



AAPPL At-Home Testing FAQs

1. What is the AAPPL?

AAPPL stands for ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages. It is a web-based language test that includes up to four (4) sections or "modes," depending on what a teacher or school has chosen for students. The four modes test listening, reading, speaking, and writing in a world language. The teacher or school will let you know which of the four modes have been ordered, based on the test taker's level of proficiency and testing goals. You can find more information at [AAPPL Central](#). You can also review the "[Resources for Parents](#)" documents.

2. Is it difficult to proctor the AAPPL at home?

No. It's very straight forward! Proctors should be a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult. Some of a proctor's responsibilities include:

- » creating a secure, quiet testing environment,
- » running a System Check on the computer and other equipment before testing and then actively monitoring the environment during the test,
- » ensuring that the test taker does not have access to papers, pens, pencils, notes, dictionaries, cell phones, cameras, or electronic devices while testing,
- » helping the test taker with any technical issues, by contacting the school and/or LTI for assistance.

A more extensive proctoring checklist and a proctoring guide are provided further down in this document.

3. Will the AAPPL test be different because it's being taken at home?

No. There is no difference between the AAPPL test taken at a school and the one taken at home.

4. How long does the AAPPL take?

The test is not timed; however, each mode of the AAPPL takes 30 to 40 minutes. (The writing mode can take up to an hour.) The entire test takes approximately 2.5 hours total. The test taker can take breaks between modes or complete all four modes in one sitting; however, the entire test (all four modes) must be completed within 48 hours of logging in to the first mode.

5. Do I need any special equipment to take the AAPPL?

Yes. You will need a computer, Internet access, and headphones or speakers. Additionally, the test taker will need a microphone for the Interpersonal Listening and Speaking component to record their responses to a virtual video-based chat partner. Most computers these days already have such features, which means you probably won't need to get any new equipment. To be sure, please review the [Technical Requirements](#) and run a [System Check](#) on your system prior to administering the test. If you need additional set-up guidance, please contact the school.

6. Are there security features for the AAPPL?

Yes. The AAPPL has several test-security features. First, test takers must take an honor pledge at the beginning of each AAPPL mode. Second, they will be logged out of the test automatically if they navigate away from the test and open another program, browser window, or tab. Other features that are automatically disabled include:

- » the right-click feature of the mouse,
- » the browser back button,
- » the Copy, Paste, and Cut keyboard shortcuts (Ctrl + c, Ctrl + v, and Ctrl + x),
- » the Google Translate browser extension, if installed.

During the test, test takers should not have access to any prohibited resources, including papers, pens, pencils, notes, dictionaries, cell phones, cameras, or other electronic devices.

7. Are there any resources available for practicing before the test?

Yes. If time allows, you should review ACTFL's [Test Taking Tips videos](#), [ACTFL Resources for Learners](#), and the test taker should complete the [Demo](#) test. You can find additional practice activities in the [AAPPL Communication Builder](#).

8. Whom should I contact if I need help?

If you need technical assistance, please contact your school for advice and guidance. Please contact LTI's Customer Support Team for issues related to logging in or if there are other technical issues that you are unable to resolve.

- » You can reach LTI's Customer Support team by emailing AAPPLHelp@languagetesting.com. LTI's Customer Support team will respond by the next business day.
- » LTI is available for live support by phone at (914) 963-7110 ext. 777 at the following times (all Eastern Time):
 - Mondays, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Tuesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Wednesdays, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Thursdays, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - Fridays, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - Saturdays and Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



AAPPL At-Home Testing Guide

Thank you for helping to facilitate learning continuity for schools, students, and teachers during the transition to distance classrooms caused by COVID-19; your collaboration as a proctor for the AAPPL At-Home is appreciated and important. Please remember that testing proctors should be parents, guardians or other trusted adults who can be responsible for securing the test taking environment. This **Testing Guide** will help you to prepare for and administer the test successfully at home.

Quick Links

AAPPL DEMO:	https://www.languagetesting.com/aappl2-demo
AAPPL SYSTEM CHECK:	https://aappl2.actfltesting.org/systemcheck
TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS:	https://www.languagetesting.com/test-delivery-logistics
TO TAKE THE TEST:	https://aappl2.actfltesting.org

At-Home Proctoring Checklist

- Review the [Technical Requirements](#), configure the computer to be used for testing, and complete the [System Check](#).
- Have the test taker work through the [Demos](#) and test their keyboard for the Presentational Writing component.
- Plan the timing and distribution of the up to four testing components you'll be giving (your teacher or school will provide specifics on that). They take 30-45 minutes each, and up to 60 minutes in the case of the [Presentational Writing](#). Note that all testing must be complete within 48 hours of the test taker's first login to the testing system.
- Prepare the secure testing area and have the log-in credentials handy. Remember that test takers must not have access to papers, pens, pencils, notes, dictionaries, cell phones, cameras, or electronic devices while testing.
- Log the test taker into the test using the log-in credentials provided by the teacher or school.
- Supervise the test taker while completing all components and safeguard their login information between test sessions. Don't help them to answer any questions on the AAPPL.
- Destroy/delete test taker login information once testing is complete for all components.