



Study Guide

Your guide to our best preparation resources

- ✓ Learn all about OET Test
- ✓ Explore our free and paid resources
- ✓ Access courses, videos, guides, sample tests and more
- ✓ Improve your language and test skills
- ✓ Keep track of your progress with our handy checklist

How to use this Study Guide

- Before you begin this checklist, please download this PDF and save it on your computer.
- Ensure you are completing the PDF in Adobe Acrobat or Adobe Reader.
- Please remember to save the document regularly as you work through it. If you try to complete the checklist in a web browser, you may lose your place / checked off items.
- Alternatively, you can print a copy of this PDF and tick your items off manually.
- Click the page numbers below to go to the relevant subject.
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OET Test overview

Test Format

Listening sub-test

45 minutes

Complete the sub-test in 3 parts:

Part A: Two separate consultations between a healthcare professional and a patient

Part B: Six short dialogues or monologues in workplace settings

Part C: Two long presentations or interviews with health professionals



Reading sub-test

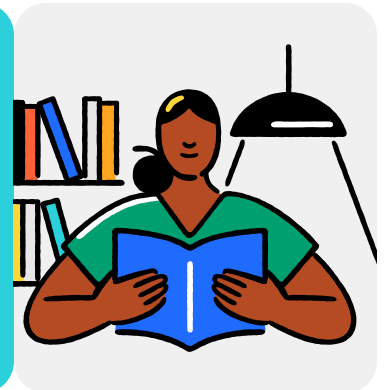
60 minutes

Complete the sub-test in 3 parts:

Part A: An expeditious (fast) reading task

Part B: Six short workplace extracts

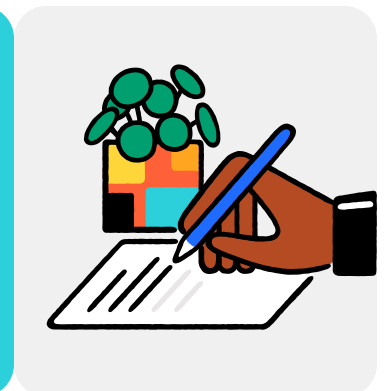
Part C: Two long healthcare-related articles



Writing sub-test

45 minutes

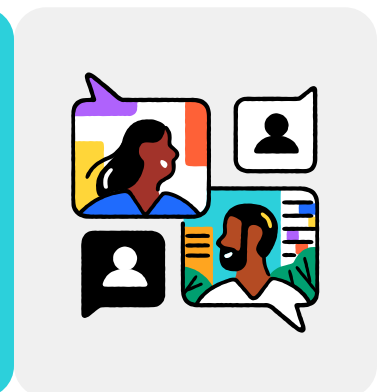
Write a letter – usually to another healthcare professional, based on case notes or documentation.



Speaking sub-test

20 minutes

Participate in two healthcare consultation role plays to assess both your English language skills and clinical communication skills. You'll perform the role of the practitioner and the interviewer plays the patient or patient's relative/carer.



The more familiar you are with the test format, the more confident you'll be on test day.

More about OET Test format:



I know the test format

Delivery modes

OET Test is available in three delivery modes to give you choice, confidence and convenience:

