

STAMP WS Test Taker Guide

Also applies to STAMP 2S Writing & Speaking

The Avant STAMP WS language proficiency test is an **online, semi-adaptive** test. Test takers are asked to answer seven (7) self-evaluation Can Do Questions that best represent their skill/ability level in both the Reading and Listening sections. We use the self-evaluated reading score to determine the level of prompts we deliver for the writing prompts, and the self-evaluated listening score in the same way for the speaking prompts, thus making the productive sections more appropriately leveled for each test taker. Each test taker will follow a unique path as they move through the test. This gives you a more accurate assessment of your proficiency.

Getting Ready for the Assessment

To prepare for the test, do the following:

1. [Take a Sample Test](#) to experience the types of questions and the assessment flow. You will NOT receive a score or experience the computer-adaptive technology.
2. Practice speaking and writing to your friends using the language that you are learning.
3. Review [all Rules for Taking an Avant Test](#).



[Download the Avant Rules Handout](#)

Beginning the Assessment

1. Your teacher or proctor will help you to log in.
2. After that, you will [complete a profile](#).
3. To start testing, you will have to read and agree to the Test Taker Guidelines (learn more about [Rules for Taking an Avant Test](#)):

Test Taker Guidelines

This STAMP test utilizes spontaneous, unrehearsed situations to measure real-world language proficiency scoring at levels Novice through Advanced. The purpose of this assessment is to measure what you are able to do with the language without support of any translators, reference material (including taking notes during the speaking section) or assistance of any kind. Therefore, in order to continue with the test, please agree to the following guidelines and policies:

- I understand that clicking outside of the test page or attempting to open other windows is not allowed and will be tracked. Multiple attempts will log me out of the test.
- I understand that the use of dictionaries, textbooks, cell phones, paper, pens, or other support materials (paper-based or electronic) are not allowed, unless I am completing a handwritten response.
- I will not use Google Translate or any other translation aid.
- I will not write down a speaking/expressive response and read/use it as my recorded response. I understand and accept that this will lower my score for that response, and it may be scored as a ZERO because it involves the use of paper or reference material.
- I will not communicate with anyone other than the proctor during the test or receive any advice or help from anyone during the test.
- I will not use copy-paste, printing, screen capture apps/tools, or messaging tools.
- I will not take or use notes of any kind for any portion of the test, including the speaking/expressive section.
- I will not share information about questions or prompts on the test with anyone.
- I will not use violent, profane or inappropriate language in my responses.
- I understand that violating any of these rules may result in invalidating my test results and agree to these stated guidelines and other guidelines included in the Test Taker Guide.

I AGREE**DISAGREE, LOGOUT**

4. You will then enter a **Dashboard** to begin testing. Like all STAMP tests, test takers will enter a Dashboard to begin testing.

- **Self-Evaluation Reading** section has **seven (7) Can Do Questions** that must be completed before the **Writing** section.
- **Self-Evaluation Listening** section has **seven (7) Can Do Questions** that must be completed before the **Speaking** section.
- The **Writing** and **Speaking** sections will have **three (3) prompts** each.

Welcome Sample Tester!

Vietnamese test started February 27, 2024

Not you? [Click to return to login page](#)



Reading Self
Evaluation



Writing
Reading must be
completed before
Writing



Listening Self
Evaluation



Speaking
Listening must be
completed before
Speaking

The following browser functions are disabled while taking the test:

- Right-click, back button, copy/paste.
- Off-page clicking is not allowed. Clicking outside the test will log you out. You will need a proctor's assistance to log back in to continue the test.

At the beginning of each section you will see:

- **Instructions.** Please read them carefully.
- **Practice question/prompt.** Do not spend too much time on this question. Remember that this is only a PRACTICE question/prompt, it does not count in the final score.

After answering each question, click the **NEXT button** on the bottom right of the screen. Scroll down, if necessary. After clicking the **NEXT button**, you will not be able to go back.

Self-Evaluation Reading Section

- **Self-Evaluation Reading** section has **seven (7) Can Do Questions**. Test takers should read each statement carefully and then choose the answer that best fits their ability with this skill.
- Instructions and Can Do Questions are provided in both English and the testing language.

- Reading section must be completed **before** Writing section.

^ Reading Section Screen View

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STOP TEST

1. Instructions

Read the following statement carefully. Select **Agree** if you are able to accomplish that level of ability in Vietnamese. Select **Disagree** if you are not able to accomplish that level of ability in Vietnamese.

Đọc kỹ các câu sau đây. Chọn **Đồng ý** nếu bạn có thể đạt được mức khả năng tiếng Việt đó. Chọn **Không đồng ý** nếu bạn không thể đạt được mức khả năng tiếng Việt đó.

2. Self-Evaluation Can Do Question

I can understand only a few very common words.

Tôi chỉ có thể hiểu một số từ rất phổ biến.

Choose the best answer.

