



VIP TOEFL iBT 2026 Placement Test

Reading: Stage 1 (14 Minutes)

Complete the Words

- Fill in the missing letters in the paragraph.

Early farming changed how communities lived by allowing families to settle in one place, store food, and plan for the next season. People (1) **cle**____ small (2) **fie**____, planted (3) **sim**____ crops, (4) **a**____ learned (5) **wh**____ to (6) **wa**____ and (7) **har**____. With (8) **mo**____ reliable (9) **fo**____ groups (10) **bu**____ basic homes and shared tools for daily work. These routines supported cooperation among neighbors, since everyone helped during planting and gathering. Over time, settlements grew, trade began, and festivals marked the end of a successful harvest, strengthening community ties and shared traditions.

1. cle _____ 2. fie _____ 3. sim _____ 4. a _____ 5. wh _____

6. wa _____ 7. har _____ 8. mo _____ 9. fo _____ 10. bu _____

Read in Daily Life

- Read and choose the correct answer.

🚧 Road Closure Notice 🚧

Main Street will be closed from October 10–15 for urgent repairs. Crews will be working 24/7 to fix broken water pipes and resurface the road. During this period, parking is prohibited on Main Street, and drivers are advised to use Oak Avenue or Pine Street as alternate routes. Businesses along Main Street will remain open, but customers should park on nearby side streets.

Fill the box with A, B, C, or D

Questions

- 1) Why is Main Street closed?
 - A. To prepare for a community event
 - B. For repairs
 - C. To improve traffic flow permanently
 - D. Because local businesses requested it
- 2) What can customers still do during this time?
 - A. Shop at the businesses
 - B. Park briefly on Main Street
 - C. Drive carefully through one open lane
 - D. Visit only if they walk from Oak Avenue
- 3) What can be inferred about the closure?
 - A. It may finish earlier than expected
 - B. It is part of a city beautification project
 - C. It could continue for several months
 - D. It is considered important

Sunny Café – Breakfast Specials

- Pancakes with maple syrup – \$5.50
- Omelet with cheese and vegetables – \$6.25
- Toast with butter & jam – \$3.00
- Granola with yogurt – \$4.50

Drinks

- Coffee – \$2.00
- Orange Juice – \$2.50
- “Bottomless Cup” Coffee (free refills) – \$3.50

Note: Breakfast is served until 11:00 am.



Questions

- 1) What does “bottomless cup” mean?
 - A. A cup that holds more than the regular size
 - B. A specialty drink served without foam
 - C. A cup that can be refilled without extra charge
 - D. A promotional drink served only once

- 2) Until what time is breakfast served?
 - A. Just before 11:00 am
 - B. 11:00 am
 - C. Shortly after 11:00 am
 - D. Throughout the late morning

- 3) Which is the cheapest food item?
 - A. Toast
 - B. Omelet
 - C. Pancakes
 - D. Granola with yogurt

Read an Academic Passage

- Read and choose the correct answer.

History (Ancient Writing Systems)

The earliest known writing systems appeared thousands of years ago in Mesopotamia and Egypt. In Mesopotamia, people used a system called cuneiform, which involved pressing a reed into soft clay to make wedge-shaped marks. In Egypt, hieroglyphs were used, combining pictures and symbols to represent sounds and ideas. These systems allowed people to record laws, trade, and religious beliefs. Writing was an important step forward because it helped people keep knowledge for future generations instead of depending only on memory. However, learning to write was difficult, and only a small group of people, such as priests or scribes, had this skill.

Over time, simpler systems developed in other regions. One of the most important was the Phoenician alphabet, which spread across the Mediterranean region and made writing easier to learn. It later influenced the Greek and Roman alphabets, which became the basis for many modern writing systems. The spread of writing helped societies become more organized and advanced, as governments could keep records and share information efficiently. Written language also made education possible and allowed ideas to travel over time and distance. These early systems laid the foundation for modern communication and remain one of humanity's greatest achievements.

Questions:

- 1) What was one benefit of the earliest writing systems?
 - A. They increased agricultural efficiency through record-keeping
 - B. They allowed knowledge to be preserved for the future
 - C. They reduced the political influence of religious leaders
 - D. They limited long-distance trade activities
- 2) The word *scribes* in paragraph 1 is closest in meaning to:
 - A. Officials trained to write
 - B. Skilled craft workers employed by temples
 - C. Political advisors to rulers
 - D. Merchants responsible for trade records
- 3) What does the passage suggest about the Phoenician alphabet?
 - A. It required more symbols than earlier systems
 - B. It spread because it was simpler to learn
 - C. It was used only in religious contexts
 - D. It developed independently from other systems
- 4) Look at the four squares [■] that indicate where the following sentence could be added:
Sentence:



As a result, written records gradually replaced memory as the primary way of storing information.

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Where would the sentence best fit?

- A. First square
- B. Second square
- C. Third square
- D. Fourth square

- 5) What is the main purpose of this passage?
- A. To trace how systems of writing developed and explain their historical significance
 - B. To compare the economic systems of ancient civilizations
 - C. To describe the differences between religious and political texts
 - D. To evaluate which ancient writing system was most effective