

First Certificate in English Online Practice Test Free Sample

How to complete the FCE Online Practice Test Free Sample: Use of English

Welcome to the First Certificate in English Online Practice Test Free Sample. This is the Use of English Test tutorial. The following instructions will show you how to complete the free sample test.

Mode Screen

You can sit this free sample test in either Test Mode or Learner Mode. To sit the test under exam conditions, click YES against the Test Mode option.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the 'Online Practice Test for FCE Free Sample' interface. The page has a blue header with the title. Below the header is a 'Mode Menu' section. It contains a description: 'You can take this Online Practice Test without help (Test Mode) or choose from the list of learner options (Learner Mode) such as using a dictionary, checking answers etc.' Below this are two main sections: 'Test Mode' and 'Learner Mode Options'. The 'Test Mode' section has a description: 'TEST MODE - This will allow you to take the test in exam conditions.' and two buttons: 'YES' (highlighted with a black arrow from a box labeled 'YES') and 'NO'. The 'Learner Mode Options' section includes four options: 'HELP' (You can ask for help to answer the questions during the test.), 'DICTIONARY' (You can look up any words in the test using the dictionary.), 'CHECK ANSWERS' (You can check if your answers are correct or incorrect.), and 'CLOCK' (A clock will count down the test time. It will also tell you when the test time has finished.). Each of these four options has 'YES' and 'NO' buttons. At the bottom of the menu is a 'START TEST' button. The footer of the page shows the 'UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE ESOL Examinations' logo and a 'MENU' button. The browser's address bar shows 'http://sharada002.cambridgeesol.org/online/test/'.

To sit the test in Learner Mode, click NO against the Test Mode option.

This screenshot is identical to the one above, showing the 'Online Practice Test for FCE Free Sample' Mode Menu. However, in this instance, the 'NO' button for the 'Test Mode' option is highlighted with a black arrow from a box labeled 'NO'. All other elements, including the 'Learner Mode Options' and the 'START TEST' button, remain the same.

Within the Learner Mode there are several options:

HELP: This option allows you to ask for help to answer the questions during the test.

DICTIONARY: This option allows you to look up any words in the test.

CHECK ANSWERS: This option allows you to check if your answers are correct or incorrect during the test.

CLOCK: This option allows you to see a clock that will count down the test time.

If you do not want all of these options you can select which ones you want by clicking the YES and NO buttons on the screen.

Once you are ready to take the free sample Online Practice Test, click **START TEST** to begin.

Online Practice Test for FCE
Free Sample

Mode Menu
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Test Mode
TEST MODE - This will allow you to take the test in exam conditions. YES NO

Learner Mode Options

HELP - You can ask for help to answer the questions during the test. YES NO

DICTIONARY - You can look up any words in the test using the dictionary. YES NO

CHECK ANSWERS - You can check if your answers are correct or incorrect. YES NO

CLOCK - A clock will count down the test time. It will also tell you when the test time has finished. YES NO

START TEST

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MENU

START TEST

There are five parts to the test.

The instructions for each part of the test are in the box at the top of the screen.

In the full test you will be asked to answer all questions in each part of the test. For this free sample test you will answer only the highlighted questions in each part.

Part 1

To answer a question in Part 1, choose one of the answers A, B, C or D.

Click on the button next to the answer that you have chosen.

If you want to change your answer, click on another button.

If you want to leave the question unanswered, click on the button again.

For each question, there is some text for you to read. Use the scroll bar to move through longer texts.

The screenshot shows a test interface for 'A love of travelling'. At the top, there is an 'Instructions' box with the following text: 'Read the text. Choose the correct answer for each space (1-12). Click on a space and a choice of words will appear. Then click on the correct answer (A, B, C or D).'. To the right of the instructions are buttons for 'CHECK ANSWERS', 'DICTIONARY', 'HELP', and a 'time left: 45 mins' indicator. The main text area contains a passage about Nigel Portman's 'gap year'. There are 12 numbered spaces (1-12) for answers. To the right of the text is an 'Answer' box with four options: A ☐ settling down, B ☐ getting up, C ☐ taking over, and D ☐ holding back. A 'Scroll bar' is located on the right side of the text area. At the bottom, there is a 'Highlighted questions' box with a list of question numbers: Part 1: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Part 2: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24; Part 3: 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; Part 4: 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42. There is also an 'END' button and a 'MENU' button.

