



Quickstart Guide Ellips

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Logging on to Ellips (for the first time)

1. Open a browser and go to the Ellips homepage. You can choose between Dutch and English:
 - Dutch: <https://ellips.service.rug.nl?lang=nl>
 - English: <https://ellips.service.rug.nl?lang=en>
2. Select your institution from the pull-down menu after “Organization” (NL: “Organisatie”).
3. Type your Ellips username after “Username” (NL: “Gebruikersnaam”) and click **Log In**. For “Password” (NL: “Wachtwoord”) enter your default password: “import” (without quotation marks).
4. If you cannot login, ask your teacher whether you have been registered or send an email to the technical coordinator; see the contact information below.
5. If you are logging in for the first time, **you have to change your password**.

Changing your password

1. Click the Profile icon in the at the top of the screen



2. You will see the following screen:

Personal data

First name

Last name

Email

Change password

Current password

New password

Confirm password

3. The first three fields, “Personal data” (NL: “Persoonlijke gegevens”) are for your first and last names, and your student email account. **DO NOT CHANGE THIS INFORMATION** unless your instructor had asked you to do this. Some instructors prefer not to see your name when looking at the results.
4. Under “Current password” (NL: “Huidige wachtwoord”), fill in “import”. (Without quotation marks)
5. Under “New password” (NL: “Nieuw wachtwoord”), fill in your preferred password and fill it in again under “Confirm password” (NL: “Bevestig wachtwoord”).
Note: You can use the password you use for your university account if you want to, but this is not necessary. Your Ellips account is not directly connected to your student account at the university.
6. Click “Save” (NL: “Bewaren”) to update your password.



Tests

After selecting a course, a menu with ‘units’ and study materials will appear on the left side of the screen. This can be in the root of the course, as in the image below, or connected to one of the pages under “Table of Contents”. Your instructor will inform you where to look for the units. Each “unit” (NL: “reeks”) contains a series of questions.

The screenshot shows the ELLIPS course interface. The top navigation bar includes the ELLIPS logo and a 'Course' tab. Below the navigation bar, the breadcrumb trail reads 'RuG - English Sentence Analysis / Units'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with 'RuG - English Sentence Analysis' and 'Units' expanded to show 'Table of Contents'. The main content area displays a list of nine series:

- Series 1: 1. Communicative functions of sentences and sentence constituents
- Series 2: 2. Sentences, clauses and phrases
- Series 3: 3. Verbs I
- Series 4: 4. Verbs II
- Series 5: 5. Word classes
- Series 6: 6. Phrases
- Series 7: 7. Sentence constituents realized as clauses
- Series 8: 8a. Special sentence patterns
- Series 9: 8b. How to analyze sentences at all levels

If you wish to start a series, click on the link in the right panel. A new tab “Exercises“ (NL: “Oefeningen”) on the right side of the tab “Course” is opened.

The screenshot shows the ELLIPS exercise interface. The top navigation bar includes the ELLIPS logo and a 'Course' tab, with the 'Exercises' sub-tab selected. The breadcrumb trail reads 'RuG - English Sentence Analysis / Units / 5. Word classes / RuG_ESA_p631'. The main content area contains a text box with the following text:

This exercise deals with WORD CLASSES.
Open the feedback if you make mistakes; then try again!

Place the labels from the list on the right between the brackets to indicate the wordclass of each word:

During [✓ preposition] actual lessons with a harsh instructor who [✗ demonstrative pronoun] cramped his style, issued unnecessary [✓ adjective] directives in yelps of technical slang, tried to wrestle the wheel from him at corners, and kept irritating a [✓ article] calm, intelligent pupil with expressions of vulgar detraction, Pnin [✗ personal pronoun] had been totally unable to combine perceptually [✓ adverb] the car he was driving in his [✓ possessive pronoun] mind and the car he was driving on the road.
(Vladimir Nabokov. Pnin)

At the bottom of the interface, there is a status bar with the following information:

- Answering attempt: 1
- Exercise score: 0% (0/71)
- Current series score: 1
- Series score: 0% (0/64)

Navigation icons for back, forward, and search are also visible.

In the bottom right corner is a pull-down menu that shows the number of the question you are presently answering and the total number of questions in the test. Through this menu or by using the arrows on the right side of it you can browse through all questions. You have to do all exercises in the test, but not necessarily in the same run; you may stop and continue later at the same position.



