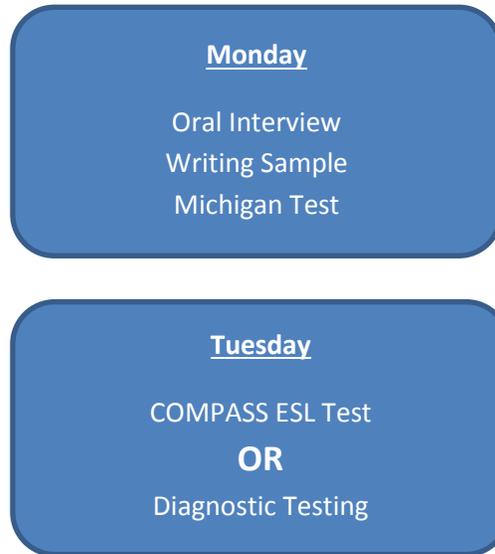


Hello! We are so excited to meet you and get to know you during our orientation week! A big part of orientation week is English language testing placement for conditionally admitted students. We know this can make some students very nervous, so we want you to be as prepared as you can be. We are providing information about the days of testing during orientation as well as some links to sample questions. Good luck and we cannot wait to meet you!

English Language Program Testing Overview:



Monday morning:

You will be given an oral interview. One or two language teachers will ask you questions. These questions may range from very simple questions (What is your name? Where are you from?) to more difficult questions (What do you think the most important world event was in 2012?) These interviews are usually about 10 minutes long.

Later Monday morning:

You will be given a writing prompt and should write about that prompt. You will have 40 minutes to complete the prompt. Keep in mind that a number of factors are taken into account when grading these responses:

- organization (does your writing have an introduction, body, and conclusion?)
- grammar (are your sentences complete and do they make sense? Is the correct verb conjugation and tense used?)
- appropriateness (did you do what the prompt asked you to do?)

Later Monday morning:

After the writing prompt, you will be given the Michigan Test. This test is comprised of three parts: listening, grammar, and reading. Visit the link below to get sample questions (and answers to sample questions)

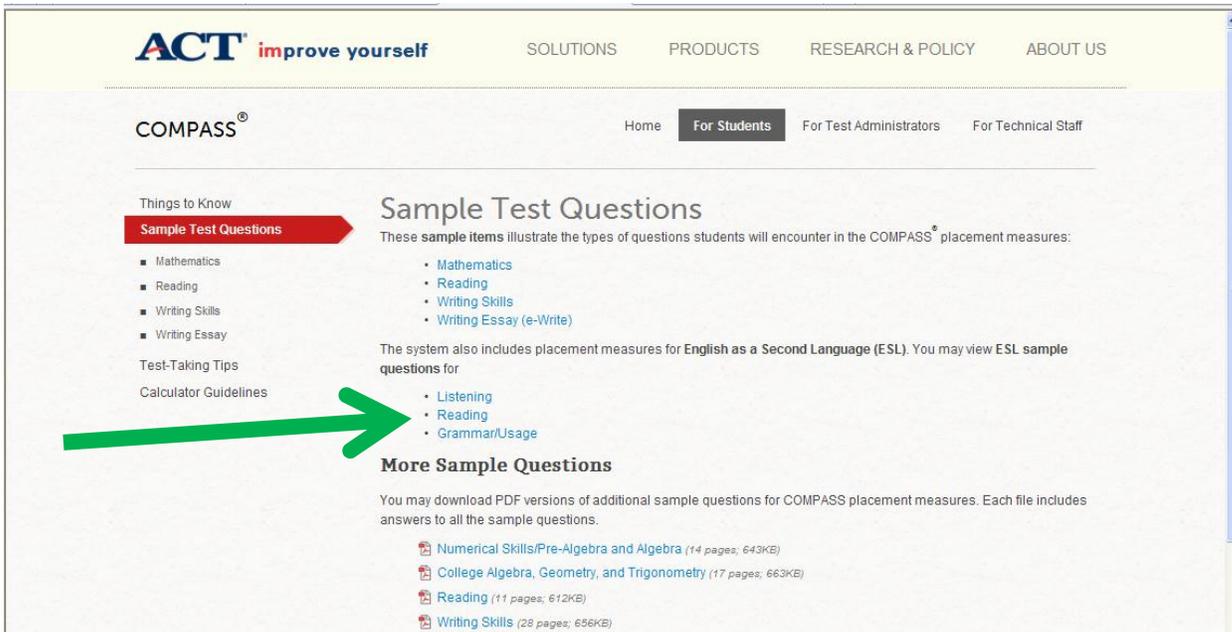
<http://www.michigan-test.com/michigan-test-practice-tests.htm>

Tuesday Morning:

Starting Tuesday morning, you will be in one of two groups. One group will do some “hands on” tests with teachers while the others will do a standardized test called COMPASS ESL. Please visit the link below to get sample questions for the COMPASS ESL.

<http://www.act.org/compass/sample/>

The green arrow below is pointing to the links for COMPASS ESL. The other links are for the regular COMPASS test, which you will not be taking for English Language Program placement.



The screenshot shows the ACT website's COMPASS section. The header includes the ACT logo and navigation links: SOLUTIONS, PRODUCTS, RESEARCH & POLICY, and ABOUT US. Below the header, there are tabs for Home, For Students (selected), For Test Administrators, and For Technical Staff. The main content area is titled "Sample Test Questions" and includes a sidebar with "Things to Know" (Sample Test Questions, Mathematics, Reading, Writing Skills, Writing Essay) and "Test-Taking Tips" (Test-Taking Tips, Calculator Guidelines). A large green arrow points from the "Calculator Guidelines" link in the sidebar to the "More Sample Questions" section. The "More Sample Questions" section lists PDF downloads for Numerical Skills/Pre-Algebra and Algebra (14 pages, 643KB), College Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry (17 pages, 663KB), Reading (11 pages, 612KB), and Writing Skills (28 pages, 656KB).

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Things to Know

Sample Test Questions

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Writing Skills
- Writing Essay

Test-Taking Tips

Calculator Guidelines

Sample Test Questions

These **sample items** illustrate the types of questions students will encounter in the COMPASS® placement measures:

- Mathematics
- Reading
- Writing Skills
- Writing Essay (e-Write)

The system also includes placement measures for **English as a Second Language (ESL)**. You may view ESL **sample questions** for

- Listening
- Reading
- Grammar/Usage

More Sample Questions

You may download PDF versions of additional sample questions for COMPASS placement measures. Each file includes answers to all the sample questions.

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