

English Language Skills
C E R T I F I C A T I O N 

Exams

SDSU has created four assessment tools to determine the advancement of each child in their English structure abilities. Each test allows the student to demonstrate how much they have learned and what proficiency they have achieved.

Why take the exam?

English is the closest thing to a universal language that we have, and therefore, it is the logical choice for a second language. SDSU makes it easy and fun for the student to demonstrate their English proficiency, giving them early on one more important tool to help them succeed in life.





SDSULittleKids

SDSULittleKids is the first of four levels of exams designed by San Diego State University for children between the ages of 6 and 7. This exam is the first step your child will take in the learning of the English language. It will introduce the child to basic and functional English in a fun, clear, and exciting way.

GRADE 2:

SDSULittleKids Exam assesses English language proficiency level A1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference as well as Common English Language Standards as an Early Beginner level standard.

About the Exam:

The **SDSULittleKids** assessment exam consists of four components. The student will be given a specific amount of time to complete each component. The total time provided for completion of the assessment is 55 minutes.

English Structure: The assessment begins with the English Structure component which consists of 20 multiple choice questions with an allotted time of 10 minutes for completion. The student will have the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Reading Comprehension: The second component of the exam is Reading Comprehension which consists of five comprehensive readers and a total of 15 multiple choice questions. The student will have an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete as well as the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Listening Comprehension: The third component of the exam is Listening Comprehension which consists of five comprehensive audio recordings that the student will listen to and then answer a total of 15 multiple choice questions. The student has an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete as well as the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Oral Assessment: The final component of the exam is the Oral Examination. This component will require the student to record their answers to a set of two questions based on a picture that they will be shown. There will be an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete.

SDSUKids



SDSUKids is the second of four levels of exams designed by San Diego State University for children between the ages of 8 and 10. It will introduce the child to basic and functional English in a fun, clear, and exciting way.

GRADE 4:

SDSUKids Exam assesses English language proficiency levels A1 and A2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference as well as Common English Language Standards as an Early Beginner and Beginner level standards.

About the Exam:

The **SDSUKids** assessment exam consists of five components. The student will be given a specific amount of time to complete each component. The total time provided for completion of the assessment is one hour and 40 minutes.

English Structure: The assessment begins with the English Structure component which consists of 40 multiple choice questions with an allotted time of 25 minutes for completion. The student will have the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Reading Comprehension: The second component of the exam is Reading Comprehension which consists of six comprehensive readers and a total of 28 multiple choice questions. The student will have an allotted time of 30 minutes to complete. The student will have the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Writing Prompt: The third component of the exam will consist of one Writing Prompt. The student will be prompted to complete a writing assignment and will have an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete.

Listening Comprehension: The fourth component of the exam is Listening Comprehension which consists of eight comprehensive audio recordings that the student will listen to and then answer a total of 27 multiple choice questions. The student has an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete as well as the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Oral Assessment: The final component of the exam is the Oral Examination which will consist of a recording of the students answers to a set of 5 questions given to each student and will have an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete.



SDSUPreteens

SDSUPreteens is the third of four levels of exams designed by San Diego State University for children between the ages of 11 to 13. This exam is meant to show the student how much they have advanced in their linguistic proficiency in English.

GRADE 6:

SDSUPreteens Exam assesses English language proficiency levels A2, B1 and B2 according to the Common European Framework of Reference as well as Common English Language Standards as a Beginner, Early Intermediate and Intermediate level standards.

About the Exam:

The **SDSUPreteens** assessment exam consists of five components. The student will be given a specific amount of time to complete each component. At the end of the allotted time, the student will automatically be taken to the next stage of the exam. The total time provided for completion of the assessment is one hour and 33 minutes.

English Structure: The assessment begins with the English Structure component which consists of 46 multiple choice questions with an allotted time of 20 minutes for completion. The student will have the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Reading Comprehension: The second stage of the exam is Reading Comprehension which consists of three comprehensive readers and 28 multiple choice questions that correspond to those readers. There is an allotted time of 28 minutes to complete. The student will have the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Writing Prompt: The third stage of the exam is the Writing Prompt which will ask the student to write one short essay and will have an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete.

Listening Comprehension: The fourth stage of the exam is Listening Comprehension. The student will be given seven audio recordings to listen to and then will have to answer a total of 28 multiple choice questions that correspond to those readers. The student will have an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete as well as the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Oral Assessment: The final stage of the exam is the Oral Examination which will consist of a recording of the student's answers to a set of 5 questions and will have an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete.



SDSUTeens

SDSUTeens is the last of four levels of exams designed by San Diego State University for young adults between the ages of 14 and beyond. **SDSUTeens** prepares the student for complete success in the learning of English as a second language.

GRADE 9:

SDSUTeens Exam assesses English language proficiency levels A2, B1, B2 and C1 according to the Common European Framework of Reference as well as Common English Language Standards as a Beginner, Early Intermediate, Intermediate and Early Advanced level standards.

About the Exam:

The **SDSUTeens** assessment exam consists of five components. The student will be given a specific amount of time to complete each component. At the end of the allotted time, the student will automatically be taken to the next stage of the exam. The total time provided for completion of the assessment is one hour and 32 minutes.

English Structure: The assessment begins with the English Structure component which consists of 60 multiple choice questions with an allotted time of 30 minutes for completion. The student will have the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Reading Comprehension: The second stage of the exam is Reading Comprehension which consists of four comprehensive readers and a total of 20 multiple choice questions which correspond to those readers. There is an allotted time of 20 minutes to complete. The student will have the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Writing Prompt: The third stage of the exam is the Writing Prompt which will ask the student to write one short essay. The student will have an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete.

Listening Comprehension: The fourth stage of the exam is Listening Comprehension. The student will be given four audio recordings to listen to and will have to answer 12 multiple choice questions with an allotted time of 12 minutes to complete as well as the opportunity to review all unanswered questions.

Oral Assessment: The final stage of the exam is the Oral Examination which will consist of a recording of the students answers to a set of 5 questions given to each student and will have an allotted time of 15 minutes to complete.