



SISM

English Proficiency Test Guide

Application Period:

6 - 24 January 2025

SISM English Language Requirement

Programme/Year	Minimum *CEFR	Duolingo English Test Score
YEAR 7	B1	60 – 95
YEAR 8	B1+	96 – 99
YEAR 9	B2	100 – 125
YEAR 10	B2 - B2+	100 – 129

All applicants are required to submit a **Duolingo English Test (DET)** score as part of the selection process. **Applicants must arrange their registration and completion of the test online.**

Note: Higher English proficiency scores enhance readiness for our English-medium environment.

What is the Duolingo English Test?

The **Duolingo English Test (DET)** is an online proficiency test assessing **reading, writing, speaking, and listening** skills. It provides an efficient alternative to traditional exams and is recognised by institutions globally, including **Soka International School, Malaysia**.



The Duolingo English Test (DET) explained!

<https://youtu.be/TosTLRakr8U?si=ZyB7GdLKNTuqoW90>

Key Features of the Duolingo English Test (DET):

Accessible

Can be taken from home with a computer and a smartphone for secure recording.

Affordable

USD 65 for one test; USD 110 for two tests.

Fast Results

Available within 48 hours.

Secure

AI technology ensures a reliable testing environment.

Duolingo English Test Overview

The test consists of two main sections:

Adaptive Test	Writing & Speaking Samples
45 minutes	10 minutes
Dynamically adjusts question difficulty based on answers.	Assesses fluency and expressive ability through selected prompts.

Test Components:

Reading Comprehension	Answer questions about short texts.
Listening Comprehension	Respond to audio clips.
Speaking	Describe images and answer prompts.
Writing	Write responses on various topics.

How to Register for the Duolingo English Test?

- 1 Sign up at the **Duolingo English Test** website.
- 2 Pay the Test Fee:
 - USD 65 for one test.
 - USD 110 for two tests (bundle).



Additional Practice Resources

Practice Tests:

Available on **Duolingo English Test's website**. Taking these under real test conditions can improve confidence and readiness.

Language Learning Apps:

Platforms like **Duolingo**, **Memrise**, and **Quizlet** offer exercises for vocabulary, grammar, and listening skills.

Test overview with all question types

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zm29HOKVcYY>

Duolingo English Test Day Requirements

To take the test, You **MUST** have:



A valid passport, driver's license, or government-issued ID.



A computer with a front-facing camera, microphone, and speakers.



A fully charged phone as a secondary camera. (a tablet is also acceptable)



A reliable internet connection.



A quiet, private, and well-lit room.



60 minutes of uninterrupted time.

Note: You must present your physical ID. Photocopies and digital images are not accepted.

Verify acceptable IDs for your country and region at [Duolingo English Test's accepted identification page](#).

Important Reminders for Test Day:



Do not take notes.



Do not interact with anyone or leave the test area.



Do not let anyone be in the room with you.



Do not wear headphones or earbuds.



Place non-required devices (phones, tablets, smartwatches, etc.) in another room.



Remove writing materials, paper, and books from your test area.



Keep your face (**ears, eyes, and mouth**) visible and uncovered.



Set your phone (secondary camera) to "**Do Not Disturb**" mode.

For complete test rules, visit <https://englishtest.duolingo.com/prepare/rules>

How to Setup Your Phone (Secondary Camera) for Test Day:



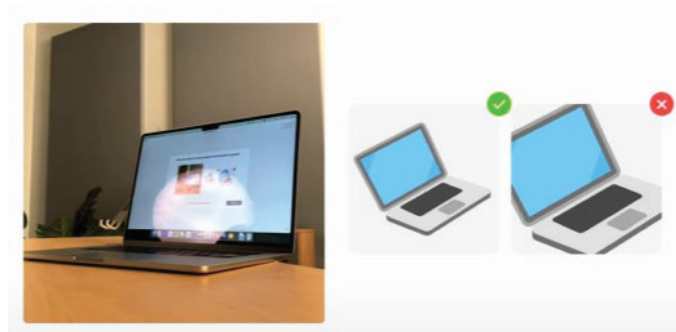
How to setup a secondary camera using your phone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iUoD3HtkZco>

1. Set up phone with camera



2. Check the phone camera



Make sure your keyboard and computer screen are visible.

Submission of Scores to SISM

Results are available within 48 hours.

Please send your scores directly to **Soka International School, Malaysia** through the Duolingo English Test platform by selecting SISM from the list of institutions.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Can my child retake the Duolingo English Test?

Yes. A three-day waiting period is required between attempts. Each attempt requires a separate payment unless a test bundle is used.

2. How long are Duolingo English Test results valid?

Results are valid for two years.

3. What if technical issues arise during the test?

Contact Duolingo's support team via the orange HELP button on your test account. Live chat support is available from Monday 00:00 a.m. UTC to Saturday 00:00 a.m. UTC.

- Email: englishtest@duolingo.com
- Support is available 24/7 for email queries.

4. What happens if a student does not meet the required score?

Applicants who score below the minimum may still be considered for admission. Retake the test and submit updated results by **12 February 2025**.

For more details, visit the [SISM Admissions Process](#).



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