



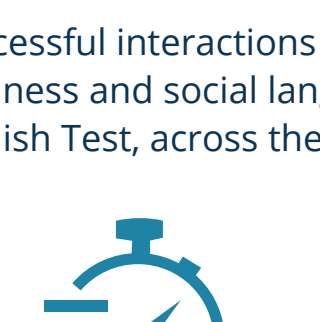
Design, test, score.

The building blocks of a Versant Professional English Test

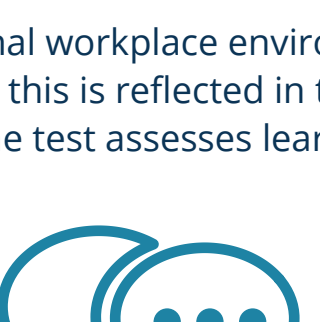
The Versant™ Professional English Test by Pearson is an automated English test that can be used in learning & development and workforce preparation programs to measure a learner's speaking, listening, reading and writing skills.

The test uses real-life work scenarios to benchmark and evaluate English skills as part of a business English course or for personnel development and advancement purposes. Whether you're preparing learners for success in an English-speaking business environment or developing the skills of your workforce, the Versant Professional English Test allows you to objectively measure and monitor learners' skills so you can be confident they will be ready for an English-speaking work environment.

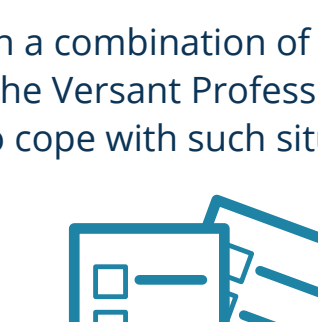
So what goes into a Versant test?



A. The test design



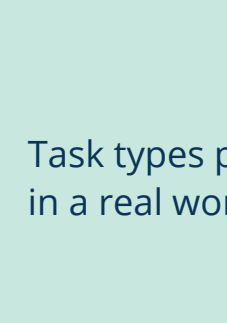
B. The testing process



C. The score report

A. The test design

Successful interactions in an international workplace environment rely on a combination of both business and social language skills. And this is reflected in the design of the Versant Professional English Test, across the 58 questions, the test assesses learners' ability to cope with such situations.



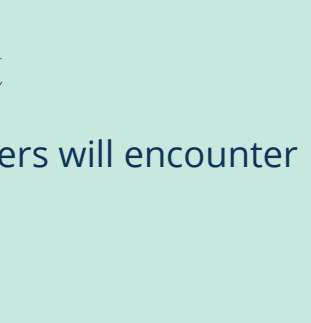
60 minutes long

Testing a learner's speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in one convenient 60-minute session



58 questions

10 different question types include questions based on real-life workplace scenarios

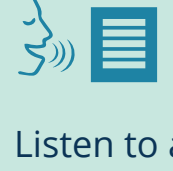


2 test levels

Two levels ensure the test content is appropriate for the learner's ability, helping them stay engaged and motivated

Ten parts, one comprehensive test

Task types presented during the test reflect the kind of activities learners will encounter in a real workplace.



Sentence Completion

Read a sentence that has a word missing, and then supply an appropriate word to complete the sentence



Passage Reconstruction

Read a short passage that is either a short story or email about a common workplace situation and then write a summary of the passage



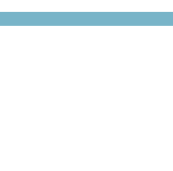
Reading Comprehension

Read a passage or interpret a simple graph or chart, and then answer comprehension questions with multiple choice options



E-mail Writing

Read a short description of a situation and write an email in response to the situation



Dictation

Listen to a sentence and then type it exactly as you hear it



Response Selection

Listen to a sentence that is followed by three possible responses, then select the appropriate response



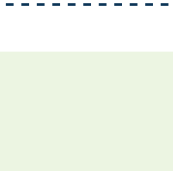
Passage Comprehension

Listen to a short passage then answer three comprehension questions



Repeat

Repeat a sentence exactly as you hear it



Speaking Situations

Listen to and read a brief scenario and then respond as if you were in the situation



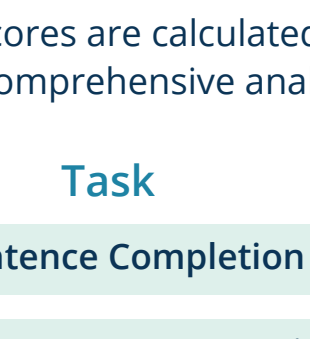
Story Retellings

Listen to a brief story and then describe what happened in your own words

B. The testing process

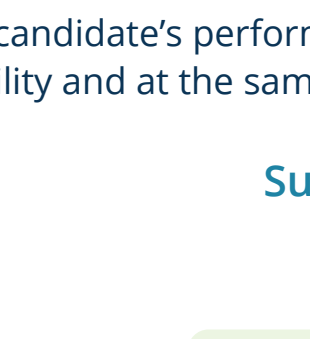
Flexible administration in our ScoreKeeper admin tool makes testing easy.

