

V_YesNo v1.0

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1. V_YesNo v1.0 is a basic vocabulary size test. It uses the Yes/No methodology that was developed in the Eurocentres Vocabulary Size Test (Meara & Jones 1990). It more loosely resembles the X_Lex Tests (Meara & Milton 2003), which are no longer supported.

V_YesNo v1.0 uses a more reliable scoring system than X_Lex and it covers a wider range of vocabulary ability (0-10K words). V_YesNo v1.0 works well with learners in the middle and upper reaches of this range, but is less reliable for beginners and low level learners.

2. The **opening screen** looks like this:

V_YesNo

V_YesNo is a simple vocabulary test that estimates how many words you know.
The test takes about 10 minutes to complete.

enter your name here

enter your access code here

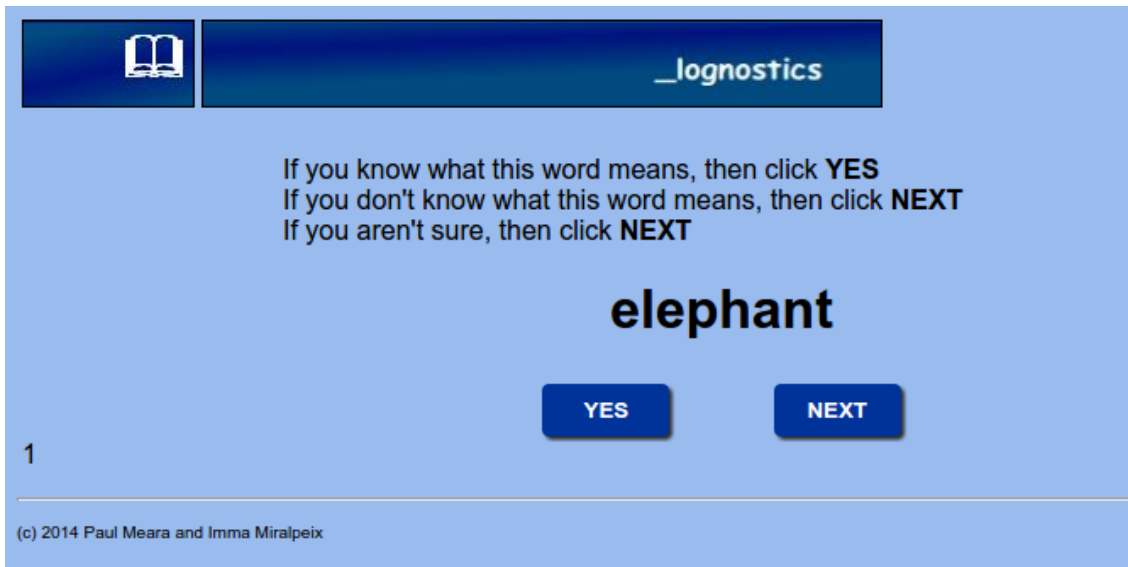
click **start** to begin

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3. If you want to save the data that V_YesNo collects, enter an ID and an access code in the boxes. The access code can be any sequence of letters or numbers that identify this data set and distinguish it from other data sets: e.g. *swansea36*. Keep a record of any of any identification codes that you use. If you are unlikely to want to recover the data again, then you can leave these boxes as they are.

4. Click **start** when you are ready to begin. This will generate a test of 200 items.

5. The main screen looks like the first diagram on the next page.



6. The test takers' task is to indicate whether they know the meaning of the word displayed. The wording of this instruction is important: some of the words in the test may be familiar to the test takers without them knowing what the word actually means.

7. The test takes approximately ten minutes to complete. The number in the bottom left hand corner of the main display indicates how many items you have done so far.

8. At the end of the test, the program displays a **report screen** which looks like this:



The score is an estimate of the number of words the test taker knows.

9. You can save a copy of this report by using your browser's print command.

10. Click on **start again** to begin a new test.

11. The maximum score is 10,000 words. Scores in the 6,000 to 10,000 word range are good for nonnative speakers.

Scores in the 3,500 to 6,000 word range are typical of intermediate level learners.
Scores in the 2,000 to 3,500 word range are typical of competent beginners.
Scores below 2,500 words are probably unreliable and should be treated with extreme caution.

12. V_YesNo scores any data it collects on a central data base. It is possible for researchers to access this data base for bona fide research purposes. Contact the authors if you need to do this.

Background reading

Meara, PM. and Jones, G. (1990) *The Eurocentres 10K Vocabulary Size Test*. Zurich: Eurocentres.

Meara, PM. and Milton, J. (2003) *X_Lex: The Swansea Vocabulary Levels Test*. Newbury: Express Publishing.

For a more detailed discussion of *V_YesNo*, see **PM Meara and I Miralpeix (2017)** *Tools for Researching Vocabulary*. Bristol: Multilingual Matters.