English Pre-Test Overview

The **Rosetta Stone English Pre-test** is a tool designed to evaluate learners' English language needs and proficiency for the purpose of placing them into the appropriate Rosetta Stone English training solution. The tool has two parts: a questionnaire and a proficiency test that measures ability from levels A1 (Beginner) to C1+ (Advanced), according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR) (Council of Europe, 2001).

Questionnaire

The questions in this section elicit information about a learner's prior English study, language background, and learning goals. Responses to the questionnaire are combined with the proficiency test score to place learners directly into the appropriate language training solution, as shown in **Table 3** (Scoring section) below.

Language Test

The English test has three stages: Stages 1 and 2 are linear and Stage 3 is branched with intermediate and advanced modules. Learners at lower levels of proficiency may exit the test at the end of Stage 1 or Stage 2. Learners at higher levels of proficiency will exit the test at the end of Stage 3.

The test can be completed in 30-45 minutes, depending on a learner's level of English proficiency. The number of questions that must be completed will vary by learner. The test should be completed in one sitting and learners should use headphones to ensure that the audio can be heard clearly. Any questions that are not answered will be marked as incorrect.

Content and Format

In Stage 1, learners answer vocabulary, grammar, and reading comprehension questions. In Stages 2 and 3, in addition to vocabulary, grammar, and reading comprehension items, learners are presented with listening comprehension questions. A summary of the item types is provided in **Table 1**. All questions are multiple-choice with four options and only one correct answer.

Table 1. Item Types

Item Type	Description
Vocabulary & Grammar	Learners read a sentence with one gap and select one of four text answer options to complete the sentence.
Reading	Learners read a sentence and respond or they read a short passage and answer three comprehension questions. All questions include four text answer options.
Listening	Learners listen to a question or statement and choose the correct response from audio or text answer options; listen to a short conversation and answer a question about it; or listen to a longer conversation or monologue and answer three associated comprehension questions.

Scoring

The test is scored automatically. Upon completion, the learner is provided a score page with the test results. Reported results include the learner's CEFR level and total scaled score on a scale from 40-400 as shown in **Table 2** below.

Table 2. Scaled scores and corresponding CEFR levels

Scaled Score	CEFR Level
40 – 75	Below A1
76 – 123	A1
124 – 173	A2
174 – 203	B1
204 – 245	B2
246 – 348	C1
349 – 400	C1+

Table 3. Product Placement

CEFR Level	Purpose for Study	Product Placement
A1 or below	All purposes	*Foundations*
A2	Personal/Professional development	*Foundations*
A2	Business or Higher Education Needs	*RSA*
B1 or higher	Personal/Professional development, Higher Education, General English **+** *selected fields (industries) of interest*: ▪ Medicine/Health ▪ Hospitality ▪ Automotive ▪ Architecture ▪ Insurance/Financial Services ▪ Law/Justice ▪ Building/Construction ▪ Marketing/Advertising ▪ Retail/Luxury Goods ▪ Military/Defense ▪ Government/Public Sector ▪ Education ▪ Natural Sciences	*RSA*
B1 or higher	General Business English **+** *selected fields (industries) of interest*: ▪ Pharmaceutical ▪ Emergency Services ▪ Oil & Gas ▪ Manufacturing ▪ Telecom ▪ IT ▪ Aviation	*AEB*