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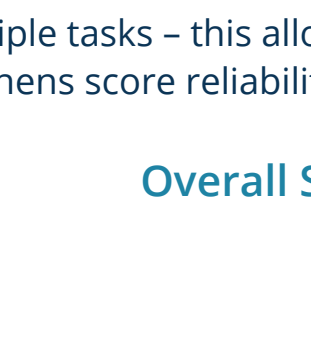
Set up your testing session and upload a roster

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Distribute test instructions to the candidate by email or manually

3



Track test progress and view scores

What we're looking for in test responses

During the test we're busy gathering information about a candidate's pronunciation, fluency, sentence construction, vocabulary, organization, voice and tone, listening, and reading comprehension. All of these attributes are analyzed to determine an overall score and scores in the four core skills that are vital for communication in English: speaking, listening, reading and writing.



Speaking

Uses appropriate words and expressions, grammar, and has good pronunciation and fluency



Listening

Can comprehend the meaning of English spoken at a normal conversational speed



Reading

Can effectively read and understand text presented in single sentences and longer passages

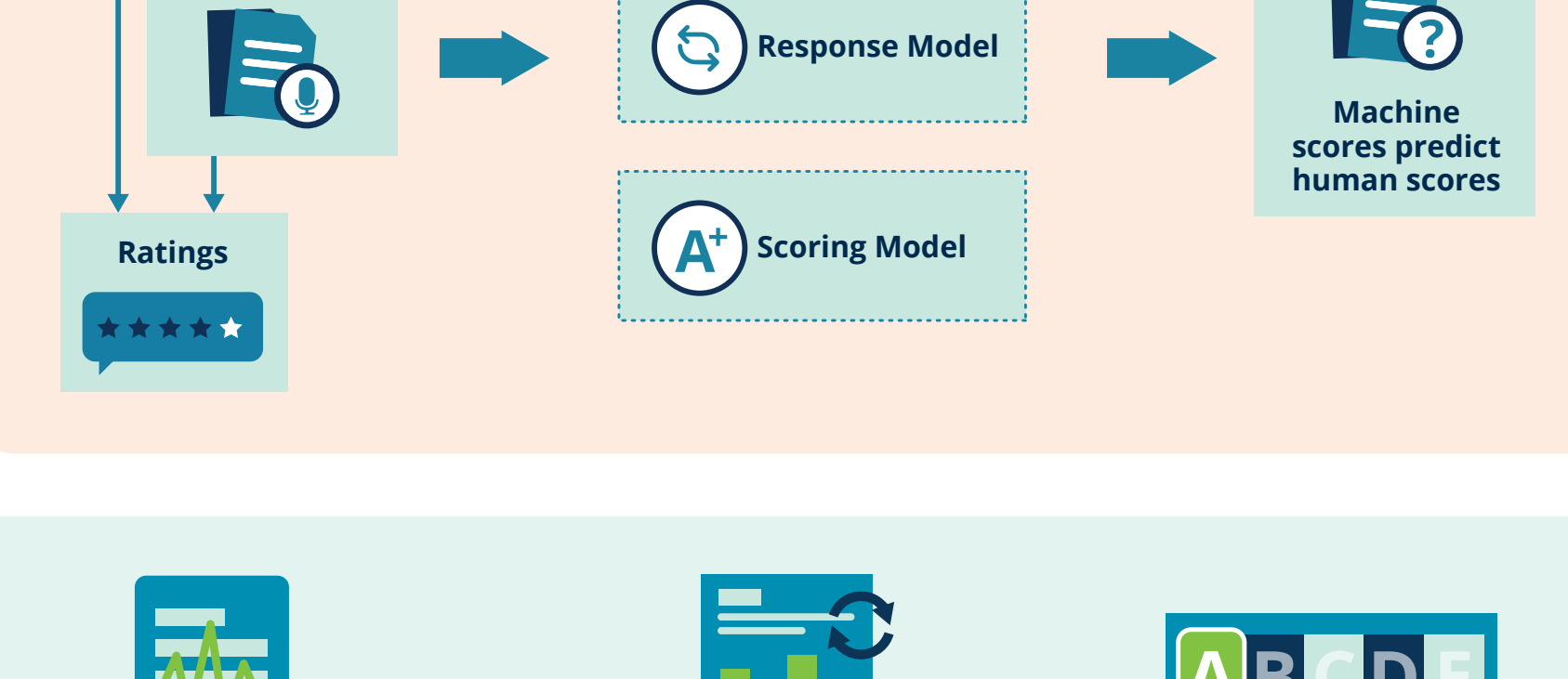


Writing

Uses clear and effective structure, and appropriate tone and style

Integrated items test multiple skills

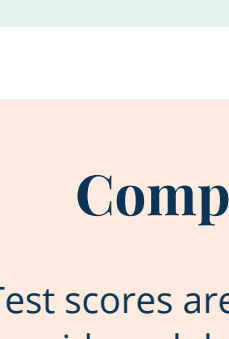
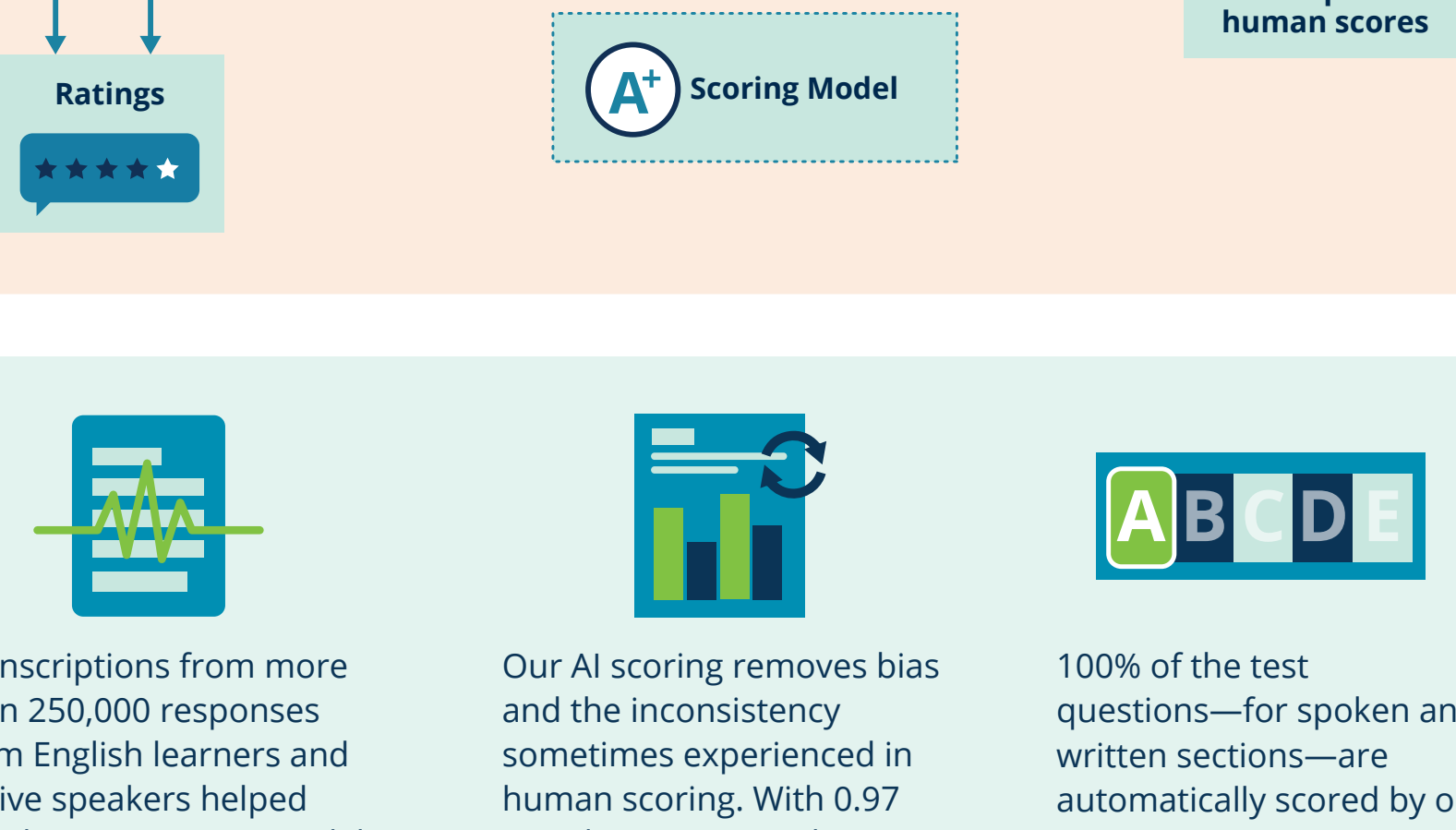
Skills scores are calculated based on the candidate's performance on multiple tasks – this allows a more comprehensive analysis of their ability and at the same time strengthens score reliability.