Disagree / Không đồng ý

Agree / Đồng ý

3. Answers

4. Next Question

VIETNAMESE Reading

NEXT

1. **Instructions** are written in English and in the testing language.
2. **Self-Evaluation Can Do Question** The Reading section has seven (7) Can Do Questions. Test takers should read each statement carefully and then choose the answer that best describes their ability with the skill.
3. **Answers** Test takers should read each statement above carefully and then choose the answer that best describes their ability with this skill.
4. Test takers will have seven (7) Can Do Questions to complete. They will use the “Next” button to move to the next question. Test takers will not be able to go back to the previous question once they push the “Next” button.

^ Can-Do Statements for the Reading Section

1. I can understand only a few very common words.
2. I can understand some familiar names, words, and very simple phrases. For example, I can read and understand simple notes, memos, emails, and posters.
3. I can read very short, simple, sentence-length texts. I can find specific, predictable information in simple everyday material, such as advertisements, menus, and schedules. I can understand some short, simple personal notes and email greetings.

4. I can understand very basic strings of sentences with topics relating to my surroundings (e.g., home, school and friends). I can understand the main points in short, non-complicated emails, letters, advertisements, announcements and some short stories.
5. I can understand most main points in texts regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. I can understand the main points of most daily news stories and magazine articles regarding areas/topics with which I have an interest or some experience.
6. I can read longer texts like short stories and simple novels and understand most of the main ideas. I am able to guess the meaning of many new words from context.
7. I can read articles and reports concerned with contemporary problems in which the writers state particular attitudes or viewpoints. I can understand contemporary literary prose. I can understand specialized articles and longer technical instructions.

Writing Section

Self-Evaluation Reading section must be completed before the Writing section.

Number of Prompts: Three (3) prompts

Character Limit: Up to 2500 characters (400-600 words) for each response

Average Time: 20-25 minutes ⌚

- Read the entire prompt first. Click **the blue play button** to listen to the prompt in the testing language. You can listen to the recording **two (2) times**. After two attempts, the button will become inactive.
- Type your response in the text box. The test will **auto-save** it every 10 seconds.
- Click **NEXT** to submit the response. After clicking **NEXT**, you will not be able to go back.

1. Test takers can read the prompt in English or listen in the testing language.
2. Test takers will write a response in the answer box. Test takers will have **up to 2500 characters (400-600 words) for each Writing response**.
3. They will use the **“Next” button** to move to the next prompt. Test takers will not be able to go back to the previous prompt once they push the “Next” button.

1. Look for details to understand what the prompt is asking you to write about.
2. Write in the testing language.
3. Use complete sentences.
4. Organize your thoughts.
5. Focus on each detail of the prompt so you can demonstrate just how much you know!
6. Create a natural flow by connecting your ideas.
7. Stay on topic and write at your highest possible level using a variety of vocabulary and sentence patterns.

- **Self-Evaluation Listening** section has **seven (7) Can Do Questions**. Test takers should read each statement carefully and then choose the answer that best fits their ability with this skill.

- Instructions and Can Do Questions are provided in both English and the testing language.
- **Listening** section must be completed **before the Speaking** section.

^ Listening Section Screen View

The screenshot shows the Listening Section interface. At the top left is the 'Avant STAMP 2S' logo. Below it, a red box highlights the instructions in English and Vietnamese. To the right, another red box highlights a '2. Self-Evaluation Can Do Question' with a statement in English and Vietnamese. Below that, a third red box highlights the answer options: 'Agree / Đồng ý' and 'Disagree / Không đồng ý'. At the bottom right, a blue box highlights the 'NEXT' button. A yellow progress bar at the bottom indicates the current position in the 'VIETNAMESE Listening' section.

1. Instructions

2. Self-Evaluation Can Do Question

3. Answers

4. Next Question

VIETNAMESE
Listening

NEXT

1. **Instructions** are written in English and in the testing language.
2. **Self-Evaluation Can Do Question** The Listening section has seven (7) Can Do Questions. Test takers should read each statement carefully and then choose the answer that best describes their ability with this skill.
3. **Answers** Test takers should read each statement above carefully and then choose the answer that best describes their ability with this skill.

^ Can-Do Statements for Listening Section

1. I can understand only a few clearly spoken words.
2. I can understand familiar names, words, and very basic phrases concerning my family, my close surroundings, and myself, when people speak slowly and clearly.
3. I can understand many phrases and commonly used vocabulary related to areas of personal interest (e.g. very basic personal and family information, shopping, local area, school, etc.). I can understand familiar short, clear, simple messages and announcements.
4. I can understand very basic sentences with topics about my close surroundings like home, school and friends, when the language is clear and slow. I can understand the main point in clear, simple messages and

announcements.