- OET Test on paper
- OET Test on computer at a venue, and
- OET@Home®

delivery mode →

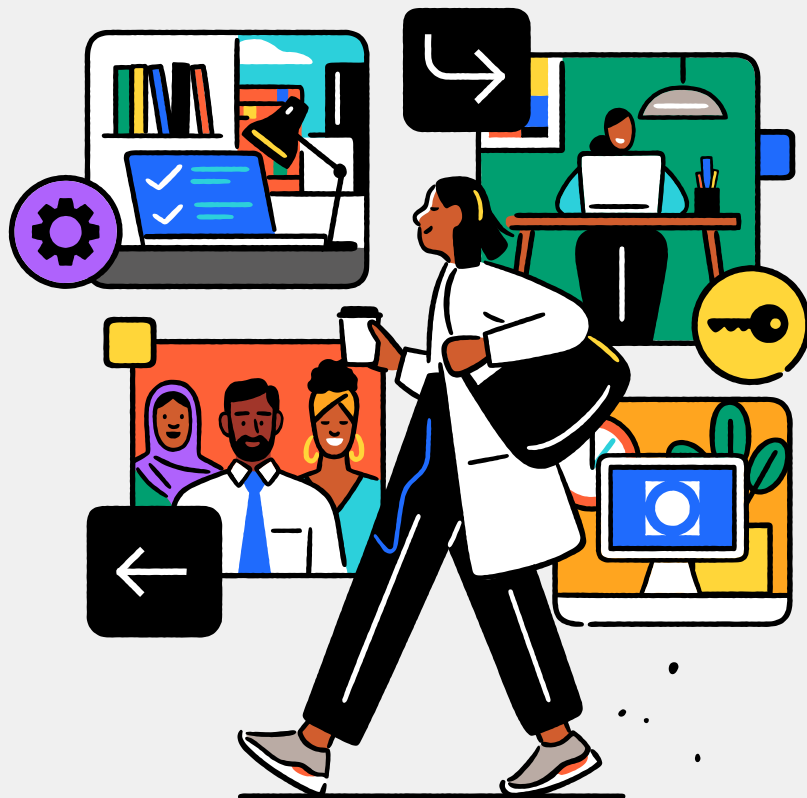
I know about the delivery modes

Results

Find out how the OET Test is assessed and how your results are reported:

Results and Assessment →

I know how the OET Test is scored



Let's get OET Ready

Intro to OET Course

Get to know the OET Test with our free short course. Choose from three courses, depending on your profession, and get instant access to interactive modules that take you step by step through the test.

[Intro to OET Course for Nurses](#)



[Intro to OET Course for Doctors](#)



[Intro to OET Course for Allied Health Professionals](#)



I have completed in Intro to OET Course

Masterclasses

Take a deep dive into each our sub-tests with our on-demand Masterclasses.



I have watched the OET Masterclasses

Study Tips

Browse our library of blogs and articles to find out more about the skills and language you need for success to succeed in the OET Test and in the healthcare workplace.

[OET Blog](#)



I know where to find useful study tips

OET Pulse

Check your current English language level with our OET Pulse. Take it on any device, any time and receive instant results that can help you prepare for the OET Test efficiently.

[OET Pulse](#)



I've taken OET Pulse

OET on social media

Keep up with OET on our social channels for test tips, games, free live classes and more.



OET Store and Teachers

OET Store

Find books, digital resources, courses and more in the official OET Store



I've visited the OET Store

Find a Preparation Provider

Looking for an OET teacher or preparation course? Choose from our list of Preparation Providers. These are teachers and organisations that have completed the official OET teacher training programme.



I know how to find Preparation Providers



Get OET Ready with OET Reading Course:

Enrol now

Learn about the Reading sub-test

Start with the Reading Masterclass to learn about the different parts of the test and how to prepare for them.

[Reading Masterclass](#)

Find out all about the Reading sub-test here on our website.

[Taking the Reading sub-test](#)

Take a guided Reading test with Rebecca, OET Teaching & Learning Manager.

[Guided Practice - Reading Sample Test 4 \(OET | YouTube\)](#) 

Focus on Part A

Use these resources to learn more about Reading Part A.

[OET Reading: The Complete Guide - Part A](#) (OET Blog) →

[How to succeed in Reading Part A](#) (OET | YouTube) →

[How do I improve my score for Reading Part A?](#) (OET Blog) →

[OET Guide to Scanning](#) (OET Blog) →

[OET Reading Part A lessons](#) (OET All Stars | YouTube playlist) 📺

Focus on Part B

Boost your Part B skills with our blog and free on-demand lessons.

[OET Reading: The Complete Guide - Part B](#) (OET Blog) →

[5 steps to speed up in Part B](#) (OET Blog) →

[OET Reading Part B lessons](#) (OET All Stars | YouTube playlist) 📺

Focus on Part C

Master Part C with these resources.

