

Resources for Preparing for the Peace Officers Written Exam (POST Test)

1. Police Test Tutors

For the student who needs a focused class with instructor feedback, consider registering for the very popular online class or a free two-hour workshop. These resources are particularly helpful for students struggling to pass the exam, whose English grammar, spelling, vocabulary, and reading comprehension are in need of improvement, or whose first language is not English. The following website “Police Test Tutors” contains information on free face-to-face workshops, free webinar, free resources, and the comprehensive online course.

A. Online Course A highly effective, high pass rate, online course that maximally prepares students for the POST Test (PELLET-B). Register and find out more information at the following link:

<https://policetesttutors.com/online-course/>

B. Free Resources:

1. <https://policetesttutors.com/freeresources/> – get free practice exercises/information for the exam
2. <https://policetesttutors.com/webinars/> -Two hour free online webinars giving tips and tricks on how to better prepare for the POST. Participants can analyze their strengths and weaknesses and ask questions to the instructor – live.

II. Internet Resources That Address Each Area of the POST Test:

A. Reading- the candidate MUST read everyday and be able to answer reading comprehension questions. Practice is the only tried and true way of improving reading skills. The POST has twenty-two reading comprehension questions, and since the POST test is timed, speed and accuracy becomes essential to a successful test score. The following links provide practice with questions and answers:

1. <http://fcit.usf.edu/fcat10r/home/sample-tests/index.html>
2. <http://www.testprepreview.com/modules/readingmainidea.htm>
3. http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwrtp/f23fra_i.htm
4. <http://www.spreader.com/app.php>
5. http://www.examenglish.com/IELTS/cbIELTS_reading.htm

B. Grammar- the POST test has 15-18 grammar questions that determines the candidates proficiency in six grammatical concepts. The links below will provide practice for each of these areas.

1. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/exercises/5/18/38/> - Fragment practice tests
2. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/exercises/5/13/34/> - Subject verb agreement practice tests
3. <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/exercises/5/26/5> – Run on Sentences
4. <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/597/1/> - Dangling modifier practice test
5. <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/595/1/> -Pronoun agreement
6. <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/engagement/2/1/36/> – Squinting modifier

C. Spelling – the POST test has 15-18 spelling words that cover some of the trickier types of spelling forms such as “ie” combinations, silent letters, double consonants, and other commonly misspelled words. The following sites will help you practice mastering these words.

1. http://www.alphadictionary.com/articles/misspell_quiz.html – excellent site for spelling practice
2. <http://zone.msn.com/en/root/deluxe.htm?code=112680150&RefID=25> - a fun but relevant online game to practice spelling

3. <http://www.visualthesaurus.com/bee/> adapts to each person's spelling level

D. Vocabulary- the POST test has 15-18 vocabulary questions ranging from moderate to difficult words. Reading is the best way to increase vocabulary; however, there are websites and software that can assist in increasing vocabulary competency. A proficient vocabulary is also essential when taking the CLOZE (fill-in-the-blanks) portion of the exam.

1. <https://www.vocabulary.com/> -an excellent resource – sign up for a free account and then go to Jim Burke's Academic Word List
2. <http://www.vocabtest.com/> -start at the sixth grade to freshman level. Levels beyond that contain words too advanced and not seen on the exam.

E. CLOZE (Fill-in-the-blanks) – the final portion of the POST exam, and the most dreaded, is the fill-in-the-blanks section. It is difficult in that the candidate needs to have good reading comprehension skills and an adequate vocabulary. The candidate must supply the exact word in the exact number of spaces given. No word choices are given making this exam harder. The best way to prepare is to practice a CLOZE test once a day. To start, go to sites that give you answer choices. After that, practice doing exercises that are just like those found on the POST exam.

1. www.policetesttutors.com/freeresources – learn how to make your own CLOZE test exactly like the POST, and practice CLOZE exams like those the POST test for free.
2. <http://www.englishlearner.com/intermediate/mermaid-cloze-1.shtml> – practice CLOZE tests
3. <http://www.flo-joe.co.uk/fce/students/tests/tsindex.htm> – practice Cloze tests

III. Books and Study Guides:

For students who do well by reading books to refresh their skills, they may find the following texts and study guides useful.

A. California Police Officer Exam, third edition, ISBN-13: 978-1576857281

B. California POST sample test: <http://lib.post.ca.gov/publications/poWrittenPracticeTest.pdf>

C. CHP Study Guide: <https://recruitment.chp.ca.gov/html/asg.pdf>

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. How much does the POST test cost? **Answer:** It's free
2. How many times can I take the POST? **Answer:** Once every 30 days.
3. Can I find out which questions I missed? **Answer:** No, sorry!
4. What is the highest achievable T-score? **Answer:** T-78.8 (Einstein level)
5. Does the POST test require a lot of studying? **Answer:** Yes, put the time in so you can get a good score.

For an electronic copy of this resource list, go to www.policetesttutors.com/freeresources/