5. I can understand some main points in a conversation about familiar matters regularly encountered in work, school, leisure, etc. I can understand some main points of many radio or TV programs related to current affairs or topics of high interest, when spoken clearly and slowly.
6. I can understand longer presentations and discussions and follow more complex lines of argument, as long as the topic is reasonably familiar. I can understand most TV news and current affairs programs. I can understand most of the language spoken in movies and films.
7. I can understand extended speech, even when it is not clearly structured and when relationships are only implied and not stated directly. I can understand television programs and films without too much effort.

Speaking Section

Listening section must be completed before the Speaking section.

Number of Prompts: Three (3) prompts

Recording Time Limit: Three (3) minutes for each response

Average Time: 20-25 minutes 🕒

- Read the entire prompt first. Click the **blue play button** to listen to the prompt in the testing language. You can listen to the recording **two (2) times**. After two attempts, the button will become inactive.
- Click **Begin Recording** to record a response.

STOP TEST



You just met a new exchange student at your school. She wants to know about your school. Describe two or more of your favorite classes and why are they your favorite? Also describe the after school activities that are available to students at your school. What do you do after school and why? Be as descriptive as you can. Remember to speak in Vietnamese.

Nhấn vào nút bên dưới để nghe bằng tiếng Việt.



Record your response below.

0:00 / 3:00

Begin Recording

Mic Strength
Weak
Get Help

You have **ONLY ONE** chance to re-record your response, if needed.
You can add to your response **ONLY ONE** time, if needed.

Remember to...

- ✓ Speak in Vietnamese
- ✓ Use complete sentences
- ✓ Say as much as you can, up to 3 minutes
- ✓ Listen to your recording

VIETNAMESE
Speaking

NEXT

- Click **Stop Recording** when you are finished.

0:07 / 3:00

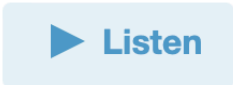
 **Stop Recording**

Mic Strength 
Weak
[Get Help](#)

You have **ONLY ONE** chance to re-record your response, if needed.
You can add to your response **ONLY ONE** time, if needed.

- Click **Listen** to hear your recording and verify that the response was recorded properly.

0:11 / 3:00

 **Listen**  **Add**  **Re-Record**

Mic Strength 
Weak
[Get Help](#)

You have **ONLY ONE** chance to re-record your response, if needed.
You can add to your response **ONLY ONE** time, if needed.

- Click the **+ Add** if you want to add to your recording. You can add to your response **ONLY ONE** time, if needed.
- Click on the **Re-Record** if you want to delete your response and re-record it. You have **ONLY ONE** chance to re-record your response, if needed.

- Click **NEXT** to submit the response and move to the next screen. After clicking **NEXT**, you will not be able to go back.

STOP TEST

You just met a new exchange student at your school. She wants to know about your school. Describe two or more of your favorite classes and why are they your favorite? Also describe the after school activities that are available to students at your school. What do you do after school and why? Be as descriptive as you can. Remember to speak in Vietnamese.

Nhấn vào nút bên dưới để nghe bằng tiếng Việt.

Record your response below.

0:14 / 3:00

Listen

Add

Re-Record

Mic Strength

Weak

[Get Help](#)

You have **ONLY ONE** chance to re-record your response, if needed.
You can add to your response **ONLY ONE** time, if needed.

Remember to...

- ✓ Speak in Vietnamese
- ✓ Use complete sentences
- ✓ Say as much as you can, up to 3 minutes
- ✓ Listen to your recording

VIETNAMESE
Speaking

NEXT

Speaking Section Tips:

1. Look for details to understand what the prompt is asking you to speak about.
2. Speak in the testing language.
3. Use complete sentences.
4. Organize your thoughts.
5. Focus on each detail of the prompt so you can demonstrate just how much you know!
6. Create a natural flow by connecting your ideas.
7. Stay on topic and speak at your highest possible level using a variety of vocabulary and sentence patterns.
8. Avoid long pauses when you are recording.
9. **Do not write down your speaking response prior to recording.** Doing this will lower your score and may even result in a ZERO because it involves the use of reference material.

Resuming the Assessment

If you get logged out, log back in with the same Test Code, Password, and Login Name. The test will take you to the section where you left off. **Contact your proctor or teacher for help:**

- Click **Continue Test** after entering the **Test Code** and **Password**.
- Re-enter your **Login Name** exactly as you did the first time.

Finish all sections of the test until the test is completed (unless otherwise directed).

Completing the Assessment

When you have completed the test, you will see the “**Congratulations! You have completed the test!**” message. You must finish the test within 90 days of starting it.

Congratulations! You have completed the test!

All of your answers have been saved.



Reading Self
Evaluation

100% Completed



Writing

100% Completed



Listening Self
Evaluation

100% Completed



Speaking

100% Completed

LOGOUT

Getting Assessment Results

Test results are delivered to the testing administrator after test completion. Test takers should contact their testing administrator to receive test results.

Check out the [STAMP Benchmarks and Rubric Guide](#), and [Test Taker Power Up Guide](#) to know what is required to achieve a specific test level.

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