



# PLACE Test Taker and Technology Guide

## Overview

The Avant PLACE test is a web-based assessment that provides schools with the data to place students into appropriate classes. With results that accurately represent your abilities you will have a better chance of being placed in a class level where you will be successful.

- The Avant PLACE test can be taken online anywhere, anytime
- Test items are based on real-world, every-day situations
- The Avant PLACE test measures a test taker's language ability according to Benchmark Levels that are based on national standards

## Test Taker Steps:

### OFF-SITE TECHNOLOGY PREPARATION

If taking the test off-site, you are responsible for ensuring the readiness of the computer you will be using for the test. Read the Technology Requirements (/technology-guide) and please make sure that the following requirements are met:

- USB headset
- All computers must be set to accept cookies
- **If testing in Arabic, Mandarin or Japanese, ensure that the necessary writing input system has been activated. For more information, see the Writing Input Guide (<https://avantassessment.com/writing-input-guide>)**

## LOGGING INTO THE AVANT PLACE ASSESSMENT

- Go to [app.avantassessment.com](https://app.avantassessment.com/) (<https://app.avantassessment.com/>).
- Enter the unique Test Code and Password provided after purchasing.
- Use your **Wright State University ID (UID)** for Login Name.
- Complete Student Profile and self-assessment to begin testing.
- Hint: If you lose connection or stop the test and need to resume, you will have to re-enter your Login Name exactly as you did the first time.

## TAKING THE AVANT PLACE ASSESSMENT

The test is not timed, and can be paused and resumed at a later time, if needed. On average, test takers can plan to spend 35-50 minutes taking the test. Do not use outside resources during the test – no pen, paper, other software applications, or support materials.

Your test will include two or three skills -depending on the language selected, as follows:

- **French, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese** - Reading, Contextualized Grammar, Writing
- **Mandarin Simplified, Mandarin Traditional** - Reading, Writing
- **Arabic** - Writing

The test starts with a Student Profile page and then a self-evaluation. The test will flow in the following order: Reading/grammar section, Writing section-(minus any sections not included for a specific language).

## READING / GRAMMAR SECTION

- 20 - 30 questions that are computer-scored
- Typically takes 25 - 30 minutes to complete
- Read the question and answers before you attempt to read the passage (this will help guide your reading and help you move through the test more quickly)
- For tests that include a Grammar component, the Grammar items are included in this section of the test.

## WRITING SECTION

- One question that is human-scored

- Typically takes 5 - 10 minutes to complete
- Provide your response using the target language - do not use English!
- Provide all of the information requested in the prompt and stay on-topic
- For some languages, a “clickable keyboard” appears for use in selecting any special letters or characters associated with the language
- For writing in Chinese, Japanese or Arabic, select the correct language for input from your computer's task bar or desktop
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- Click NEXT when you are finished with the Writing section response

You are done with the test when you see the message that says "Test Complete". Please click the Stop Test link to logout. All testing results will be delivered directly to your testingadministrator within 3-5 business days of test completion.

## Additional Help

For help, contact the organization that is sponsoring your test. Typical issues they can help with include:

- Computer setup and troubleshooting
- Provide test Logins and Passwords
- Basic test-taking questions

## Technology Requirements

The Avant PLACE test does not need to be delivered in a proctored environment. Avant PLACE test takers take the test “on their own” and are responsible for ensuring the readiness of the computers they will be using, with the support of the school/organization that is sponsoring the test.

Due to the large number of possible combinations of different hardware, software, operating systems, browsers, security systems and settings, it is difficult to provide computer configuration support from afar. The Technology Guide (<https://avantassessment.com/technology-guide>) and Technology Check (<https://app.avantassessment.com/tech-check>) provides information to help you prepare your computer and troubleshoot any problems that you may encounter.

# Troubleshooting Recording Issues

- Ensure the headset is plugged in
- Be sure to use a supported browser (Edge, Chrome, Safari)
- Try refreshing the page
- Stop the test and close the browser window, then restart the browser and log back in
- Try a different browser
- Try unplugging the headset and plugging it back in during the test (for USB headsets)
- Ensure that “Allow” is selected in the browser site settings allowing the use of the microphone in the test
- Check to see if you can record sound in a different application on the computer
- Make sure that security settings and configurations are not blocking access to Avant’s servers

Security settings and configurations are probably the most difficult setup issues to troubleshoot. Your network, hardware and software may have come with presets that you are unaware of and have no experience with. If that is the case, and you don’t have someone locally who can help you, we recommend that, if possible, you complete the Reading and Writing sections of the test on your computer and network, then use a different setup for the Speaking section of the test.

For example, you can try:

- A different computer
- Your computer on a different network
- A different computer on a different network
- An iPad or iPhone with iOS version 12+ (Safari)
- Android tablet or phone with with OS version 6+