

BEST IN ENGLISH

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RULES, TERMS AND CONDITIONS (Version 2, 21-01-2016)

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Who Can Join the Contest?

Each school must nominate at least 10 students to take part in Best in English (BIE or further referred to as Contest), in order to participate in the Contest. There is no maximum number of students who can participate from one school. The grade/stage students are currently in do not matter, that is, any secondary school student, age between 15-19 is eligible to participate. However, it is requested that no student whose first language is English shall participate.

Who Organises the Contest?

The Organiser of the Contest is the *Institute for Competencies Development*, www.inroko.org, a non-profit organisation with the IČO/TIN 04545401, and the *Czech-us* agency, www.czech-us.cz, IČO/TIN 27456927.

The Test

The Test was created by the representatives of the *Akcent College*, www.akcentcollege.cz.

The maximum score an individual student can receive on the Test is 128 points. In case of equal scores received by two or more students or two or more schools (both further referred to as Competitor), the winner is determined by and depends on the best time under which the Test was completed.

The Test is divided into three parts, that is, grammar, reading, and listening. The level of the Test is based on the scale of B1 to C1 as according to the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The Test being difficult, both knowledge-wise and time-wise, there is no need to worry if not completed or not knowing all the answers.

The Test will take place on the 27th of January 2016 from 8:00am to 11:00am CET (Czech Republic UTC +1:00). The exact time of the Test and your school's ID was sent to your English Teacher on the third day, at the latest, after the registration for the Contest. If you did not receive further instructions, please do check your Spam folder or contact us immediately - see chapter Closing. The link with the Test will be sent to the Teachers on the 26th of January 2016. We will also send all the videos that are part of the Test, which can be used in case the Internet does not work properly, or the connection is too slow. The time limit for the Test is 60 minutes and the timer starts after accessing the Test.

After accessing the Test for the first time, do not close the window nor refresh the page. If the Test is not available within 60 seconds after it is opened, do refresh the page by pressing the F5 button. Do not open any other windows or files during the Test. Using other devices and/or dictionaries is strictly forbidden. Do not talk to or chat with your classmates or anyone else. There are several security checks incorporated in the Test that are set to recognise any cheating activity or any attempts to cheat and movement on the keyboard.

All participating students from one school must take the Test at the same time that had been specified to the Teacher by e-mail. In case of using more ICT classrooms, the Test must be initialised at the same time in all places within one school.

A pedagogical supervision is requested at all times while the Test is being taken.

Prizes

Please, do see the bestinenglish.org website for prizes - see section "Awards". It is strictly forbidden to exchange prizes for money or anything else. Prizes are non-transferable.

Results

In the School category, the school with the highest average score wins. The highest average score is determined by the results of the 10 best students from the particular school. That is, if a school nominated 50 students, only the results of the 10 best students will be considered to calculate the average score. Each school wishing to participate thus needs to nominate at least 10 students.

Software Conditions

The Test is optimised for the newest version of Google Chrome for OS Windows Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, 10, and also for mobile devices with OS Windows 8 and Android 4.4 or newer. It is quite possible that the Test will work on every device made ever since the year 2000. However, some errors or failures of the system may occur.

Students are allowed to use their own devices, however, they still need to be supervised during the Test. Students will need headphones/earphones to use during the listening part of the Test. All devices must be wired using the Ethernet connection (UTP network cable), or through the wireless network (wi-fi). Please, do consult the options of connecting devices outside your school's network with your IT specialist.

Please, do check and test all the devices you plan to use during the Test on the website <http://ar2016-1180.appspot.com>, if possible. In order to check the speed of Internet connection, it is recommended to carry out the mock test on more devices at the same time. If the mock test displays errors, please consult your IT specialist.

Privacy policy

Personal details will be handled with as according to Czech Law on Personal Data Protection, that is Act no. 101/2000 Coll. Having filled out and sent the registration form for the BIE Contest, including the contact details, the Competitor gives consent to the Organisers, main partner and main partner for Czech Republic to submit e-mail newsletters using the contact details provided as according to Czech Law on the Strengthening of Privacy Protection of Users of the Information Society Services, that is Act no. 480/2004 Coll.

Final results

Final results will be announced on the 18th of February 2016. The individual final score of each student will be displayed right after the end of the Test.

Videos

Videos are built-in the Test. In case of slow Internet connection, you should use the video files, and save them onto your IT device, that will have been sent to the Teacher one day prior the Contest.

Closing

The rules, and terms and conditions are a possible subject to change and/or an update, if necessary. In case of any amendments made to the rules, and terms and conditions, all the participating school will be notified by e-mail.

In case of any inquiries or should you have any questions, doubts, or problems with and/or during the Test, please do contact us via e-mail ar@czech-us.cz or call us on +420 211 221 501.

In case of emergency, the emergency contact details are considered to be the e-mail addresses provided by each Teacher to the Organiser at registration, and thus any communication will be dealt with via e-mail.

We wish you good luck!

The Best In English Team.