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	Writing: 1 hour 30 minutes	Shows you can produce two different pieces of writing, including an essay
8	Listening: 40 minutes	Shows you can follow and understand a range of spoken materials.
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