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Pretesting

Pretesting is an important and essential part of the test development cycle. Before new items are introduced in live tests, they go through a rigorous process that includes trialling test questions with representative samples of students so that test validation and research activities can take place.

We are looking for partners who wish to take this free opportunity to be a part of this online testing experience.

Test variants available for pretesting

- Aptis General (for test takers above 16, A1–B2* level)
- Aptis Advanced (for test takers above 16, B1–C2 level)
- Aptis for Teachers (for test takers above 16, A1–B2* level)
- Secondary English Test (for test takers 13–16, A1–B2* level)
- Foundation English Test (for test takers above 16, A1–B1 level)

All sessions consist of Listening and Reading components.

The duration ranges from 80 minutes to 135 minutes for Listening and Reading components.

*Candidates demonstrating a level above B2 are awarded a C

Benefits of pretesting for learners:

- Informative indication of English proficiency and CEFR levels for the skills tested.
- Valuable experience in taking online tests in real exam conditions.
- Useful practice for a real test.

Benefits of pretesting for teachers:

- Receive a group report on student performance, mapped to the CEFR.
- Gain insights into common areas of difficulty, helping inform future teaching strategies and targeted support.
- Enhance skillsets in administering online tests.

Interested?

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