

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY TESTING:

Everybody should speak English. And it's easy. Mark Twain, the famous author, said that you can learn English in a month (French in a year, and German in a lifetime).

Some potential employers will take steps to properly assess their candidates' English.

The tools for this are provided by the British Council. Sample tests are available on their website at [www.britishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.britishcouncil.org.uk) and supervised examinations are easy to arrange.

Candidates for some work must should speak, read, write and understand English:

- So you can live and work here in the UK without problems (and happily!)
- So children are given the skills they need

The foremost authority in Britain for English language testing (and training) is the British Council. They recommend the International English Language Test System (IELTS) and the website is [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

Look at the specimen tests on this site. If you have problems completing them, or if you think you would have problems, then arrange for a supervised test - using test papers from the British Council - in an agency or recruiter's offices or with the British Council.