[OET Reading: The Complete Guide - Part C](#) (OET Blog) →

[How to read the text in Part C](#) (OET Blog) →

[OET Reading: guide to inferring](#) (OET Blog) →

[OET Reading Part C lessons](#) (OET All Stars | YouTube playlist) 📺

Reading resources

Reading widely and regularly is important to expand your vocabulary and improve your reading skills. Try these resources:

[British Medical Journal](#)

[Medical Journal of Australia](#)

[Journal of the American Medical Association](#)

[Medical News Today](#)

[Nursing Times](#)

Sample Tests

Put your skills to the test with the sample Reading Tests on the OET website.

[Official OET Sample Reading Tests](#) →



Challenge yourself with brand new practice tasks in our OET Listening Course:

[Enrol now](#)

Learn about the Listening sub-test

Watch the Listening Masterclass to get across the three parts of this sub-test.

[Listening Masterclass](#) →

Review the information about OET Listening on our website.

[Taking the Listening Test](#) →

Do a guided practice Listening test with Rebecca.

[Guided Practice - Listening Sample Test 4 \(OET | YouTube\)](#) 

Focus on Part A

Work on Listening Part A with these resources.

[OET Listening: The Complete Guide - Part A](#) (OET Blog) →

[OET Listening Part A lessons](#) (OET All Stars | YouTube playlist) 🎥

Focus on Part B

Improve your Part B performance with these blogs and lessons.

[OET Listening: Complete Guide - Part B](#) (OET Blog) →

[Enhancing your skills for multiple-choice questions](#) (OET Blog) →

[OET Listening Part B lessons](#) (OET All Stars | YouTube playlist) 🎥

Focus on Part C

Watch these videos to master Part C.

[OET Listening - The Complete Guide - Part C](#) (OET Blog) →

[Listening for opinions in Part C](#) (OET Blog) →

[OET Listening Part C lessons](#) (OET All Stars | YouTube playlist) 🎥

Listening resources

Listen to English daily with these podcasts and playlists.

[Health Report \(ABC\)](#) →

[All in the Mind \(ABC\)](#) →

[Inside Health \(BBC\)](#) →

[Business of Healthcare](#) →

[TED Talks – Health playlist](#) →

Sample Tests

Challenge yourself with our full-length sample tests on the OET website.

[Official OET Sample Listening Tests](#)



Ace OET Writing with videos, language and skill-building exercises, new sample tests and more in our OET Writing Course:

[Enrol now](#)

Learn about the Writing sub-test

Check out the Masterclass to learn about the Writing sub-test, discover what assessors look for and explore some useful tips.

[Writing Masterclass](#) →

Learn more about OET Writing on our website.

[Writing test overview](#) →

[Writing resources and FAQs](#) →

Download the Writing Assessment Criteria and Band Descriptors.

[OET Writing criteria](#) →

Use our Writing Guide to explore the assessment criteria in detail.

[OET Writing Guide](#) →

Prepare for OET Writing

Find your profession in this playlist and join OET expert, Rebecca, as she guides you through a sample Writing test.

[How to take OET Writing Sample Tests](#) (YouTube playlist) 

Review sample tests with real candidate letters and learn important tips. Find your profession in this playlist.

