

## 1 Intro

“There’s no question that the future of exams is digital.”<sup>(1)</sup>

- Eve Jaremka



## 2 The Test

### Test rules:

- ⚡ Must be alone in a quiet, well-lit room.
- 👂 Ears must be visible and uncovered.
- 📷 Face must be visible and unobscured.
- 🎧 No headphones or earphones.
- 📖 No outside materials (mobile devices, notes, or textbooks).
- 🗨 No communication with anyone else.
- ✍ No writing utensils or paper.
- 👁 Do not look away from the screen.
- 📱 Do not leave the test window for any reason.
- 🚫 Do not use any predictive input method.
- 📷 Do not use any third party web camera software.
- 🖥 Do not use a second monitor, or screen sharing/remote access software.
- 🕒 Speak for at least 30 seconds in the graded speaking sections.
- 👤 Do not use another person's name or ID information to take the test.

### You must have:

- 📄 A passport, drivers license, or government ID.
- ⚡ A quiet, well-lit room.
- 🕒 60 minutes of free time.
- 🌐 A reliable internet connection.
- 💻 A computer :

### Your computer must have:

- 📷 A front-facing camera.
- 🎤 A microphone.
- 🔊 Speakers.

<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/home>

The Duolingo English Test is an online, on-demand, English proficiency test. This test measures the language ability of test-takers across the four skills of reading, listening, writing and speaking, in a blended manner, where all skills are assessed in a single test.

example questions

0:54

Select the real English words in this list

WORD 1 WORD 2 WORD 3

WORD 4 WORD 5 WORD 6

WORD 7 WORD 8 WORD 9

2:15

Type the missing letters to complete the text below

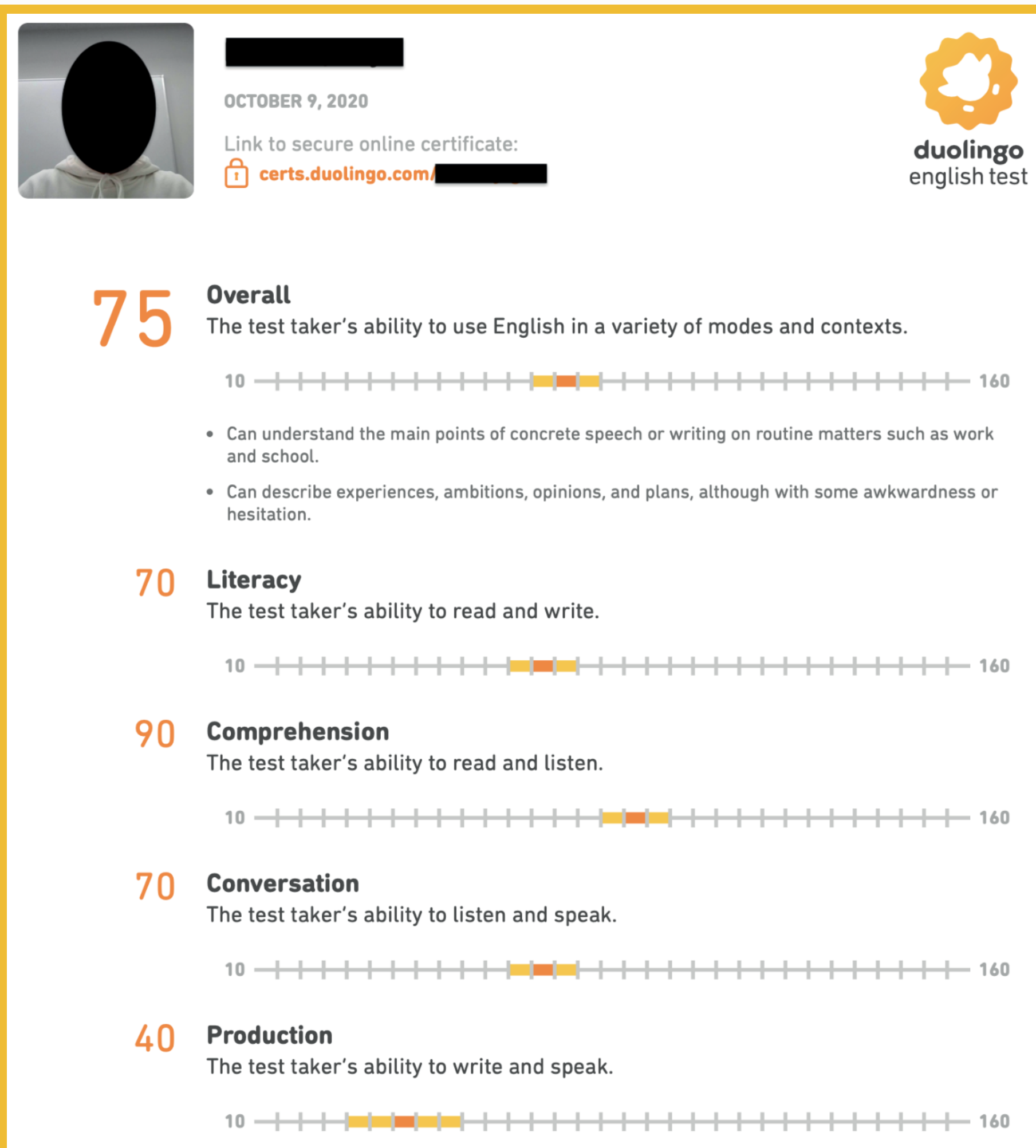
Jennings also found renewed success in his personal life. In 1979, he married        the               time        fellow ABC correspondent Karl Marton. That        year, he        a               when Marton gave        to        daughter, Elizabeth. In 1982, Jennings' and Marton's second child, Christopher, was born.

