

Anker's Real Essays Diagnostic and Diagnostic Test Report

This is a great tool for students looking for more direction. The test report offers tutorials and exercises.

- Students must **register** (for free) with Bedford/St. Martin's, if not registered already in, say, *Rules for Writers* online. Teachers should also register!
- Please use the **"Update Profile"** link to enter the instructor's email address. That will enable teacher-student communication and add functionality. Students may update their profile again when working with a new teacher. By registering this way, students will have a scorecard for record-keeping plus access to the *Rules for Writers*, *Exercise Central*, and *Re:Writing* online databases, as well as other Bedford companion sites. **Take the diagnostic and then use the diagnostic test report's study plan!**
- Go to www.ccsf.edu/english/labpage for the Lab Guide or the Web Resources for Grammar and Mechanics

From the Lab Page's Lab Guide . . .

On each [Web Resources](#) page you will find an extensive list of Web sites organized around particular skills: planning, research, reading, grammar. Match these online resources with what you are doing in class and you should work on. For example, if your essay is loaded with comma splices or if you have homework related to the [Grammar and Mechanics](#) sites that helps you recognize and avoid comma splices. Since these are Web sites, you can access them from any computer with an Internet connection. (Lab computers require lab attendance.)

Cyberia and the other English computer areas, such as the Reading Lab, have become very popular among the focus on English work and the programs that we have purchased to help with that work. Brainstorm, plan, and write early stages with [Inspiration](#). Listen to your essay with [Write Out Loud](#) during the later revision and editing. [Read](#) very helpful with reading, vocabulary, and note-taking issues. Speaking of reading, thousands of CCSF students use a powerful program that improves fluency and increases reading rate and comprehension. [See what!](#)

Here are a few of the Web sites (out of the many on the [Web Resources](#) pages) that students

Grammar and Mechanics

[The Guide to Grammar and Mechanics](#)

[Sentence Sense](#)

[Anker's Diagnostic Test \(at Exercise Central\)](#)

[Grammar Bytes](#)

[Rules for Writers Grammar Excs.](#)

Reading and Studying

[Vocabulary Games](#)

[Townsend Press](#)

[News Stories @ Literacy.net](#)

[One Look Dictionary](#)

[Study Skills](#)

Planning and Writing

[The Thesis Builder](#)

[The PIE Paragraph](#)

[CUNY's WriteSite \(Check your Work\)](#)

[Cyberia Activity Guide](#)

[Cultivating a Critical Eye](#)

Style and Research

[Attending to Style](#)

[Quoting, Paraphrasing, Summarizing](#)

[Research and Documentation Online \(w/ 109\)](#)

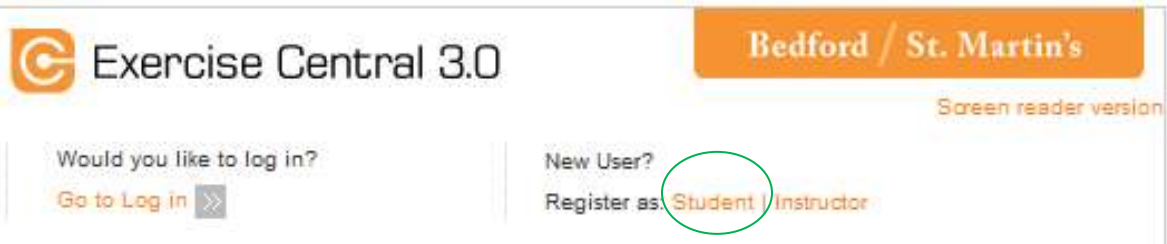
[Using Libraries \(especially CCSF's\)](#)

[Ethics and Plagiarism](#)

The screenshot shows the Real Essays website interface. At the top, there's a search bar and a 'Log On' button. Below that, there's a 'MENU SCORECARD' and a 'DIAGNOSTIC CENTER' section. The Diagnostic Center has several links: 'Part 4: The Five Most Serious Errors', 'Part 5: Other Grammar Concerns', 'Part 6: Word Use', 'Part 7: Punctuation and Capitalization', and 'Writing Exercises'. To the right of the Diagnostic Center, there's a registration form with fields for 'Email Address' and 'Password', and buttons for 'Log On', 'Student Registration', and 'Instructor Registration'. A black arrow points from the 'Anker's Diagnostic Test (at Exercise Central)' link in the Lab Guide to the 'Log On' button in the registration form.

