

All of Avant's tests include a Writing section. With the exception of the English Proficiency test, test takers will need to provide writing samples that are in a language other than English. The method for inputting the language sample may differ, depending on the target language for the test.

## Languages with Accents and Special Characters

For writing in languages that are not character-based, but require accents or special characters, the Writing section of the test will display a character-selection box as follows:

Spanish



French

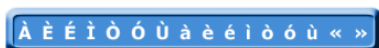


(use the arrows to access additional characters)

German



Italian



(use the arrows to access additional characters)

For any accents or special characters not included on the character-selection box, a short-cut key may be available. Various websites have this information – for example:

<http://tlt.its.psu.edu/suggestions/international/bylanguage/index.html>

## Character-based Languages

Character activation is required on computers that test takers will use for writing in Chinese, Japanese, Arabic or any other character-based languages. This task is typically completed by an IT Representative, with some direction from the Testing Coordinator as to which input method(s) should be selected during the language setup.

For the person doing the character activation, instructions are available through the computer's operating system Help option. Search for "language" or "input language" and read the instructions related to adding an input language and/or using the Language bar (Windows) or Menu bar (MacIntosh).

The Testing Coordinator should also ensure that the test takers will know how to switch to the character-based input for the Writing section of the test.

## Pinyin or Romaji?

Test Takers may use a Romanized version (such as pinyin or romaji) of a character-based language. However, in doing so, the test taker will top-out at the novice-high level. In order to score at the intermediate level or higher, test takers must be able to use characters.

## Need Help?

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