You can use the navigation bar at the bottom of the screen, or click on the NEXT button to move from one question to the next question. The NEXT button appears every time you have answered a question. You can answer the questions in any order.

The navigation shows which questions you have answered. A line appears under the question number if you have answered the question.

The screenshot shows a language test interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'CHECK ANSWERS', 'DICTIONARY', and 'HELP', along with a 'time left: 29 mins' indicator. Below this is a 'next' button, which is highlighted by a callout box labeled 'NEXT button'. The main text area is titled 'A love of travelling' and contains a passage about Nigel Portman. There are several gaps in the text, numbered 1 through 7, for which the user must choose the correct answer. To the right of the text, there is a list of four options: A. settling down, B. getting up, C. taking over, and D. holding back. At the bottom of the screen, there is a 'Navigation bar' with a grid of question numbers. A callout box labeled 'Navigation bar' points to this grid. The grid shows that questions 1 through 12 have been answered, indicated by a line under the numbers. The grid is divided into four parts: Part 1 (1-12), Part 2 (13-24), Part 3 (25-34), and Part 4 (35-42). There is also an 'END' button and a 'MENU' button.

Part 2, Part 3 and Part 4

To answer a question in Part 2, type your answer in the space in the text on the screen.

The screenshot shows a language test interface. At the top, there are buttons for 'CHECK ANSWERS', 'DICTIONARY', and 'HELP', along with a 'time left: 45 mins' indicator. The main text area is titled 'The temple in the lake' and contains a passage about Lake Titicaca. There are several gaps in the text, numbered 14 through 16, for which the user must type the correct word. A callout box labeled 'Type your answer here' points to the gap numbered 14. At the bottom of the screen, there is a 'Navigation bar' with a grid of question numbers. The grid shows that questions 13 through 24 have been answered, indicated by a line under the numbers. The grid is divided into four parts: Part 1 (1-12), Part 2 (13-24), Part 3 (25-34), and Part 4 (35-42). There is also an 'END' button and a 'MENU' button.

To answer a question in Part 3 and Part 4 type your answer in the space in the box.

In Part 3 the box is on the right of the screen.

Read the text.
For questions 25-34, use the word at the end of the line to form a word that fits the space in the same line.
For each question, type your answer in the same box.

Walking holidays

The Real Walkers Company offers a selection of small group walking holidays which explore some delightful hidden corners of Europe, the Americas and Australasia. There is something for everyone to enjoy on these holidays. (25) of age or level of (26) The brochure includes various destinations and a range of itineraries. These range from sightseeing tours of (27) cities to understanding walking trips in unspoilt coastal and country regions and, for the more (28) traveller, challenging mountain or hill-walking expeditions. But it would be (29) to give the impression that these holidays are just about walking. According to the brochure, in (30) of walking is often the thing that brings together a group of like-minded people, who share the (31) of good companionship at (32) surroundings. The company believes that its tour leaders are the key to its success. These people

**REGARD
FIT
HISTORY
ADVENTURE
FAIR
ENJOY
PLEASE
ATTRACT**

25

Type your answer here

USE OF ENGLISH Part 1: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Part 2: 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 Part 3: 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 Part 4: 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 END MENU

In Part 4, the box is in the middle of the screen.

For questions 35-42, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.
For each question you must use between 2 and 5 words, including the word in capitals.
Do not change the word in capitals.

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The two boys were sitting by themselves in the classroom.

OWN

The two boys were sitting | in the classroom.