Go to the Diagnostic Test Center to first take the test. Then go back there to use the Diagnostic Test Report and its Study Plan links. Use the report and your course calendar to choose other exercises, too!

Go to the Bedford St. Martin's *Real Writing* (4th ed.) Web site: <http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/realwriting4e>
 Click the link called [Exercise Central](#).
 Register as a student. It's free. Remember your password, & include instructor's email (e.g., ckleinma@ccsf.edu).



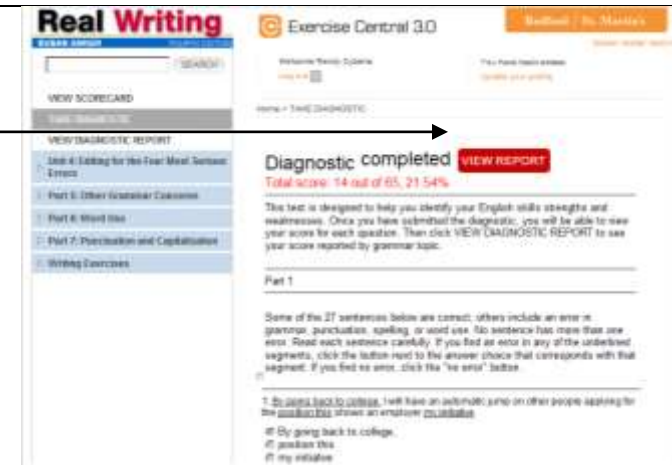
Now you will have full functionality at the [Exercise Central](#) space for *Real Writing*.

Click **“TAKE DIAGNOSTIC”** to take a diagnostic test to measure your control over grammar, punctuation, vocabulary, and reading. This will take 40-60 minutes. Try your best in order to make the results useful.



After submitting your test, you will learn how many you got right and wrong, but **you will not actually learn anything unless you review** your responses AND **THE DIAGNOSTIC TEST REPORT** very carefully and patiently.

Click the **VIEW REPORT** button.



Even though you should be able to access that test report whenever you log in, copy and paste that report into Microsoft Word and save it to play it safe. We will review and use those results.



Diagnostic Results

This report indicates your performance on each skill tested. The fraction and percentage for each skill indicate the number of correct responses you gave relative to the total number of questions on that particular skill.

Diagnostic Score: 14/65 (21.54%)

CATEGORIES	% CORRECT	CATEGORY RESULTS
Adjectives and adverbs	0/3 0%	View Results
Apostrophes	1/4 25%	View Results
Capitalization	1/3 33.33%	View Results
Commas	1/5 20%	View Results
Commonly confused words	0/4 0%	View Results
Coordination and subordination	0/4 0%	View Results
ETC	0/5 0%	View Results
Fragment	0/3 0%	View Results
Replaced and dangling modifiers	1/3 33.33%	View Results

The **test report**, unlike the test results, provides percentages of correctness on the various skills being assessed. So, if you're scoring a 25% on apostrophes, then you should invest more time into gaining control over apostrophes. Click **View Results** to see sections of the test that pertain to the particular skills listed in the test report.

Use the **Exercise Central** tutorials and exercises to make your improvements and strengthen your control and knowledge. **Meet with tutors & use your handbook & other Web sites too!**

Note the options for "Commonly Confused Words":

Here's what an exercise looks like:

The results of your exercises (quizzes) will be kept in your online **Scorecard** at Exercise Central.

If you've completed your registration correctly, your instructor will also have an online record of your work.