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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201010-english-language-test-4.html>

Foreign partners of residents who want permanent residence in Australia may soon have to pass an English test. Australia said people needed to show a certain level of English before they can get a permanent visa. This could start from the middle of 2021. The immigration minister said: "We will require an applicant...to have met a functional level of English." People can get 500 hours of free English classes on a government language programme.

Many politicians are critical of the new requirement. They called it "discriminatory" and "racist". They said it targets people from non-Western nations. An opposition politician said: "English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced an uphill struggle in the application process. An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of pressure on couples...and now they've got this added burden to pass an English test."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201010-english-language-test-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. foreign partners of      | a. residence        |
| 2. permanent                | b. minister         |
| 3. show a certain           | c. programme        |
| 4. they can get a permanent | d. of English       |
| 5. immigration              | e. visa             |
| 6. a functional level       | f. English classes  |
| 7. get 500 hours of free    | g. residents        |
| 8. a government language    | h. level of English |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Many politicians are            | a. proficiency         |
| 2. They called it discriminatory   | b. non-Western nations |
| 3. it targets people from          | c. politician          |
| 4. An opposition                   | d. burden              |
| 5. English                         | e. struggle            |
| 6. a test of someone's             | f. critical            |
| 7. couples already faced an uphill | g. love                |
| 8. now they've got this added      | h. and racist          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Foreign (1) \_\_\_\_\_ who want permanent residence in Australia may soon (2) \_\_\_\_\_ an English test. Australia said people needed to show (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of English before they can get (4) \_\_\_\_\_. This could start from the middle of 2021. The immigration minister said: "We will require an applicant...to have met (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of English." People can get 500 (6) \_\_\_\_\_ English classes on a government language programme.

Many politicians (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the new requirement. They called it "discriminatory" and "racist". They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people from non-Western nations. An (9) \_\_\_\_\_: "English proficiency isn't a test of someone's love." He said couples already faced (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the application process. An immigration expert said: "It certainly puts a lot of (11) \_\_\_\_\_...and now they've got this added (12) \_\_\_\_\_ an English test."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ENGLISH TESTS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/201010-english-language-test-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about English tests in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