C. The score report

How are tests automatically scored?

Versant tests are developed to the highest standards, with proven quality and accuracy that is free from human bias. Using advanced artificial intelligence (AI) technology and an integrated skills approach to measure communication, our patented machine scoring system analyzes over 20,000 data points in every response. Because the test is delivered automatically, our tests provide nearly instant results to accurately and reliably measure candidates' communication skills, no matter where you are in the world.



Transcriptions from more than 250,000 responses from English learners and native speakers helped develop our scoring models



Our AI scoring removes bias and the inconsistency sometimes experienced in human scoring. With 0.97 correlation you can have confidence that scores are consistent



100% of the test questions—for spoken and written sections—are automatically scored by our patented scoring system

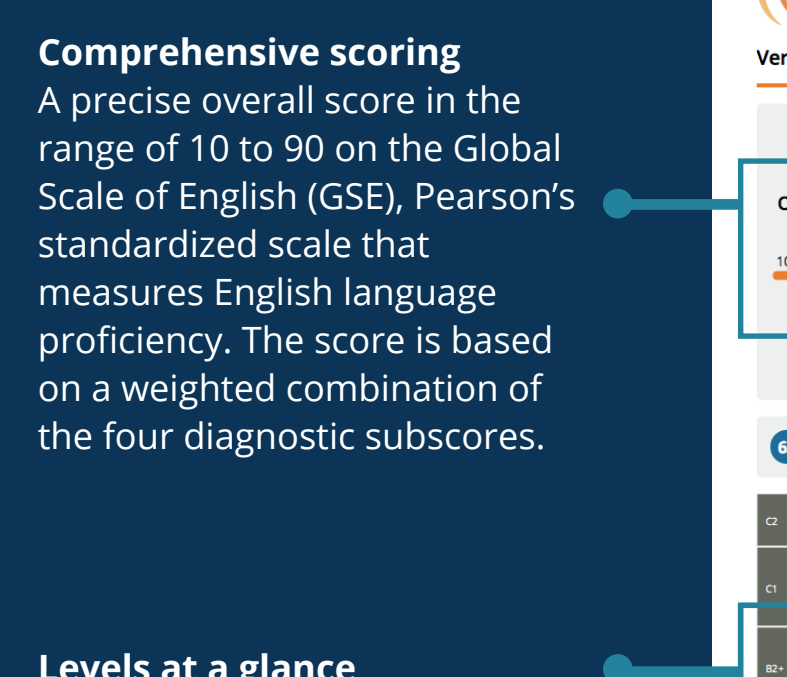
Comprehensive score results available within minutes

Test scores are reported on the Global Scale of English (GSE), a scale Pearson developed to provide a global standard for measuring granular proficiency in English language acquisition.



