

# Humber EAP Self-Assessment Test

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the HUMBER EAP SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST?**

The HUMBER EAP SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST is a test to help you plan your EAP studies at Humber. The test asks you to think about what you can do in English. Based on your responses, the test helps you to guess which EAP level you will start at. NOTE: the results of this self-assessment test are intended to give you an idea of your level in our program; they will not be used for official placement purposes.

If your English language [proficiency](#) is not high enough to study in a diploma or degree course, you will need to take EAP courses first. When you arrive at Humber, you will take an official placement test. This will put you in one of the EAP levels. The following table shows how much time most students take to finish EAP and enter their college program.

<b>Starting EAP level</b>	<b>Expected time in EAP</b>
8	Two months
7	Four months
6	Six months
5	Eight months
4	Ten months
3	One year
LEAP	Up to one and a half years

### **Who should take the self-assessment test?**

You should take this test if:

1. You want to study at Humber AND
2. English is not your first language AND
3. You do NOT have:
  - 3 years experience in an English-language school system OR
  - 1 year at an English-language university OR
  - A qualifying test score such as the TOEFL test (see [here](#) for more information)

### **How much does it cost to use the HUMBER EAP SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST?**

The HUMBER EAP SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST is free.

### **How do I get a user name and password?**

The HUMBER EAP SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST does not use user names or passwords. You do not need to register. Anyone can do the test online.

### **How accurate are my results?**

We believe that you will likely be placed within one level of your test score, but you may place lower or higher, depending on the results of your official placement test. For example, if your self-test score is level 5, you would probably officially place in level 4, 5, or 6.

Your decisions should NOT depend entirely on this test score. We encourage you to take an international placement test like the TOEFL and consider how close your score is to the entrance requirements.

### **What does it mean if my results are high in one area like speaking and lower in another area like reading?**

It's normal for people to be stronger in one area and weaker in another area. EAP placement is based on all areas, but your writing ability is the most important.

**How does Humber check my test results?**

Humber will not look at your test results and these results cannot be used when applying to the college. When you arrive, you will take an official EAP placement test. Only the results from this official test will be used to decide your EAP level.

**How does Humber College prevent cheating on this test?**

The college does not look at test results. They are for test takers' personal use only. For this reason, cheating will only mislead the test taker.

**How does Humber keep my results private?**

The college does not collect any results. The test taker is the only one to see the results unless the test taker chooses to share them.

**Are there different versions of the HUMBER EAP SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST?**

No, there is only one version.

**Can I take the test more than once?**

Yes, you can take the test as many times as you wish.

**Can I use parts of the test in material for my students?**

Yes, you may, provided that you acknowledge the source as "Copyright © 2010, Humber College".

**How was the HUMBER EAP SELF-ASSESSMENT TEST calibrated and validated?**

The test was calibrated by interviewing Humber's EAP teachers, examining the teaching materials used in the EAP program and evaluating the written and spoken production of EAP students. The analysis was impressionistic and no statistical validation has been done. Future validation studies are planned.

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