Windows XP
If you are running the Original BEST Plus Test CD (red) on Windows XP, you need to be signed in as an Administrator in order to install the program. Once the program is installed, you need at least Power User Rights to run the software.

Windows Vista and Windows 7/8/10
To run the red Original BEST Plus Test CD on Windows Vista or Windows 7/8/10 by following the steps below:
1. Ensure that your Windows Vista or Windows 7/8/10 user account is set up with Administrator Rights.
2. Insert the red BEST Plus Test CD into the computer.
3. Go to My Computer, Computer, or Windows Explorer and browse files on the CD.
4. Right click on the CD and select "Open" to see all the files on the CD (some computers may show "Expand" or “Explore” instead).
5. Open the "Program_Files" folder and right click on "BEST_Plus.exe" application.
6. From the menu, select "Create Shortcut" and save it to the desktop.
7. Exit My Computer and go to your desktop.
8. Right click on the BEST Plus shortcut and select "Properties" and then "Compatibility".
9. In the section that says "Run this program in compatibility mode for:" select Windows XP (Service Pack 2 or 3).
10. Select "Run program as an Administrator," then click "Apply," and then click "Ok."
11. Before running BEST Plus, you will need to install the database again. To do so, go to Start, select run and type D:\Program_Files\DAO\DAO_Setup.exe (You will need to know the specific drive letter for your CD-ROM, usually labeled as "D" on most machines.) This step only needs to be done once and does not need to be repeated when setting up the score management software.
12. Right click on the icon and select Rename.
13. Rename the icon to 'BP' so that you can easily find it again (You will need to do the same for the score management software – rename it ‘SMS’).
14. Double left click on the BEST Plus shortcut on your desktop and the test will run.

You will need to repeat this process to run the score management software (BEST_Plus_SMS.exe). After going through all the steps, you will not need to repeat the process when running BEST Plus.

Email:  aea@cal.org.
Website:  www.cal.org/aea

Copyright © 2016 Center for Applied Linguistics