

Using Bedford/St. Martin's Exercise Central

Exercise central is an excellent resource for self-access students preparing for transition to college. Many of the grammar and writing exercises focus specifically on sentence-level writing problems that challenge pre-college students. This resource would be a great benefit for student preparing to take the COMPASS writing assessment.

1. Go to exercise central on the Bedford / St. Martin's Web site. You can access this via this URL:

<http://bcs.bedfordstmartins.com/exercisecentral/Home.aspx>

or click the link on the language learning center Web page.

2. The first time you use Exercise Central, you need to register for an account. To do so, click the "Personal Study Plan" link at the top of the page. Click "Register" as a "New Student"

3. Follow the instructions to register. Create a user name and password; then login to the system. You will be asked to provide an instructor email...enter your instructor's address so that he/she can see the results of your tests and activities.

4. The first step after creating your new account is to take the diagnostic test. This will help you determine what topics you need to study and practice. The test has approximately 60 items.

5. After you submit your diagnostic, you will click "report" to see a detailed report of your results. You can print out the report in order to consult with your teacher on what you need to study, and you can click specific links to exercises and tutorials that will help you learn each grammar/punctuation point.



- Sentence Sense (Sentence-level Grammar)
- Bedford Martin's Exercise Central (requires registration)
- Language and Learning Online - Writing
- ESL BEE: Advanced Composition
- Ohio ESL: Writing
- Purdue OWL: ESL Resources, Handouts and Exercises
- Chemeketa College Writing Center
- Tips for Writing a Paragraph
- Paragraph Punch
- The Writing Machine
- The Five Paragraph Essay