[New OET Writing sample tests \(Test 5\)](#) (YouTube playlist) →

Check out these blogs for more OET Writing tips

[14 questions about OET Writing letter layout](#) (OET Blog) →

[Use your reading time to the best effect](#) (OET Blog) →

[Connectors in OET Writing](#) (OET Blog) →

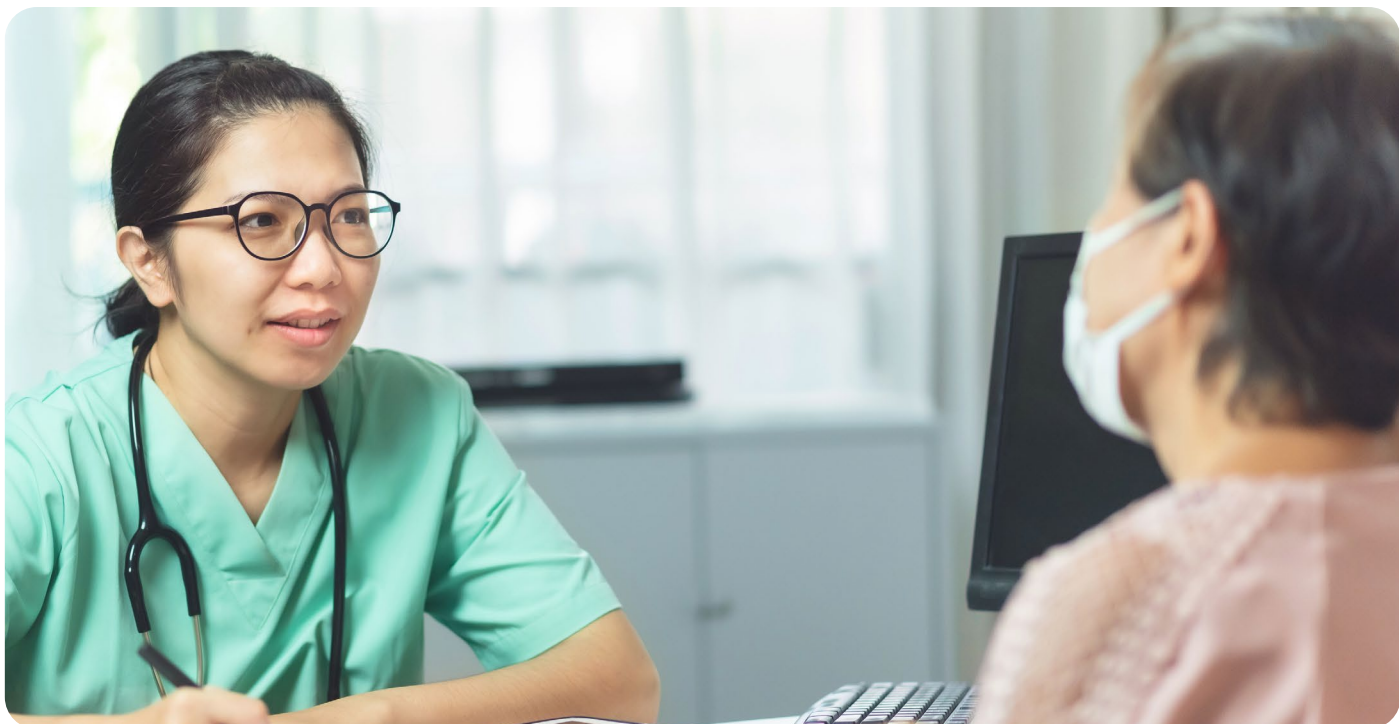
Practise OET Writing with expert teachers in our on-demand Writing lessons.

[OET Writing Lessons](#) (OET All Stars | YouTube playlist) 

Sample Tests

Use the free sample tests on the OET website to put your skills to the test. Each test comes with a sample letter.

[Official OET Sample Writing Tests](#) →



Prepare for success in OET Speaking with our OET Speaking Course:

Enrol now

Learn about the Speaking sub-test

Watch the official OET Masterclass to find out all about the Speaking sub-test, the assessment criteria and learn how to prepare.

[Speaking Masterclass](#) →

Learn all about OET Speaking on our website.

[Speaking Test Overview](#) →

[Speaking resources and FAQs](#) →

Watch sample role plays, including the warm-up.

[OET Speaking Sub-test Guide](#) (YouTube playlist) 📺

Get to know the criteria:

[OET Speaking Assessment Criteria](#) →

[OET Speaking Assessment Criteria Glossary](#) →

Prepare for OET Speaking

Improve your performance in the Clinical Communication Criteria with our free online mini course: OET Speaking Booster Course-Clinical Communication.

[OET Speaking Booster | Clinical Communication mini course](#) 

Learn how to ace the Speaking test with Rebecca from OET. Find your profession in the playlist and learn how to best prepare for your role plays:

[OET Sample Speaking Tests](#) (YouTube playlist) 

Review the criteria and analyse sample responses in this OET Speaking series. Find your profession in the playlist.

[New OET Speaking sample tests 2022](#) (YouTube playlist) 

Find more OET Speaking tips in our blog.

[How do I start the OET role play?](#) (OET blog) 

[OET Speaking: Ten common questions](#) (OET blog) 

Practise OET Speaking with expert teachers in our on-demand Speaking lessons.

