Dear Student,

You are receiving this email because you indicated in your Carnegie Mellon University admissions materials that you use English, but it is not necessarily your primary language or your “native” language. You are thus required to take the English placement exam in order to determine which first-year writing course will be most useful for you. You must take the exam before your advisor can register you for these courses.

The exam will be available from **June 7th** and you must finish it by **11:59 EDT on June 25th**, you will receive your placement by **July 1st**.

The exam is located online at CMU's Canvas site. To access the test:

2. Enter your CMU ID and password.
3. The exam should be listed under your Courses as "**F17-English Placement Exam**." Click on this course and follow the instructions found there.

Please note: The exam must be completed within 48 hours after you begin, so plan to take the exam only when you have 48 hours in which to complete it.

Most students in previous years have reported spending 5 to 6 hours on the exam.

**Are you sure you need to take the placement test?**

Did you
- Receive a 4 or 5 on the English Language and Composition AP exam?
- Receive a 7 on the IB English exam?
- Receive an A on Cambridge International A or AS level exams in English Language, Literature in English, OR Language and Literature in English?

If you can **provide documentation** of these scores, you do not need to take the First-Year Writing placement exam. Please send your score report(s) from your Andrew email account to engfirst@andrew.cmu.edu.

If you feel that you may not be required to take the English placement exam, please email us at engfirst@andrew.cmu.edu immediately. We will then email you a set of questions that will give us the information we need to determine whether you are required to take the exam. These questions will take less than ten minutes to answer.

If you have any questions or encounter any problems with the online exam, please email engfirst@andrew.cmu.edu.

Best Regards,

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