0:36

Write one or more sentences that describe the image

There is a little girl in bed!

## 3 Test Results



> Results within 48 hours.

> Overall Score.

> Subscores:  
Literacy  
Comprehension  
Conversation  
Production

> Tests Scored by A.I. and Human Proctors.



# The Duolingo English Test: Successes and Struggles



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## 4 Student Impressions



“It was very strict test & I had difficulty to get score.”

“It’s too hard to get verified.”

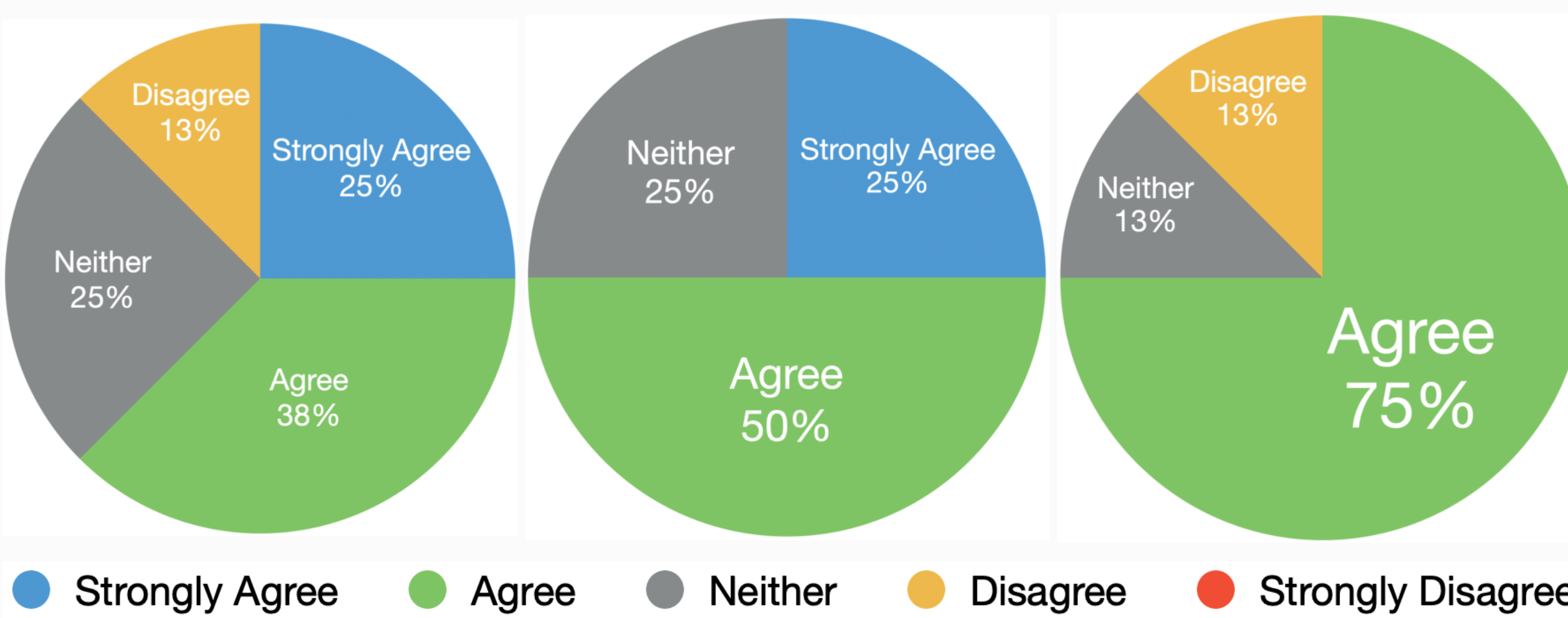
“I think it is good. The time limits makes me feel pressure, and it also didn't let me to think one question a lot. It was thrilling, so I feel the time passed so quickly. I enjoyed taking the exam.”

“Great. I assume that I can test my true practical English ability and Essential understanding of language not just memorising words.”

### Enjoyed?

### Challenging?

### Beneficial?



## 5 Teacher Impressions

- > Great potential from the point of view of individuals... but maybe not practical to be used with a class of students.
- > Despite teacher invigilation, there were instances of non-verification, which the Duolingo AI and/or human proctors suggested were due to cheating (looking away from the screen, etc.). This was not the case.
- > Therefore, repeated tests were necessary on a number of occasions, which cost time and money.



## 6 Pros & Cons

Online and on-demand convenience

Achieving test authentication can be difficult

Adaptive test

Website is not overly user-friendly

Non-traditional question styles and test format

Note-taking is prohibited

Affordable

Test rules are strict and irregular

Expedited results

Test-takers must possess required ID

Accepted at increasing numbers of higher education establishments

Specific test study is difficult



## 7 Best Practice

For Educators & Test Takers



- > Watch the “Short Summary” Video
- > Read the Rules
- > Check the Environment
- > Check the Technology
- > Prepare the Correct ID and Payment Method
- > Take the Practice Test

### Final takeaway

The Duolingo English Test is extremely useful in certain circumstances, but approach with caution!