

WritePlacer

FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

1.) How much should I write?

Students are asked to write between 300 and 600 words. However, your score will likely improve if you write 600 words. There is a word counter at the bottom of the testing page. Please monitor the word count so that you write as close to 600 words as you can.

2.) Do I need to answer the question that I have been asked?

Yes, you must write about the topic provided. Writing off topic will impact your score and will not provide an accurate assessment of your abilities.

3.) What is the best way to write a good essay?

- Thoroughly read the topic and stop to think about what it is asking.
- Reread the topic for clarity.
- Take a deep breath and relax!
- Use scratch paper to jot or outline your ideas.
- Remember to use multiple paragraphs when developing your essay which should include an Introduction, Body (with supporting evidence and statements) and a Conclusion.
- Remain clearly focused on the topic.
- Use good grammar and punctuation.

4.) Is the writing test a pass/fail type of test?

No, your score is not a pass/fail score. It simply indicates what courses you are prepared to take your first semester.

5.) Is the writing test timed?

Yes, the writing section of test gives you 50 minutes from the time you begin your response. The timer is located in upper right corner of the screen. Use your time wisely so you don't have to hurry at the end.

6.) What if I rush through the test and don't do my best?

Students who rush through the test may not receive an accurate assessment of their writing abilities. Often scores will be lower than actual abilities which means that a student may end up placed in writing classes that they may not actually need.

Extra classes = More Time + Additional Cost

Save Money and Graduate on Time – take the test seriously!