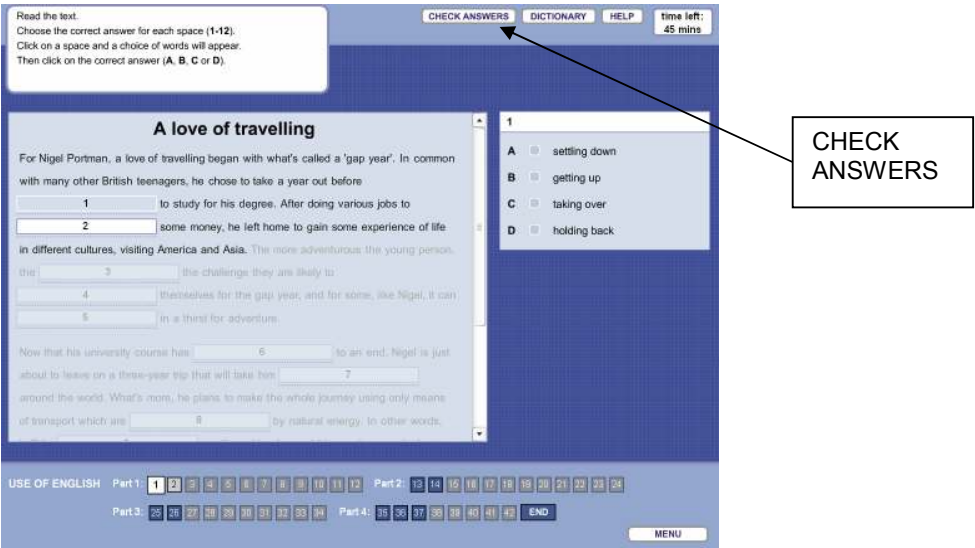
Type your answer here

USE OF ENGLISH Part 1: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 Part 2: 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 Part 3: 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 Part 4: 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 END MENU

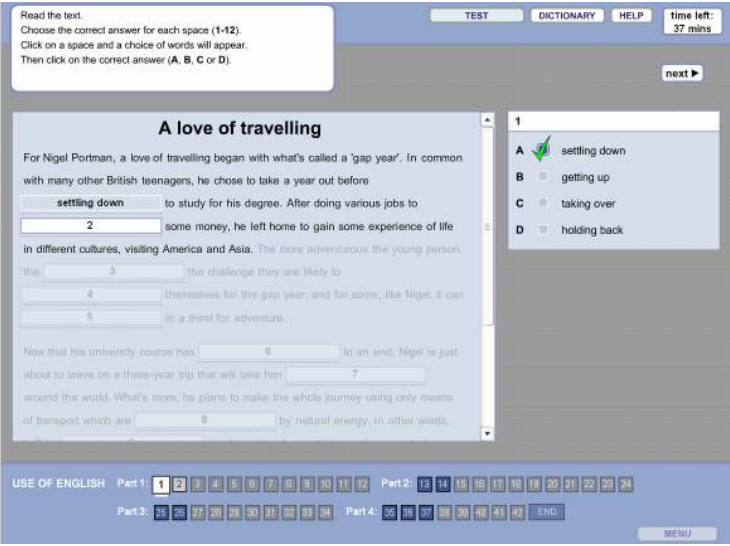
You can review and change your answers at any time until the end of the test.

Learner Mode Functions

If you want to check your answers during the test, click on the CHECK ANSWERS button.

