

BULATS Online

Business Language Testing Service

What is the BULATS Online Computer-based test?

The BULATS Online Computer-based test is an adaptive test: depending on your answer to each question, the software decides whether to offer you a more difficult question of the same type or to give you a different type of question. It does this until it has enough data to decide which level you have reached.

Three different test modules

Standard Test: Questions appear on a screen and you answer them by clicking on a particular answer or by typing in words or phrases. There are eight different types of questions and they assess listening, reading and grammar/vocabulary skills.		
Tasks	Reading and Language Knowledge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read and select• Gapped sentences• Multiple-choice gap-fill• Open gap-fill• Extended reading	Listening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen and select• Listen and select (Graphic)• Extended Listening
Time	85 minutes	
Evaluation / Results	Results are available after completing the test. A PDF appears which can be saved and printed. Official BULATS Test Reports can be requested via our Customer Service team.	

Writing Test: Writing tasks are presented to you on the computer screen. You type your answers on-screen and the computer saves them automatically. The Online Writing test lasts for 45 minutes. It is suggested that you spend 15 minutes on Part 1 and 30 minutes on Part 2.	
Tasks	Part 1: Short message/fax/email (50-60 words) Part 2: Report or letter (180-200 words)
Time	45 minutes
Evaluation / Results	The test is corrected by experienced examiners. The results will then be available within 24 – 48 hours. In order to have your Writing exam corrected, please contact our Customer Service team.

Speaking Test: All questions are presented to you or heard by you through the computer or computer screen. You wear a headset for the test and the microphone records your answers to the questions. There is a timer on screen which shows how long you have to give your answers.	
Tasks	Part 1: Interview Part 2: Reading Aloud Part 3: Presentation Part 4: Presentation with Graphics Part 5: Communication Activity
Time	15 minutes
Evaluation / Results	The test is corrected by experienced examiners. The results will then be available within 24 – 48 hours. In order to have your Speaking exam corrected, please contact our Customer Service team.

TIPP: Before starting each module, have a look at the Tutorial. This will help you understand how the test works.

Would you like to have a look at the BULATS Online tests in order to find out if it is the right choice for you?
Have a look at the BULATS Online Demo-Tests*.

Website: <https://bulatsdt.bulatsonline.org>

Module	Token (Password)
Standard Test	DEMBULE1
Writing Test	DEMBULE1W
Speaking Test	DEMBULE1SP

*This Demo-Test does not provide any result.

What level is BULATS Online?

BULATS provides tests at all levels for learners. There is no “pass” mark. Instead, your BULATS score will tell you and your employer, which of six levels you have reached. The table below explains the different levels. They are expressed as ALTE (Association on Language Testers in Europe) levels, which are linked to the Council of Europe’s Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

ALTE levels	CEFR levels	BULATS Score	Level Description	Cambridge English Exam
Level 5	C2	90-100	Upper-Advanced	Cambridge English: Proficiency
Level 4	C1	75-89	Advanced	Cambridge English: Advanced Cambridge English: Business Higher
Level 3	B2	60-74	Upper-Intermediate	Cambridge English: First Cambridge English: Business Vantage
Level 2	B1	40-59	Intermediate	Cambridge English: Preliminary Cambridge English: Business Preliminary
Level 1	A2	20-39	Elementary	Cambridge English: Key
Level 0	A1	10-19	Beginner	-

Who is BULATS Online suitable for?

BULATS Online is carefully designed to be suitable for a wide range of people at work or students studying business courses. It does not require any previous business experience.

Preparing for BULATS Online

What topics and situations are covered?

Personal information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking for and giving personal details (name, occupation, etc.) Asking about and describing jobs and responsibilities Asking about and describing a company and its organisation
The office, general business environment and routine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arranging appointments/meetings Planning future events and tasks Asking for and giving permission Giving and receiving instructions Predicting and describing future possibilities Asking for and giving opinions Agreeing and disagreeing Making, accepting and rejecting suggestions Expressing needs and wants Discussing problems Making recommendations Justifying decisions and past actions
Entertainment of clients, free time, relationships with colleagues and clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing interests and leisure activities Inviting, accepting and refusing offers and invitations Thanking and expressing appreciation Apologising and accepting apologies
Travel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making enquiries, reservations, requests and complaints
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and safety rules in the workplace Leisure activities, interests and sports
Buying and selling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understanding and discussing prices and delivery dates, offers and agreements
Products and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asking for and giving information about a product or service Marking comparisons, expressing opinions, preferences, etc. Making and receiving complaints
Results and achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Descriptions and explanations of company performance and results, trends, events and changes
Other topic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of other topics in areas of general interest, such as food and drink, education (training, courses), consumer goods, shopping and prices, etc. may be included.