

TOWNSEND MASTERY READING TESTS



For Reading, Vocabulary and Word Power

The Mastery Tests offer students the opportunity to develop their reading and vocabulary skills. In addition to being an excellent general purpose tutorial, the Mastery Tests are a required part of CLAST remedial study. Students may access these tests at any Learning Center computer station (click Start → Programs → Mastery Tests). The Mastery Tests follow a *three step progression* for developing both reading and vocabulary skills:

Building – Improving – Advancing

1. The introductory (BUILDING) programs start the process by helping students *build* vocabulary and reading skills.
2. After successfully mastering the basic skills, students move on to the second (IMPROVING) program to further refine and *improve* those skills.
3. When students are ready for more challenging material, they will use the third (ADVANCING) program, which is geared towards *advancing* their abilities to high levels.

Mastery Test Titles:

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| Vocabulary: | 1. Building Vocabulary Skills
2. Improving Vocabulary Skills
3. Advancing Vocabulary Skills |
| Reading: | 1. Building Reading Skills
2. Improving Reading Skills
3. Advancing Reading Skills |
| Word Power: | Advanced Word Power |

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In The Learning Center (C-100)

1. Click on the “**Start**” button on the bottom scroll bar.
2. Go to “**Programs.**”
3. Select “**Mastery Reading Tests.**”
4. Click on the book for your class (Building, Improving, or Advancing). You may also work on the tests from the other books for additional practice.
5. Enter your name.
6. Click the skill you want to practice. If you need to show your scores to the professor, **do not exit the program before printing your scores.** Scores may be accessed from the main menu through the icon at the bottom of the screen.

On The Internet (You must have an email address.)

1. Open the internet. In the Learning Center, you’d click on “**Internet Explorer**”
2. Type www.townsendpress.com in the address bar.
3. Click “**Online Exercises.**”

You only need to complete these three steps the first time.

- *Click “**Create Student Account.**”*
 - *Enter the required information.*
 - *A password will pop up. It will also be emailed to you. Write it here: _____ . You may change it when you log in.*
4. Click “**Log In.**”
 5. Enter your email address and your password. Then click “**Log In**” or press enter.

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<http://literacynet.org/cnnsf>

This site presents news stories, both in full-length and abridges, simplified versions, with accompanying activities in vocabulary, sequencing, and conclusions. It also offers video and audio clips to aid comprehension.

<http://www.eslus.com/LESSONS/READING/READ.HTM>

This site contains various exercises, including a speed reading resource.

<http://web2.uvcs.uvic.ca/elc/studyzone/330/>

This site was originally designed for English language learners, but the reading exercises and comprehension exercises are excellent for anyone who wants to improve comprehension. There are selections available for various levels, but I would recommend beginning with level 330.

http://college.hmco.com/devenglish/resources/reading_ace/students/index.html

These are fantastic reading practice tests!

[http://www.gallaudet.edu/CLAST/Tutorial and Instructional Programs/English Works/Reading \(ESL\).html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/CLAST/Tutorial_and_Instructional_Programs/English_Works/Reading_(ESL).html)

This resource includes several reading selections with comprehension and vocabulary exercises. There are several more selections utilizing cloze (fill in the blank) method.