

# Password Intro

## About Password Intro

Password Intro has been designed by leading academics in testing and assessment to balance a test-takers need for speed, convenience and accessibility with an institution's need for accurate, reliable and secure test results. It is suitable for students from beginner through to lower intermediate joining general English language programmes. It is a reliable and equitable test for students who have not yet undertaken much skills-based instruction. Password Intro effectively discriminates between CEFR levels A1 to B1.

Password Intro is used mainly to test students joining general English language courses either pre-or post-arrival. It is used by many language schools in the UK and a growing number in other countries around the world. The test delivers accurate and reliable results instantly online. Students tested prior to arrival can be confidently placed in classes without further testing, saving both time and money.

Password Intro can be used by a school's own staff and / or trusted overseas representatives. Results are instant and certificates can be printed directly from the Password website and verified online using the Password online verification service.

Password Intro has 64 questions in 4 sections and takes 45 minutes or less to complete.

*“A fast, easy and independent assessment of students' level of English.”*

Tony Millns, Chief Executive, English UK

The logo for Password Intro features a large, stylized orange shape on the right side, resembling a thick arrow pointing left. The word "password" is written in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font in orange, overlapping the left side of the orange shape. The word "intro" is written in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font in white, positioned to the right of the orange shape.

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## Features of Password Intro

- Test of English language knowledge.
- Accurate and reliable results every time.
- Large database of questions.
- Each test different and unique.
- ‘Secure browser’ which locks down the computer during the test.
- User-friendly visual navigation menu.
- Instant results.
- Online reports and certificates which can be co-branded.
- On-line verification service.

Password Intro	CEFR
Intro Plus	B1 and above
Password Intro 3.5	A2+
Password Intro 3.0	A2
Password Intro 2.5	A1+
Password Intro 2.0	A1
Pre-Intro	Below A1

## CRELLA (Designers of the Password tests)

CRELLA, directed by Professor Cyril Weir, has established a national and international reputation as a centre for research into, and development of, English language tests. Members of the centre have published widely on language testing and assessment issues and carry out pioneering research into the nature of English language proficiency and its measurement. Research consultancies provided by the centre in the fields of English language testing and evaluation for examination authorities worldwide are currently helping with the development of foreign language testing in a number of countries. Details of the work of the centre can be found on their website ([www.beds.ac.uk/crella](http://www.beds.ac.uk/crella)).



# About Password testing

## How Password tests work and perform

Password tests provide an accurate and reliable indication of a learner's knowledge of the English language, with a focus on lexico-grammatical competence. The Password approach involves a commitment to quality and innovation in test design, administration and validation.

Password tests are accessed via the Internet. Institutions using Password tests are given two sets of unique codes. The first accesses the tests themselves, and the second accesses the test-takers results and certificates in user-friendly reports. Each institution using Password has access to its own test-takers' results only.

Each Password test is different and unique. As a test is downloaded via the Internet, a group of randomised questions is drawn from the vast data bank of questions in the Password system. New questions are constantly being put into the system, old questions retired or rested and questions are constantly monitored to check that they are still performing well.

Each Password test is run on secure software. All information is transmitted using Secure Sockets Layer, the same type of technology which protects online payments. Whilst the test is in progress, browsers are locked down, which means that test-takers cannot access any other applications on the PC delivering the test, neither can they print, screen capture or access any sources of information on the Internet or otherwise.

Accessing Password tests and test results is extremely easy and the system's outstanding reporting tools enable immediate certification.



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