[OET Speaking Lessons](#) (OET All Stars | YouTube playlist) 

Sample Tests

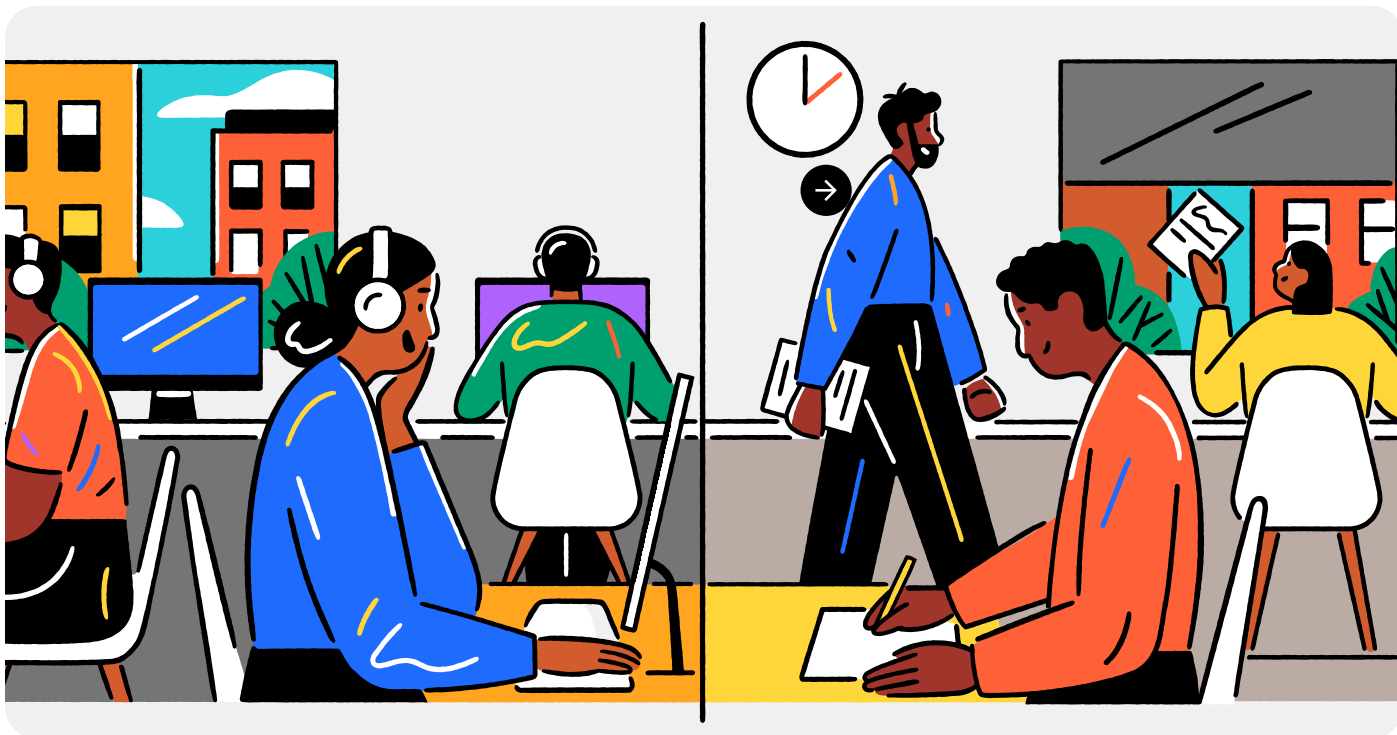
Use the free sample tests on the OET website to put your skills to the test.

[Official OET Sample Speaking Tests](#) 

Book your test

Find a date and venue to book your test via

[oet.com](https://www.oet.com)



Test day guides

Know what to expect on test day with our handy guides.

OET Test on Paper at a Venue

[Ultimate Guide to Test Day \(Part 1\)](#) →

[Ultimate Guide to Test Day \(Part 2\)](#) →

OET Test on Computer at a Venue

[Ultimate Guide to OET Test Day on computer \(Part 1\)](#) →

[Ultimate Guide to OET Test Day on computer \(Part 2\)](#) →

[Speaking Test Online User Guide](#) →

OET@Home®

[OET@Home® Test Day Guide](#) →

[Speaking Test Online User Guide](#) →

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