

The **Speakout Placement Test** is designed as a diagnostic tool for use at the beginning of a course. It will help the teacher to place students at the correct level in groups of similar ability and/or to decide what pace and approach to adopt.

The test has a multiple-choice format of 200 questions and covers the grammatical structures and vocabulary in the six levels of *Speakout*.

If you have some idea of your students' level, you could direct them to answer specific parts of the test.

Suggested entry points are:

- For Starter and Elementary level students, questions 1–50
- For Pre-intermediate level students, questions 51–100
- For Intermediate level students, questions 101–150
- For Upper Intermediate and Advanced level students, questions 150–200

Scoring and placement

- 0–15 = Starter level
- 15–30 = Elementary Unit 1
- 31–50 = Elementary Unit 7
- 51–75 = Pre-intermediate Unit 1
- 76–100 = Pre-intermediate Unit 7
- 101–125 = Intermediate Unit 1
- 126–150 = Intermediate Unit 6
- 151–170 = Upper Intermediate Unit 1
- 171–185 = Upper Intermediate Unit 6
- 186+ = Advanced level

It is important to note that the placement test is **not** designed to test listening, speaking or writing skills. A short oral interview, alone or in pairs, would give you a more realistic picture of the learners' communicative ability and help you decide if he/she should be placed at a slightly higher or lower level than that indicated by the placement test. If feasible, a short piece of writing would also help your final evaluation.