Functions with great comfort and facility

Take a look inside our score report



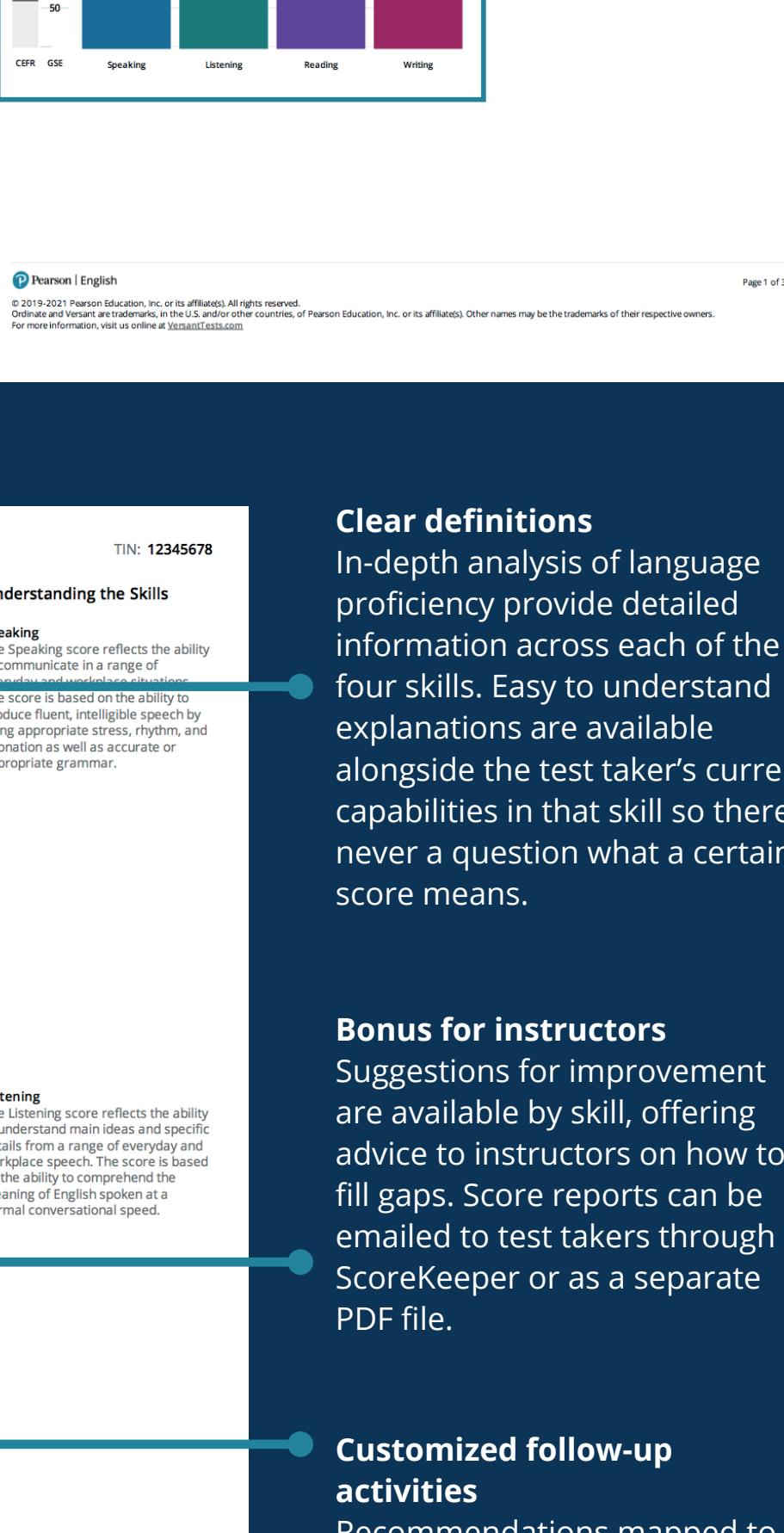
Versant Professional English Test score reports provide instructors with rich diagnostic information on your learners' English abilities. With links to Business English courses such as *Business Partner* and *Market Leader*, Pearson English provides a complete learning and development solution for your program.

Comprehensive scoring

A precise overall score in the range of 10 to 90 on the Global Scale of English (GSE), Pearson's standardized scale that measures English language proficiency. The score is based on a weighted combination of the four diagnostic subscores.

Levels at a glance

Quickly identify a test taker's overall language level and individual skill level in speaking, listening, reading and writing. With a side-by-side view of results on the GSE and CEFR scales, you can see at a glance the skills you value the most.



Clear definitions

In-depth analysis of language proficiency provide detailed information across each of the four skills. Easy to understand explanations are available alongside the test taker's current capabilities in that skill so there's never a question what a certain score means.

Bonus for instructors

Suggestions for improvement are available by skill, offering advice to instructors on how to fill gaps. Score reports can be emailed to test takers through ScoreKeeper or as a separate PDF file.

Customized follow-up activities

Recommendations mapped to selected Pearson courseware make lesson planning easier and help focus on the areas that need improvement.

Learn More

To find out more about the Versant Professional English Test, visit www.VersantTests.com or contact your local sales representative