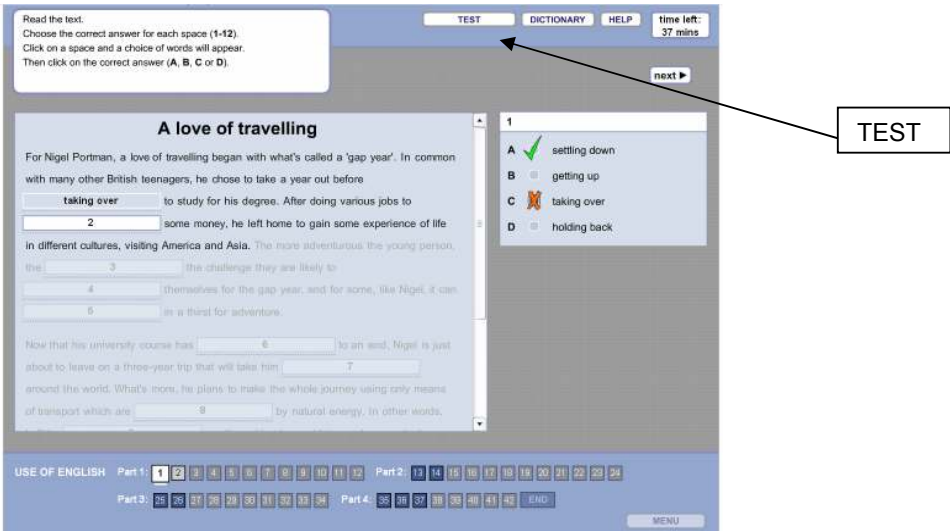


If your answer is correct a tick will appear next to your answer.

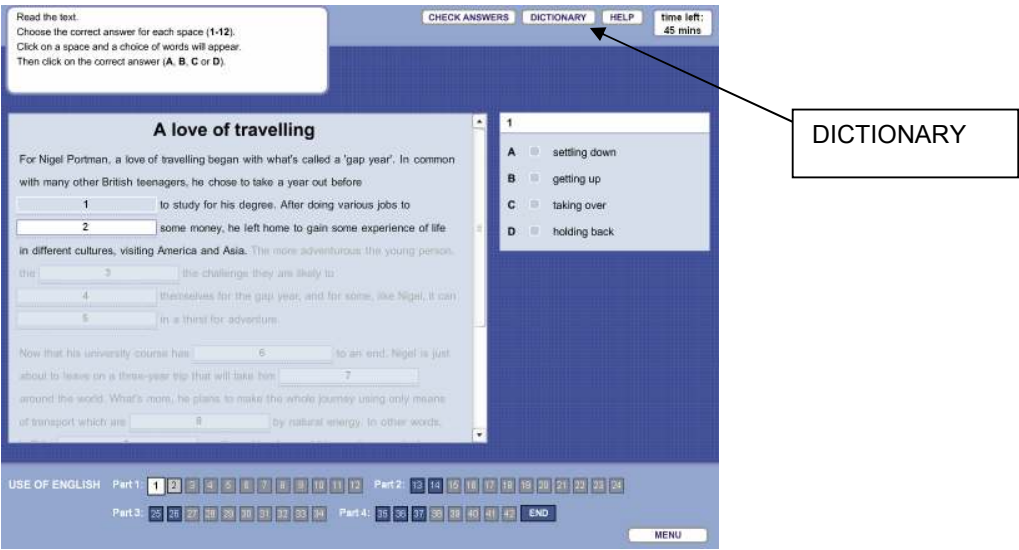


If your answer is incorrect a cross will appear next to your answer and a tick will appear next to the correct answer.

Click the TEST button to return to the test.

