The Ability-to-Benefit test is administered to students who do not have a high school diploma (or its equivalent) and are applying for financial aid. Eligible students must be at least 18 years old and must not be currently enrolled in high school. A referral from the Financial Aid Office is required for testing.

- Students enrolled in an ESL course will be given the ATB COMPASS/ESL test. Proof of enrollment in an ESL class must be printed on the day of the test and presented at the counter. All three sections of the ATB COMPASS/ESL must be taken in one sitting. This multiple-choice test is administered on the computer and is untimed. Allow 3 hours for testing.
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ATB COMPASS/ESL Sample Test

**READING**

Read the paragraph about the emporium in Galveston.

Shoppers enter the emporium, which is on the ground floor, through the original 14-foot doors. You can eat a sandwich inside while sitting on a wooden seat at an umbrella-covered table, or you can buy meals and cheeses by the pound for a picnic on the beach. There is also a wide selection of Texas foods, beers, chocolates, books, baskets, and specialty coffees and teas. A wine room features Texas, U.S., and international wines.


1. In the passage, what does the highlighted word "emporium" mean?
   A. Store
   B. Beach
   C. Bar
   D. Hotel

2. What can you buy at the emporium?
   A. 14-foot doors
   B. Wooden seats
   C. Meats and cheeses
   D. Ground floors

**GRAMMAR/USAGE**

SPEAKER A: This soup is too spicy. (1) ______________________ so much pepper?

SPEAKER B: Maybe the cook (2) ____________________ it was hot pepper.

1. A. Why the cook did use
   B. Why the cook use
   C. Why the cook used
   D. Why did the cook use

2. A. doesn’t knows
   B. didn’t know
   C. didn’t knew
   D. don’t know

**LISTENING**

Listen to the people talking. (Recording)

Female voice: “Excuse me, which bus goes to Central Park?”

Male voice: “Well, the 22 goes there, but it’s better to take the 7 express. It will be here in 10 minutes.”

1. Which bus does the man say to take?
   A. The 7 express
   B. The 10
   C. The 22 express
   D. The 22

**ANSWERS:**

Reading: A, C  
Grammar: D, B  
Listening: A
# Suggested Websites to Review

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