



**Limestone District School Board International  
Education Program  
Language Assessment for New applicants**  
(Revised Summer 2022)

We are committed to making sure that you have a positive start with your academics at Limestone. We ask that you complete all parts of this Language Assessment for the following reasons...

1. To get a more accurate picture of your English abilities
2. Prepare you for the type of Learning in English that you will get in Canada
3. To find out if you will benefit from ESL (English Second Language) instruction while in Canada



## Instructions

This assessment will help the Limestone District School Board to assess your English and place you in courses that are best suited to your language ability. It is important that you complete this test without assistance.

1. Download this file to your computer.
2. Complete the test.
3. Save the completed test and submit it to Limestone with your other electronic application files.

***In addition to this written assessment, Limestone may conduct a short interview with applicants via Skype, WhatsApp, WeChat, Zoom, Teams or telephone.***

NAME

DATE COMPLETED

### Parts of the Assessment

1



Oral Interview Questions

2



Reading Comprehension Task

3



Writing Task



## Oral Interview Questions

1



(Be prepared to answer these questions and follow up)

**\*\*You MAY be asked to do a verbal interview with a member of the Limestone international team over Zoom, Facetime or Microsoft Teams. Read over the questions below and take some time to prepare your responses.**



Try to respond in a way that accurately demonstrates your language skills. Do not read your answers.

1. Tell us about your family (for example what jobs do your parents have and do you have brothers or sisters or pets?).
2. What are your favourite and least favourite subjects? Why?
3. What do you like to do when you are not in school?
4. Describe your hometown. What do you like or dislike about it?
5. What would you like to do for a career? What are your plans to get there?
6. What do you hope to get from studying in Canada?
7. Ask us at least one question and the reason you feel the need to ask it. You can ask about a specific subject or course, our education system, Kingston, Canada, etc.

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## Reading Comprehension Task

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

### Vocabulary

**Championship:** a big win

**Sentimental:** something with great personal meaning

**Auction:** an event where people can pay to buy things

**Trophy:** a large, beautiful award

**Second-Hand Shop:** a store where you can buy used items



## Hockey!

### *The Stanley Cup Rings*

Hockey in Canada is not just a sport for winter weather! Professional hockey teams in North America, compete for the Stanley Cup championship trophy which is awarded in June. It has been a tradition to award rings to Stanley Cup winners for over a century. In 1893, seven players on the Montreal AAAs received a plain gold ring engraved with crossed hockey sticks after they won the first Stanley Cup.

Today, championship rings are much more elaborate. Some are appraised for as much as \$30 000. When the Tampa Bay Lightning won the Stanley Cup in the 2003–2004 season, the team ordered gold rings featuring 138 diamonds apiece—including a cluster of rare blue diamonds creating a small version of the trophy on each ring.

Stanley Cup rings also have great sentimental value. Doug Gilmour lost his 1989 ring that he won while playing for the Calgary Flames. He offered a \$2000 reward for its return, but he never got it back. Some players, however, are willing to part with their rings for a price. Jean Beliveau of the Montreal Canadiens sold his ring collection, raising \$1 million for his widowed daughter and his two granddaughters' education. Others have lost their rings to theft. Tim Horton's 1967 ring was stolen in 1998 and later sold to a second-hand shop for \$500. It showed up at an auction valued at \$35 000 but was removed from the auction after it was found to have been stolen. Whether they are simple or fancy, or whether they are kept by their original owners or not, Stanley Cup rings are prized symbols of hockey victory.

**Questions to answer are on the following page.**

## **Respond in full sentences.**

Suggest a word that describes the first championship rings.

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What happened to Doug Gilmour's Stanley Cup ring?

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Why was Tim Horton's 1967 ring not sold at auction?

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Why do Stanley Cup rings have great sentimental value?

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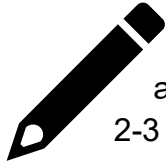
What is the difference between the word 'weather' and 'whether'?

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## Writing Task

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Choose **ONE** of the topics below  
and write your answer in a series of  
2-3 paragraphs.



**CHOICE ONE:** Describe an event in the history of your country. What happened? Why is it important?

**OR**

**CHOICE TWO:** Describe the geography of your country. What areas are most important to your country? Why are they important?

**OR**

**CHOICE THREE:** Describe something that people in your country are proud of. What is it? Why is it important?

(Write or type in this space)