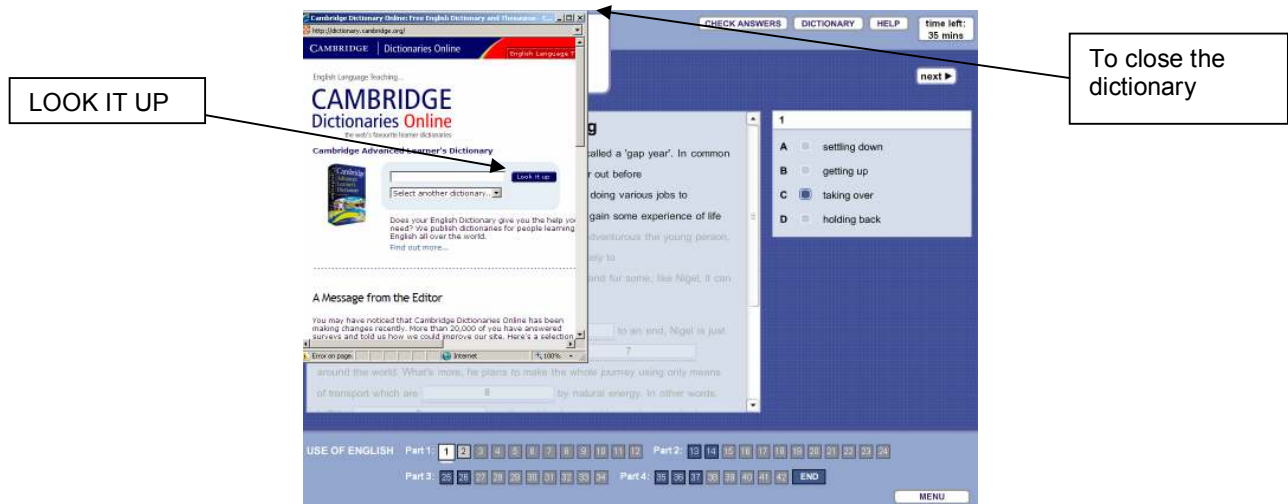


If you want to look up a word, click on the DICTIONARY button.

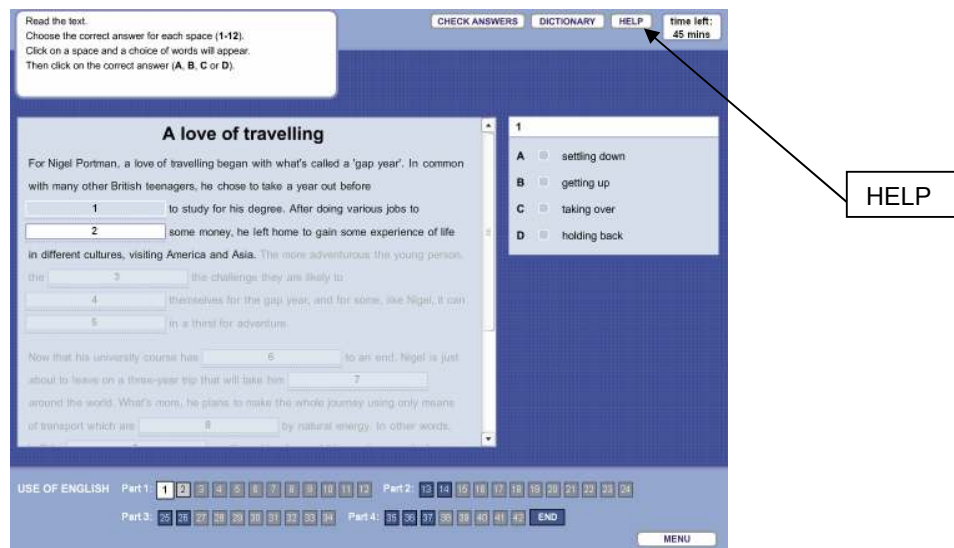


Type your word in the box in the dictionary screen and click on LOOK IT UP.

To close the dictionary, click on the cross in the corner.

