

English Writing Anxiety Scale (EWAS)

Direction: All the questions in both Part A and Part B are for research purposes only, and any information obtained will remain confidential.

Part A:

Direction: Please answer the following questions or make a ✓ in the box next to the statement that fits your current situation.

- Sex: _____
- Age: _____ years old
- Your hometown is a: ☐City ☐Town ☐Countryside
- How many years have you studied English?
☐Less than 3 years ☐6 years ☐9 years ☐More than 12 years
- English scores on the Chinese National College Entrance Examination _____
- How would you rate your writing ability in English on a scale of one to five? _____
☐Poor ☐Not good ☐Moderate ☐Good ☐Excellent

Part B:

Direction: The following statements apply to how people feel in the process of listening to native speakers of English. Please, place a ✓ in the box next to the statement that fits your ideas.

1. I am not nervous at all when writing in English.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
2. I feel my heart pounding when I write English compositions in a limited time.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
3. I am worried about being unable to use the tense and grammar correctly when writing an English composition.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
4. When I am writing an English composition, I am worried about not being able to write complex sentences.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
5. I fear that I can't use English collocation correctly.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
6. I was worried about not being able to make my English writing more coherent and fluent.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
7. I feel upset if I'm unable to express my ideas clearly and understandably in my English writing.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
8. I feel worried and uneasy if I know my English writing will be evaluated.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
9. I often choose to write down my thoughts in English.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
10. My mind often goes blank when I start to write in English.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree

11. I don't think that my English writing is worse than others'.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
12. If my English writing is to be evaluated, I would worry about getting a very poor grade.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
13. I usually try to avoid writing in English.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
14. My thoughts become jumbled when I write English compositions under heavy time pressure.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
15. I would not write in English if I have choice.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
16. I often feel panic when I write in English within a limited time.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
17. It frightens me that the other students would deride my English writing if they read it.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
18. I freeze up when being asked to write English compositions unexpectedly.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
19. I would do my best to make an excuse not to write English writing.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
20. I don't worry at all about what other people would think of my English writing.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
21. I usually seek every possible chance to write in English outside of class.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
22. I usually feel my whole body rigid and tense when writing in English.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
23. I am afraid of my English writing being chosen as a sample for discussion in class.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
24. I am not afraid at all that my English writing would be rated as very poor.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree
25. Whenever possible, I would use English to write.
☐Strongly disagree ☐Disagree ☐Neither Agree nor Disagree ☐Agree ☐Strongly agree