



# Self-Assessment Guide for ESL Placement Courses

Your answers will help you determine a placement. However, if it becomes possible to give our placement test, we will ask you to take that test before the semester so that we can give you a more accurate placement. If it is not possible to give the placement test before the semester begins, instructors may give assessments during the first week of class. Based on those results, your instructor may make recommendations to change your level and/or class. Please contact the Counseling Department with any questions.

Choose from 1 to 5 in each of the following 3 statements to help you decide your ESL level for study.

<b>Writing ability</b>	
Beginner	
<i>I cannot write in English</i>	<i>I have strong writing skills in English</i>
<b>Reading ability</b>	
Beginner	
<i>I cannot read in English</i>	<i>I have strong reading skills in English</i>
<b>Listening and speaking ability</b>	
Beginner	
<i>I cannot speak or understand much English</i>	<i>I can speak and understand English very well</i>

Use the numbers selected above to choose the best level for your learning. If you are in between levels, or chose different levels, use the number you selected for your writing ability to choose your class level.

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| <b>1</b>        | <b>2</b>                    | <b>3</b>                   | <b>4</b>                        | <b>5</b>       |
| Beginner<br>800 | High-Beginner<br>510 or 810 | Intermediate<br>520 or 820 | High-Intermediate<br>530 or 830 | Advanced<br>25 |

Register for classes in the above level. If you need help determining which class is right for you, please contact the Counseling Department at <https://www.sierracollege.edu/student-services/counseling/index.php#contact>.