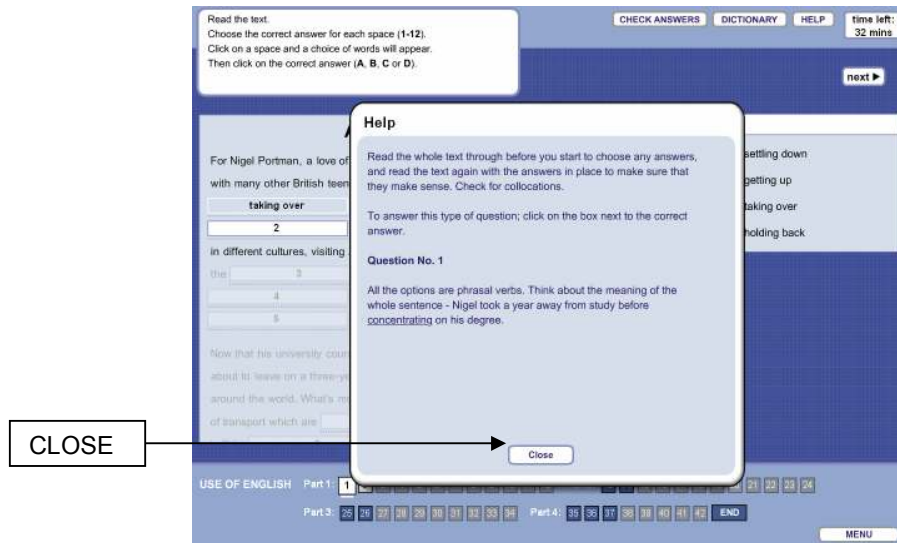


If you want help answering any of the questions in the test, click on the HELP button.



You can use the cursor to move the help screen if you want to.

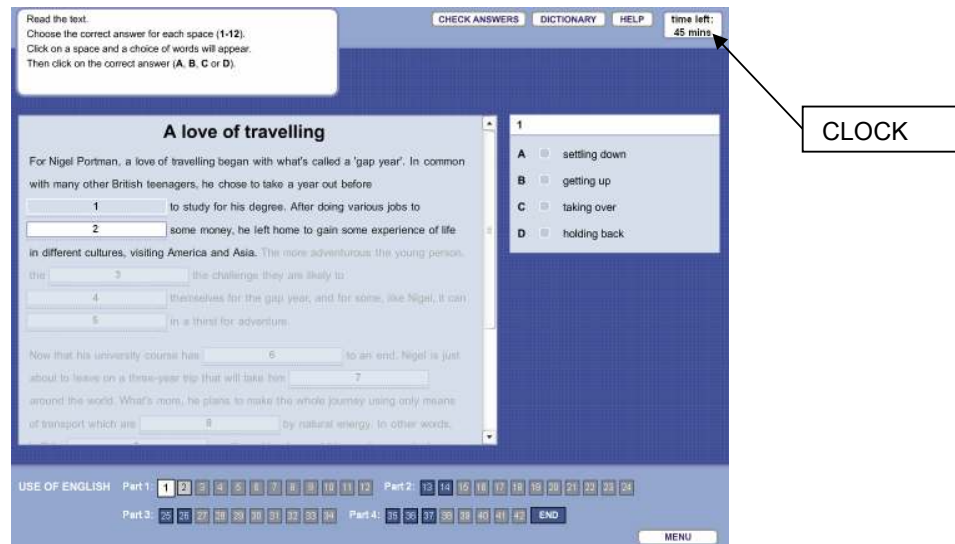
Click on the CLOSE button to return to the test.



You have 45 minutes to complete the free sample Online Practice Test for FCE Use of English.

There is a clock at the top of the screen which tells you how much time you have left.

