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noun (1)

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1 a : a means of [testing](#): such as

- (1) : something (such as a series of questions or exercises) for measuring the skill, knowledge, intelligence, capacities, or aptitudes of an individual or group
- (2) : a procedure, reaction, or reagent used to identify or characterize a substance or constituent

b : a positive result in such a test

2 a (1) : a critical examination, observation, or evaluation : [TRIAL](#)

specifically : the procedure of submitting a statement to such conditions or operations as will lead to its proof or disproof or to its acceptance or rejection
a *test* of a statistical hypothesis

(2) : a basis for evaluation : [CRITERION](#)

b : an ordeal or oath required as proof of conformity with a set of beliefs

c chiefly British : [CUPEL](#)

3 : a result or value determined by testing

4 : [TEST MATCH](#)

test

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verb

tested; testing; tests

transitive verb

1 : to put to test or proof : [TRY](#) → often used with *out*



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b : to be assigned a standing or evaluation on the basis of [tests](#)

tested positive for cocaine

the cake *tested* done

2 : to apply a test as a means of analysis or diagnosis → used with *for*
test for mechanical aptitude

,te-stə-'bi-lə-tē **noun**

'te-stə-bəl **adjective**

test 3 of 5 **adjective**

1 : of, relating to, or constituting a test

2 : subjected to, used for, or revealed by [testing](#)

a *test* group

test data

test 4 of 5 **noun (2)**

: an external hard or firm covering (such as a shell) of many invertebrates (such as a foraminifer or a mollusk)

Test 5 of 5 **abbreviation**

[Testament](#)

Phrases

test the waters or *less commonly* **test the water**

: to make a preliminary test or survey (as of reaction or interest) before embarking on a course of action



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Verb

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Noun (1)

will need to run some **tests** on the blood sample to rule out blood poisoning

applicants for the cashier's position must first take a simple math **test**

Verb

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Verb

Crossword puzzles offer a fantastic opportunity to engage your mind, enjoy leisure time, and **test** your knowledge simultaneously.

— Sally Hoelscher, *USA Today*, 23 Aug. 2025



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— Jay Adkisson, *Forbes.com*, 25 Aug. 2025

Adjective

The average fifth-grade teacher in Montgomery County spends one out of five days in the school year dealing with **test** prep, testing and post-test data collection.

— Nicole Asbury, *Washington Post*, 6 July 2022

Our testers evaluated and recorded their pre-**test** teeth color using the VITA Guide, brushed with the toothpastes as directed for several weeks, and then reevaluated teeth color.

— Danielle Zoellner, *Verywell Health*, 31 Jan. 2023

Noun

For over half a century, the **test** – which in the past has included one-mile runs, pushups, sit-ups and other types of physical challenges – was administered in school gyms nationwide.

— Zachary Schermele, *USA Today*, 26 Aug. 2025

Beyond AlphaFold, researchers at MIT used generative AI to design two entirely new antibiotic candidates capable of killing drug-resistant gonorrhoea and MRSA superbugs in lab and animal **tests**.

— Bernard Marr, *Forbes.com*, 25 Aug. 2025

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Etymology

Noun (1)

Middle English, vessel in which metals were assayed, potsherd, from Anglo-French *test*, *tees* pot, Latin *testum* earthen vessel; akin to Latin *testa* earthen pot, shell



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14th century, in the meaning defined at [sense 2c](#)

Verb

1748, in the meaning defined at [transitive sense 1](#)

Adjective

1687, in the meaning defined at [sense 1](#)

Noun (2)

1842, in the meaning defined [above](#)

Time Traveler

The first known use of *test* was in the 14th century

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test 1 of 3 noun

'test

- 1** : a means of finding out the nature, quality, or value of something
put the new car to the *test*
- 2** : a procedure or method for identifying something
a *test* for starch
allergy *tests*
- 3** : a set of questions or problems designed to find out a person's knowledge, skills, or intelligence
- 4** : a result of or rating based on a test
uses 80-pound *test* fishing line

test 2 of 3 verb

- 1** : to put to test or proof : **TRY**
test out your strength
- 2 a** : to take part in a test
actors *testing* for roles in the play
b : to achieve or be assigned a rating on the basis of tests
the class *tested* high in math
- 3** : to use tests as a way to analyze or identify
test for copper

'tes-tə-həl adjective



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 a *test* for starch using iodine
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 - b** : a diagnostic procedure for determining the presence or nature of a condition or disease or for revealing a change in function
 - c** : something (as a series of questions or exercises) for measuring the skill, knowledge, intelligence, capacities, or aptitudes of an individual or group
- 3** : a result or value determined by testing

test 2 of 3 transitive verb

: to subject to a test

intransitive verb

- 1** : to undergo a test



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test 3 of 3 adjective

- 1** : of, relating to, or constituting a test
the *test* environment affected the scores
- 2** : subjected to, used for, or revealed by [testing](#)
test substances

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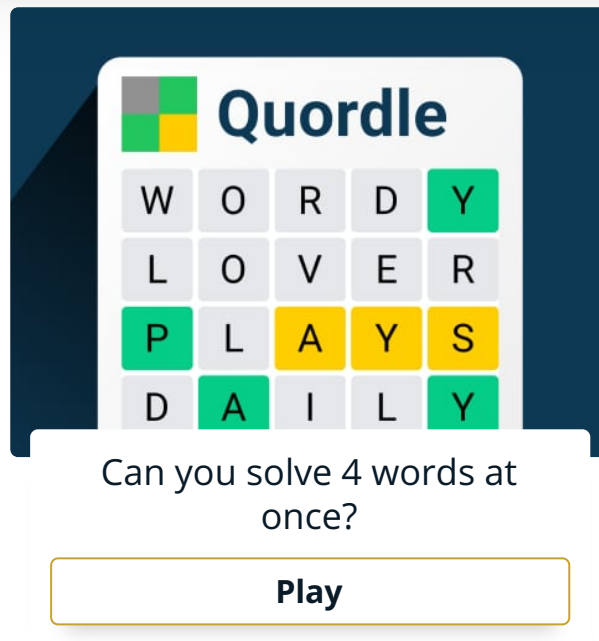
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