Question types

Ellips has four different types of questions: Gap texts, pick & click, and two multiple choice options. Ellips will check your answer if you click on the “Check” (NL: “Kijk na”) button:



Multiple choice

A standard multiple choice question has only one correct answer.

1. Click the right answer
2. Click on the “Check” button

Multiple answer

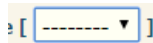
A multiple answer question has multiple correct answers.

1. Tick off the correct answer(s) (check boxes);
2. Click on the “Check” button

Pick & Click

A question of type pick & click has a number of possible answers given, out of which you need to pick the right ones for the right places.

1. Click in the gap, and then on the down arrow to open a list of possible answers. Click the correct answer and then click outside the gap;



2. If there are more gaps, you can use (Shift) + Enter or (Shift) + Tab to navigate through them. You need to fill all gaps before you can check your answers;
3. Click on the “Check” button.

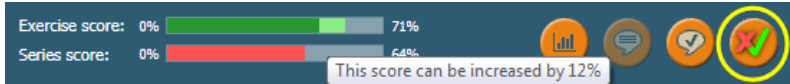
Gap texts

This is a question type, where you need to enter the right answer in the gap.

1. Click on the gap in the question and enter your answer;
2. If there are more gaps, you can use (Shift) + Enter or (Shift) + Tab to navigate through them. You need to fill all gaps before you can check your answers;
3. Click on the “Check” button.



Important: After answering a question, **always click the check button**, otherwise your answers will **not** be stored!



Scores, multiple attempts, and model answer



After verifying your answer, a green check marker ('OK') or red cross ('wrong') will appear in front of the answer. Further, at the bottom of the page your score will be displayed as a percentage and the number of attempts you used ("Answering trial/Oefeningpoging"). When you decide to do a second attempt, you can still gain 40% of the total score of the question. The remaining score is visible as a light green bar .



After the second attempt you cannot earn any points anymore. Left to the check button is the model answer button. It shows the correct answer. When clicked, you cannot earn any points anymore. The upper score bar displays the score for the current exercise, while the lower score bar shows the score for the whole series (hover the mouse cursor over the green bar to get detailed information about the remaining score).

Feedback

In some cases the creator of the test has added feedback to the questions to explain the correct answer or to give advice. The feedback can be opened by clicking on the correct/incorrect button in front of the answer or gap. Close the feedback by clicking on the "x" button. In the example, the feedback for the correct answer "imperative" is shown.

Vraagdeel

Driving on acid is easy
Driving on acid is a breeze
Just keep the car on the highway
Don't laugh and don't fart and don't sneeze
(Loudon Wainwright III. The Acid Song)

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imperative

An imperative sentence expresses a command or request. It typically lacks a subject. It begins with a verb in its base form, here **"keep"** (or with "you" if the subject is present). You can also add sentence modifiers, such as: "never", "always", "please", "now", "immediately", "just" etc.

[Sentence forms: Introduction](#)
[Imperative sentence](#)

Ending or suspending a test

When you have finished a test or if you wish to stop during a test click on the tab "Course" (NL: "Cursus").



Results: the dossier

You can check your progress and results while you are in the middle of doing a test by clicking on the dossier icon next to the “Check” button.



The dossier is continuously updated while doing the test. Its status is reflected in the lower score bar in the right corner of the screen while doing the test. When you do not meet the requirements for passing (see above), this bar turns red. Otherwise, it is green.



Alternatively, after completing a test, you can review all results by clicking on the File (“dossier”) button at the top of the screen.

Scores below the cutting score (‘caesura’, see below) are displayed in red, while green scores are higher or equal to the cutting score. When you tried different attempts, only the highest score will be displayed under “Series” (“Reeksen”).

