

# CHOOSING THE APPROPRIATE ESOL/ENGLISH ASSESSMENT

Before you choose an English class, you should know what your English skill level is because Reg-e will not enroll you in a class if your skill level is lower than the skill level stated as the requirement (prerequisite) for that class. To find out what your skill level is, you can take an English placement test or submit a transcript from another college if you've taken English classes elsewhere.

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## Placement Tests

The placement tests are given by the Testing and Assessment Office at each college.

### There are two tests:

1. **ESOL test** (for students primarily educated outside of the U.S. in a language other than English)
2. **English test** (for native speakers of English and those who have completed advanced ESOL or the equivalent).

**Please take the proper test to avoid misplacement, delay, and confusion.**

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## Test Result Card

Upon completion of the English/ESOL assessment you will be given a test result card. Your test result card will show you:

1. **ESOL level** (L followed by **19, 20, 30** or **40**).
2. **Reading level** (R followed by **30, 40,** or **50**); **and**
3. **Writing level** (W followed by **30, 40,** or **50**); **or**

Your test result card will also indicate what course(s) you should take first. When you have passed a course with a grade of "C" or higher, your skill level will be raised automatically.

The tables below show the sequence of ESOL and English courses:

ESOL (L)	
ESOL Skill Level	Eligible Courses
L19	ESOL 019
L20	ESOL 020, 021, 022
L30	ESOL 030, 031, 032
L40	ESOL 040 or 045

Reading (R)	
Reading Skill Level	Eligible Courses
R30	English 047a or 042
R40	English 047a or 048
R50 (and W50)	English 101

Writing (W)	
Writing Skill Level	Eligible Courses
W30	English 047a or 043
W40	English 047a or 049
W50 (and R50)	English 101

**Note:** Placement test results are available on Student Web Services at <http://studentweb.sdccd.edu>. Click on the Registration link and select "View Your Placement Level."