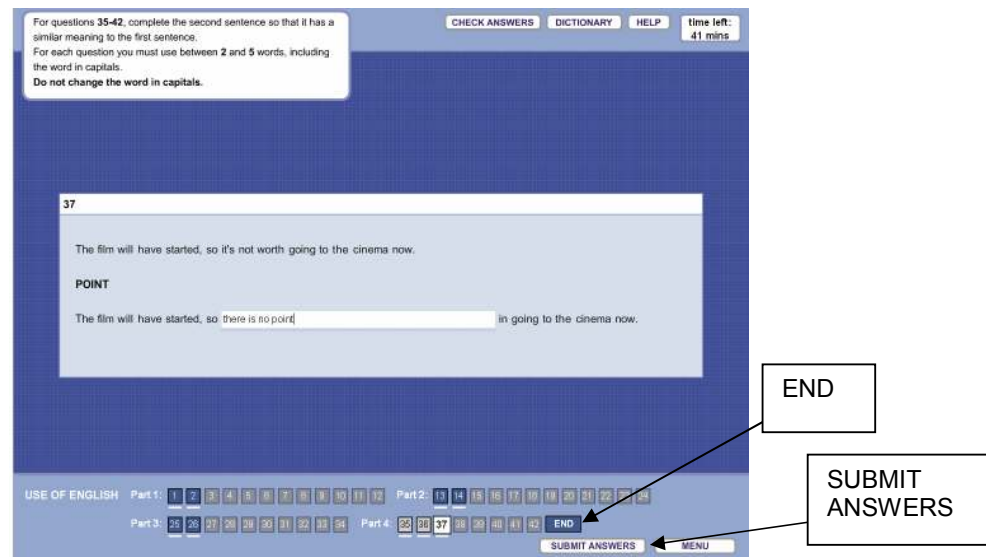
This clock will flash when you have 10 minutes and 5 minutes left.



The test will tell you when 45 minutes has passed. If you want to end the test yourself, click on the END button.

When you have answered all of the questions the SUBMIT ANSWERS button will appear in the bottom corner of the screen.

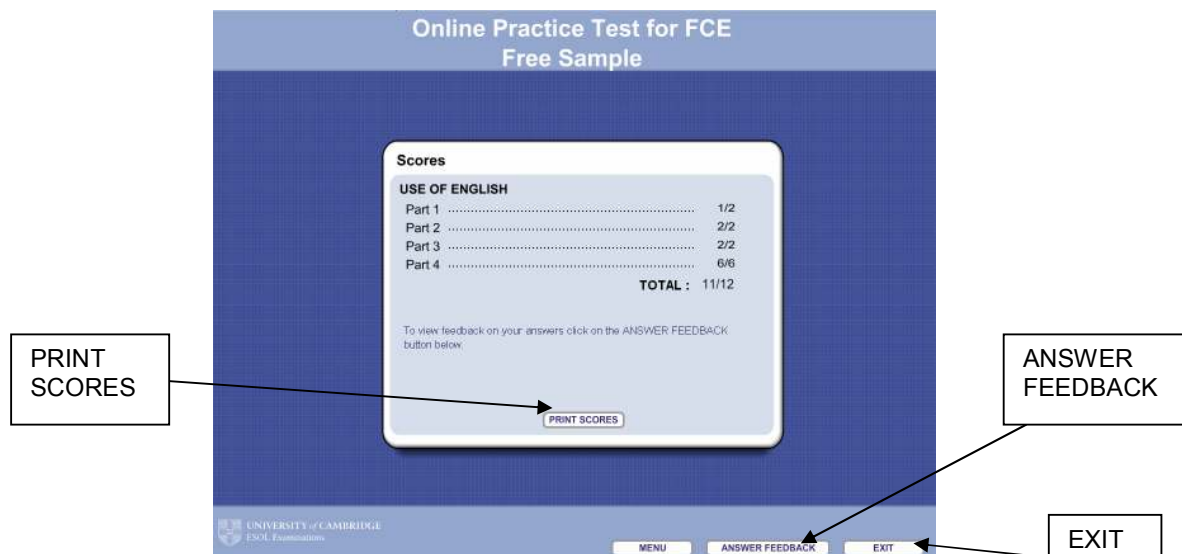
Please remember you can only submit your answers once.



The scores screen will then appear. This shows your scores for each part of the test. In the full test you can also print out your scores using the PRINT SCORES button.

In the full test, if you want your answers explained you can click on the ANSWER FEEDBACK button at the bottom of the screen.

To exit the free sample test, click on the EXIT button.



That is the end of the tutorial. Enjoy the FCE Free Sample Online Practice Test for Use of English.

You will be provided with scores for the Reading, Use of English and Listening, but not Writing.