

Beehive: Oxford Primary Entry Test

Guidance for Teachers

Introduction

The Oxford Primary Entry Test is designed to help you select the appropriate level of your chosen course book for your students. The test and a separate answer key are available in pdf format.

Administering the test

The Oxford Primary Entry Test is in two Parts:

- Part 1 consists of 20 questions and tests low-level students;
- Part 2 consists of 15 questions and tests up to intermediate-level students.

If you are using the test with only low-level students, you may wish to use just Part 1 of the test. If you are using the test with up to intermediate-level students, or if you are not aware of the students' level, use both Part 1 and Part 2.

Part 1 will take approximately 20 minutes. Part 1 and Part 2 combined will take approximately 30 minutes.

For more accurate results, instruct the students to stop the test when it becomes too difficult – do **not** encourage your students to guess answers.

Administer the test under exam conditions (Students write their name on each page of the question paper; Do not allow talking except to ask the teacher a question; Students should put up their hand to ask a question; Write the start and finish time on the board).

Marking the test

A separate Answer Key is available in the downloadable Entry Test folder. When marking the test, give 1 point for each correct answer and 0 points for each incorrect answer. Add up the number of correct answers to find the total score for each student.

Interpreting results

For Part 1 only, scores are out of 20. For Part 1 and Part 2 combined, scores are out of 35. The table below shows the recommended Beehive level for students based on their total score. For example, for students scoring between 11 and 15, the most appropriate book is Beehive 2.

Test Part	Score	Recommended Beehive level
1	0 – 10	Beehive 1
	11 – 15	Beehive 2
	16 – 20	Beehive 3
2	21 – 25	Beehive 4
	26 – 30	Beehive 5
	31 – 35	Beehive 6