



Student frequently asked Questions and Answers

How does the Rigtalk English Test work?

The Rigtalk English Test will test your English language proficiency in speaking, writing, reading and listening. The computer will mark your listening and reading answers and will “hold” a mark for this; your speaking and writing will be marked by a qualified instructor and assessor who is a native English speaker. An overall grade for your test will be sent electronically to your Test Centre within 48 hours.

What will my grade look like?

Rigtalk English Test grades are benchmarked to internationally recognised testing criteria called CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference). There are six grades you could get. The highest level is C2 and the lowest level is A1. The six grades are: C2, C1, B2, B1, A2, A1.

Do I get chance to practise?

Of course you do! Please don't worry! You have the chance to do the Practice Questions as many times as you want.

How long is the Rigtalk English Test?

The Rigtalk English Test takes 15 minutes for each skill – that means the test is 60 minutes in total as we test reading, writing, listening and speaking!

How do the speaking interviews work?

The speaking interview uses Skype technology. Dates and times of interviews are co-ordinated between Rigtalk head office and the individual test centre. We previously used online speech assessment but find that nothing can replace face-to-face contact – and this online speaking interview is the nearest thing to one of us being there in person! It puts you at ease, builds confidence and maximises performance.

What is the Rigtalk pass mark?

Your individual Test Centre sets it's own Rigtalk English Test “pass mark”. This depends on the type of job that you are being recruited for and, therefore, the level of English language proficiency required. Your Test Centre will advise you of this.

Do I get a certificate?

Yes you do!

What if I fail the test?

If you do not reach the pass mark set by your Test Centre, your Test Centre will advise you of the next step. This may result in you repeating the Rigtalk English Test or your Test Centre organising English classes for you.