

Presentational Writing Directions

This section of the test consists of a written assignment to which you must respond in the target language. You are to prepare a written response on the assigned topic. You should use your time to plan, write, review, and edit your response to the assignment.

Read the assignment carefully before you begin to type. Think about how you will organize your response.

Please note that special characters (such as letters with accents or other diacritical marks) cannot be entered using the keyboard but are available for insertion in the on-screen response box. To access these symbols,

click on the  button that appears in the upper left corner of the screen. Using the mouse, click on the symbol you wish to include in your response and then select "Insert". The symbol will be inserted where the cursor is positioned in the response box.

Your score will depend on the extent to which you effectively communicate a whole message, in the target language, to the specified audience for the stated purpose. You will be assessed on your ability to express, organize, and support opinions and ideas, not on the position you take. Your response to the assignment will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

Purpose: The extent to which the response fulfills the assignment and is appropriate for the intended audience

Organization and Coherence: The extent to which ideas are effectively sequenced and logically connected

Development: The extent to which ideas are developed with relevant supporting details

Syntax and Grammar: The extent to which the response exhibits a command of syntax and grammar

Vocabulary: The extent to which the response demonstrates a command and range of vocabulary and idiomatic expressions

Mechanics: The extent to which the response demonstrates accuracy of spelling, diacritical marks, and punctuation

You are to prepare a written response to this assignment of approximately 300–400 words. Be sure to write about the assigned topic. You may not use any reference materials during the test. This should be your original work, written in your own words, and not copied or paraphrased from some other work. Remember to review what you have written and make any changes you think will improve your response.

Select the **Next** button to continue.