Personal Dossier

Personal Dossier of [blurred name]

► [Expand Legend ...](#)

Course RuG - English Sentence Analysis
Course Group rug test

Series		
40	RuG_ESA 1. Communicative functions of sentences and sentence constituents	► Details
0	RuG_ESA 2. Sentences, clauses and phrases	► Details
4	RuG_ESA 3. Verbs I	► Details
33	RuG_ESA 4. Verbs II	► Details
10	RuG_ESA 5. Word classes	► Details
0	RuG_ESA 6. Phrases	► Details
0	RuG_ESA 7. Sentence constituents realized as clauses	► Details
--	RuG_ESA 8a. Special sentence patterns	
0	RuG_ESA 8b. How to analyze sentences at all levels	► Details

By clicking on the “Details” button on the right hand side of the screen, you can see more detailed information about this series of questions. In the table you can see your score for each cycle (the concept of “cycle” is explained in the next paragraph) for each subject covered by the test. For each subject in a chapter (most chapters cover several subjects), there is a row in the table. For example, in the case of the chapter below, in the first cycle the student answered 71% of the questions on the subject of *Communicative functions of sentences and sentence constituents* correctly (which is below the cutting score (see below) and therefore coloured red). Three of the four subjects in this series were scored below 80% (red), only the last subject, *name sentence pattern*, was scored above 80% (green). In the second cycle, only exercises from the first three subjects were selected. In the third cycle, only exercises from *fun_clause* were selected. The low total score of the cycles 2 and 3 (36% and 48%) are caused by the fact that 15 of the 25 exercises are selected from this subject, and the student performed very poor on this subject.

For each new attempt there is a separate table.



Personal Dossier

Personal Dossier of [redacted]

[Expand Legend...](#)

Course RuG - English Sentence Analysis
Course Group rug test

Series

40 RuG_ESA 1. Communicative functions of sentences and sentence constituents [Details](#)

Student Overview

Course RuG - English Sentence Analysis
Course Group rug test
Student [redacted]
Series RuG_ESA 1. Communicative functions of sentences and sentence constituents
Cutting Score 80 %
Content Page Units

Series Score

Course Group Average Score 35 %

Current Series Attempt 1

Score 71 % [Given Answers](#)

Subtopic	# exercises	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Cycle 4	Cycle 5	Cycle 6	Cycle 7	Cycle 8	Cycle 9
RuG_ESA fun_clause	15	63	7	13	0					
RuG_ESA definition sentence forms	1	40	100	100	100					
RuG_ESA make different sentence forms	2	50	0	100	100					
RuG_ESA name sentence pattern	7	100	100	100	100					
	25	71 %	36 %	48 %	40 %					

0 RuG_ESA 2. Sentences, clauses and phrases [Details](#)

4 RuG_ESA 3. Verbs I [Details](#)

33 RuG_ESA 4. Verbs II [Details](#)

10 RuG_ESA 5. Word classes [Details](#)



Practicing

A test consists of a series (“reeks”) of questions randomly drawn from a database. This is possible, because the database contains a number of questions for all subjects.

When all exercises are made

After you are finished making all exercises in a series, a message pops up with information about your progress.

Open the feedback if you make mistakes; then try again!	
Status	All exercises have been completed and marked at least once. After comparing the scores on each subject with the cutting score the outcome is: insufficient . more »
Cutting Score	80%
Series Score	33%
Remaining Score	22%
Action	Click here for additional exercises (new cycle).
Details	scoring overview

Status tells in words whether you **master the set**, that is: *the score on all subjects is equal to or higher than the cutting score*.

Cutting Score is the minimum score required for each subject.

Series Score is the total score on the whole set; it is calculated as a weighted average of all subject scores.

Remaining Score shows the percentage that you can still earn by improving on wrong answers.

Action shows what Ellips should do next.

Details provides a link to the dossier ('score overview').

Passing

The cutting score (“cesuur”) is the minimally needed percentage of correct answers to pass a test. It can differ for each test. In the example above, the cutting score was 80%. During the test and after the last question, your score, a percentage, will be displayed. You only pass a test when your score **on all subjects** is equal to or higher than the cutting score.

Redoing

When your score on the test is below the cutting score, Ellips will offer you the opportunity to redo the test. This is called another cycle (“cyclus”). When you redo a test set for the second time (your second cycle), it will only contain new questions on subjects for which your score was below the cutting score. In this way you learn from your mistakes in an earlier cycle. Ellips remembers answers given earlier. You may want to redo the test for a third etc. time (entering another cycle) until you pass the test.

Improving

Although you may have passed the test, you may want to improve yourself by redoing the whole test again. You are doing another attempt (“poging”) with possibly fresh exercises, depending on how many exercises on the appropriate subjects are available in the database.

Logging off

Use the logoff button in the upper right corner to end your session:



Help & Contact

If you have any questions or experience technical difficulties, please contact your teacher, or fill out the [Question form](#).