



Reading Placement **Nelson-Denny Reading Test**

Your reading placement will be based on how you score on the Nelson-Denny Reading Test. This test is designed to measure reading, vocabulary, reading comprehension and reading rate. The test is divided into two sections and each section is timed separately.

Vocabulary Section – 15 minutes

The vocabulary section of the test contains 80 items and you will have 15 minutes to complete this portion of the test. Questions in the vocabulary section might look like this:

1. An *implausible* agreement would be:
(a) possible (b) hard to believe (c) imaginary
(d) historical (e) funny
2. A *calamity* is a: (a) storm (b) party
(c) conference (d) disaster (e) failure

Comprehension and Reading Rate Section – 20 minutes.

The comprehension section of the test contains seven reading passages and a total of 38 questions, each with five answer choices. The time limit for this section is 20 minutes. The first minute is used to determine your reading rate. The passages were chosen from Humanities, Science, and Social Science texts. The questions test both your literal and inferential comprehension. A question in the comprehension section might look like this:

1. The chief purpose of this passage is to:
a. entertain
b. justify
c. explain
d. convince
e. compare
2. This section is primarily about:
(five choices would be listed).

English Composition Placement **Accuplacer**

Your English composition placement will be based upon your score on the Accuplacer Test. Part I of the test is designed to measure your ability to recognize sentences free of errors in grammar, punctuation, usage, and syntax. Part II measures your ability to rephrase sentences accurately. You will be given 35 minutes to answer 35 questions.

Part I

Part I of the test requires you to select the best versions of the underlined part of a sentence. A test question might look like this:

1. When a criminal commits a computer crime, detection may be impossible, however, when a computer crime is detected, prosecution is almost certain.
a. impossible, however,
b. impossible; however,
c. impossible to happen; but
d. impossible, when

The correct answer is b.

Part II

Part II of the test requires you to rewrite sentences in your head. You'll be given a sentence, followed by the beginning of a rewrite. You must select the correct words and punctuation to follow the rewrite. A test question might look like this:

1. In spite of its rugged landscape, the Sawtooth Mountain range still attracts thousands of rock climbers each year.

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The next words will be

- a. because of its
- b. nevertheless, it also has its
- c. and it has
- d. even though it has

The correct answer is d..

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