

# Pre-arrival instructions: EC Online & Oxford Online Placement Test



EC Online is a unique study tool and will be a powerful companion along your EC journey. You will have access as soon as you receive your EC booking confirmation, in order to complete a placement test and pre-arrival survey. All this will help us prepare for your arrival. You can also get prepared for study with access to our library of online materials.

## Step 1: Log in to EC Online

- Visit <https://signin.ecenglish.com/student>
- Choose from the variety of log-in options
- Use your Student Reference Number and Date of Birth to verify your identity, and sign in to your personal account

## Step 2: Take the Oxford Online Placement Test

This personally adaptive and powerfully accurate exam has been developed by our partners, Oxford University Press. The results will mark the starting point of your unique language-learning journey, and through EC Online, you can track your progress throughout. Then at the end of your course, you will receive an assessment of your overall proficiency and progress, externally validated by Oxford University Press.

- Click the 'Placement Test' button on your home screen
- Click on 'Start the Test' when you're ready
- Select the initial test level. The difficulty in the test will automatically adjust according to the first few questions. Therefore, we recommend you start the test at 'Mid-level'
- Answer the questions. Most are multiple choice, but there are some questions which require longer answers to be typed using a keyboard
- The time limit is 80 minutes. A pop-up notification will let you know how much time you have left before the test is over

## Step 3: Take the Pre-Arrival Survey

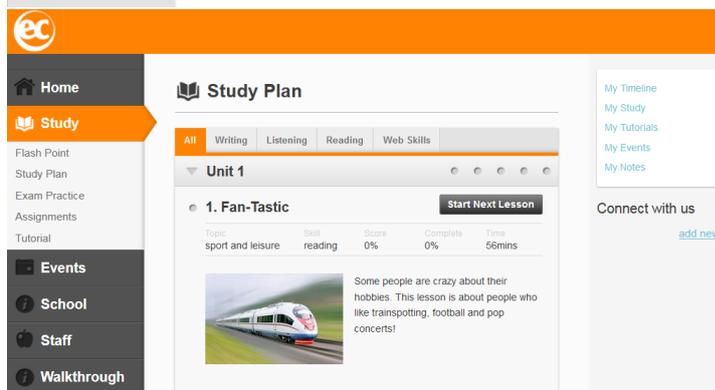
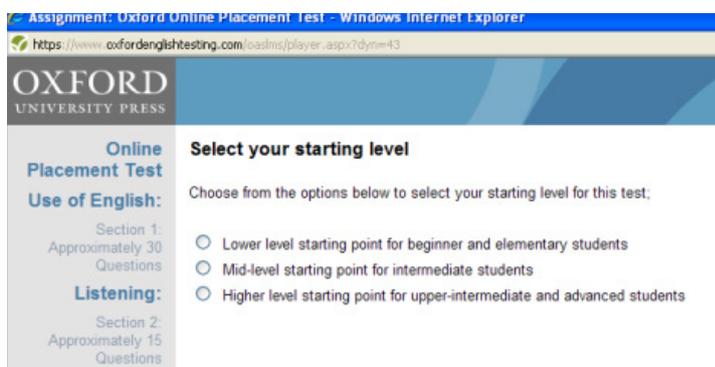
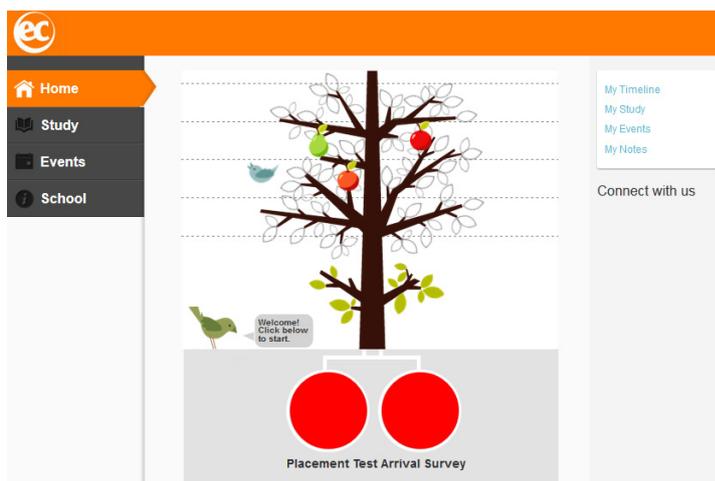
Feedback is very important to us at EC, and this is the beginning of our interaction with you! The survey will tell us all about your personal goals and your reasons for learning English - so we can start to plan the perfect EC experience, just for you.

- Click the 'Pre-Arrival Survey' button on your home screen
- Answer the questions
- Be honest and tell us everything you can, because the more we know, the more we can help!

## Step 4: Start Learning!

Access a bank of specialised EC study aids, which you can use to prepare for study at EC, and also to supplement your classroom learning along the way.

- Choose 'Study' from the menu
- A wealth of language activities and materials are available, to help you develop your reading, writing, speaking and listening skills
- As EC Online is a personalised experience, all materials you access will be suitable for your own level
- Targeted practice in Exam Skills and Pronunciation is available



- When you arrive at school there will also be a short assessment of your speaking and writing skills.
- Don't worry, if you are unable to access EC Online for any reason, you can take the test upon arrival at school.
- This is one-way communication; we will not contact students directly before they start school with us.