



TABE Complete Language Assessment System—English™

Writing Sample Items ♦ Levels 1–4

Sample A

Choose the word or words that correctly complete the sentence.

She _____ a new car.

- A has
- B have
- C is having

Sample B

Choose the correct sentence.

- A Do have you some paper?
- B Do you have some paper?
- C Do have some paper you?

Sample C

Read the two underlined sentences. Then choose the sentence that **BEST** combines them.

Dan has a gift.

The gift is for his brother.

- A Dan has a gift is for his brother.
- B Dan has a gift for his brother.
- C Dan has a gift, the gift is for his brother.

Sample D

Write one sentence to answer the question. One sentence is written for you.



What is the man doing?

- 1) *He is cleaning the table.* _____
- _____
- 2) _____
- _____

**Sample A**

Choose the word or words that correctly complete the sentence.

She _____ a new car.

A has

B have

C is having

Sample A

SAY For Sample A, choose the word or words that correctly complete the sentence. Circle the letter that goes with the answer you choose. Mark your answer. (Pause.)

*Give the examinees time to do Sample A.
Do not read the answer choices aloud.*

SAY For Sample A, the correct answer is “has.” The sentence reads “She has a new car.” If you circled a different answer, please erase it now. Then circle the letter for the correct answer, “has.” (Pause.)

Ensure that all examinees have marked the answer correctly.

SAY Are there any questions? (Pause.)



Sample B

Choose the correct sentence.

A Do have you some paper?

B Do you have some paper?

C Do have some paper you?

Sample B

SAY Find the next sample question, **Sample B**. (Pause.)

SAY For **Sample B**, choose the sentence that is correct. Circle the letter that goes with the answer you choose. Mark your answer. (Pause.)

*Give the examinees time to do Sample B.
Do not read the answer choices aloud.*

SAY For **Sample B**, the correct answer is “Do you have some paper?” If you circled a different answer, please erase it now. Then circle the letter for the correct answer, “Do you have some paper?” (Pause.)

Ensure that all examinees have marked the answer correctly.

SAY Are there any questions? (Pause.)

**Sample C**

Read the two underlined sentences. Then choose the sentence that **BEST** combines them.

Dan has a gift.

The gift is for his brother.

- A** Dan has a gift is for his brother.
- B** Dan has a gift for his brother.
- C** Dan has a gift, the gift is for his brother.

Sample C

SAY Find the next sample question, **Sample C**. (Pause.)

SAY For **Sample C**, read the two underlined sentences. Then choose the sentence that best combines them. Circle the letter that goes with the answer you choose. Mark your answer. (Pause.)

*Give the examinees time to do Sample C.
Do not read the answer choices aloud.*

SAY For **Sample C**, the correct answer is “Dan has a gift for his brother.” If you circled a different answer, please erase it now. Then circle the letter for the correct answer, “Dan has a gift for his brother.” (Pause.)

Ensure that all examinees have marked the answer correctly.

SAY Are there any questions? (Pause.)

Sample D

Write one sentence to answer the question. One sentence is written for you.



What is the man doing?

1) He is cleaning the table.

2) _____

Sample D

SAY Find Sample D. In the box, there is a picture. Next to the picture are lines to write two sentences. In Sample D, Sentence Number 1 is written for you: “He is cleaning the table.” It tells what the man is doing in the picture. (Pause.)

SAY Now write one more sentence about the picture for Sample D. (Pause.)

Pause for the examinees to write a sentence.

SAY For the second sentence, there are different possible answers. For example, a correct answer is “He is using a sponge.” Another correct answer is “He is wearing a green shirt and blue jeans.” (Pause.)

Ensure that all examinees understand the directions.

SAY Are there any questions? (Pause.)

**WRITING LEVELS 1–4**

Sample A	A
Sample B	B
Sample C	B
Sample D	For the second sentence, there are different possible answers. For example, a correct answer is “He is using a sponge.” Another correct answer is “He is wearing a green shirt and blue jeans.”



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