Features

Purpose

- Screening customer service recruits - especially for call center positions
- Assessing the communication skills of professional or teaching staff
- Evaluating staff for overseas assignments or global project teams
- Placing or measuring progress in training programs

Duration of Test

- ~35 minutes

Number of Questions

- 42

Question Types

- Typing
- Sentence Completion
- Dictation
- Passage Reconstruction
- E-Mail Writing

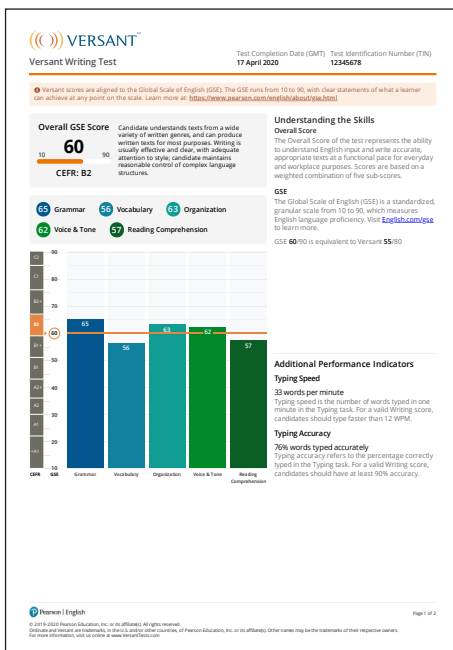
Score

Precise score in the range of 20 to 80

- Overall score with scores on key written communication skills
 - Grammar
 - Vocabulary
 - Organization
 - Voice & Tone
 - Reading Comprehension
- Suggestions for improvement
- Detailed explanation of language capabilities
- Typing speed and accuracy
- Score mapping to GSE and CEFR

Test Security

- Secure capture and storage of candidate responses
- Anonymous test ID numbers to ensure data privacy
- Random test form to prevent cheating



The score report is available within minutes and includes the candidate's overall score and subscores, with detailed explanations of language capabilities.

Validity and Reliability

Versant has been extensively field tested and evaluated to verify its validity and reliability. Learn more about the test's validation findings in our detailed *Versant Writing Test: Test Description and Validation Summary*.

Simple Test Administration – 1, 2, 3, 4

- 1 The test administrator provides the test taker with the test instructions and test paper.
- 2 The test taker enters their unique test ID on the secure Versant testing site to start the test.
- 3 The test taker answers the test questions and the answers are scored automatically.
- 4 The test administrator retrieves the test taker's score from the online reporting system.

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