



The New TOEFL® iBT: It's the **Key to Academic Success**

Measures the skills students need to communicate effectively in English in academic settings

- **A new, Internet-based version of the TOEFL® test is now available in a city near you.** First introduced in 2005, TOEFL® iBT is being gradually introduced throughout the world in 2007. During this transition, the TOEFL paper-based test will continue to be offered in countries where TOEFL iBT is not yet available or in locations where TOEFL iBT is unable to meet testing needs. To view the list of TOEFL test center locations, visit www.ets.org/toefl.
- **The new TOEFL test measures all four language skills** that are important for effective communication: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing. The test emphasizes English communication in academic settings.
- **Some questions require the test taker to use more than one English-language skill and to combine, or integrate,** information from more than one source just as students do in an academic classroom. For example, in some cases test takers read a passage, listen to a short lecture about a topic, and then speak or write in response. TOEFL iBT helps test takers prove they can combine their English-language skills to effectively communicate their ideas, which is one of the keys to academic success.
- **A Speaking section with six tasks has been added.** Test takers wear headphones and speak their responses into a microphone. The responses are digitally recorded and sent to ETS's Online Scoring Network (OSN). **To ensure maximum objectivity and reliability,** three to six certified ETS raters evaluate the responses. All raters undergo constant monitoring to ensure the highest accuracy and quality control possible.
- **The Writing section has been expanded.** The new test requires test takers to write a response to material they have heard and read. They are also asked to compose an essay in support of an opinion. Typed responses to the two Writing tasks are sent to the ETS OSN where four raters evaluate the responses.
- **Scoring guides and sample responses for both the Writing and Speaking sections are available at www.ets.org/toefl.**
- **The new scores help to explain the test taker's English-language skill level.** ETS provides comprehensive scoring information, including four skill scores and a total score. Test takers also receive performance feedback on their score reports to support learning. The feedback provides information about the test taker's proficiency level and areas of strengths and weaknesses.
- **Scores will now be reported online.** Test takers can view their TOEFL iBT scores online 15 business days after they take the test. They will also receive a copy of their score report by mail. In the future, colleges, universities and agencies will also be able to view scores online, as well as receive score reports as they do now.
- **Note taking is allowed.** Test takers may take notes on any section of the test just as they would in an academic classroom. Test takers can use their notes to answer test questions.
- **The TOEFL iBT is about four hours long,** and all four sections are taken on the same day.

TOEFL® iBT, CBT and PBT: A Comparison

	Internet-based TOEFL® Test	Computer-based TOEFL Test	Paper-based TOEFL Test
Skills tested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening • Speaking • Reading • Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening • Structure (grammar) • Reading • Writing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening • Structure (grammar) • Reading • Writing
Total time	4 hours	3.5 hours	3 hours
Integrated tasks	Yes	No	No
Note taking	Yes	No	No
Computer adaptive	Not computer adaptive. Each test taker receives the same range of questions in any given form of the test.	Listening and Structure are computer adaptive. Reading and Writing are not.	Not applicable
Reading	<p>3-5 passages from academic texts Approximately 700 words long Includes multiple-focus passages (compare/contrast, cause/effect) 12-14 questions for each passage <i>Time: 60-100 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 0-30</i></p> <p>What's different?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glossary to define key words; easy-to-use review feature • New task — categorize information and fill in chart/complete summary 	<p>4-5 passages from academic texts 250-350 words long 11 questions per passage <i>Time: 70-90 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 0-30</i></p>	<p>5 passages from academic texts 250-350 words long 10 questions per passage <i>Time: 55 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 31-67</i></p>
Listening	<p>4-6 lectures, some with classroom discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • each 3-5 minutes long, 6 questions each <p>2-3 conversations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • each 3 minutes long, 5 questions each <p><i>Time: 60-90 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 0-30</i></p> <p>What's different?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Longer, more authentic conversations and lectures • Note taking allowed • New questions that measure understanding of a speaker's attitude, degree of certainty, purpose or motivation 	<p>11-17 dialogues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 question each • 2-3 short conversations • Each up to 1 minute long, 2-3 questions each • 4-6 mini-lectures and discussions • Each up to 2 minutes long, 3-6 questions each <p><i>Time: 40-60 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 0-30</i></p>	<p>3-4 mini-talks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • each 60-90 seconds long, 3-5 questions each <p>2-3 extended conversations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • each 60-90 seconds long, 3-5 questions each <p>30-40 dialogues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • each 5-15 seconds long, 1 question each <p><i>Time: 30-40 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 31-68</i></p>



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	Internet-based TOEFL® Test	Computer-based TOEFL Test	Paper-based TOEFL Test
Speaking	<p>Six tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 independent tasks — express an opinion on a familiar topic • 4 integrated tasks — speak based on what is read and heard <p>Up to 30 seconds to prepare the response</p> <p>Up to 1 minute to respond</p> <p><i>Time: 20 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 0-4 points; total of ratings converted to 0-30 score scale</i></p> <p>What's different?</p> <p>Everything — it's a brand new section!</p>	None	None
Writing	<p>Two tasks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 integrated task — write based on what is read and heard • 1 independent task — support an opinion on a topic <p><i>Time: 50 minutes</i> <i>• 20 minutes for integrated task</i> <i>• 30 minutes for independent task</i></p> <p><i>Score scale: 0-5 points; total of ratings converted to 0-30 score scale</i></p> <p>What's different?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated task • 0-5 points • Typing required 	<p>1 independent task — support an opinion on a topic</p> <p><i>Time: 30 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 0-6 points; combined with Structure and converted to 0-30 score scale</i></p> <p>Typing optional</p>	<p>1 independent task (<i>Test of Written English™</i>)</p> <p><i>Time: 30 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 0-6 points, reported separately on score report</i></p> <p>Handwriting only</p>
Structure (grammar)	No grammar section on the test, although grammar is evaluated in speaking and writing responses.	<p>20-25 questions</p> <p><i>Time: 15-20 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: score combined with Writing section (see above)</i></p>	<p>40 questions</p> <p><i>Time: 25 minutes</i> <i>Score scale: 31-68</i></p>
Total score	0-120	0-300	310-677
Performance feedback	Performance feedback for each skill is provided on the test taker report.	None	None



Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: When will TOEFL® iBT be introduced in my area?

A: TOEFL® iBT is now available in most parts of the world. ETS is opening additional test centers as they are ready to deliver the test. During this transition to TOEFL iBT, ETS will continue to offer the paper-based TOEFL® (PBT) test in cities where TOEFL iBT is not yet available. It's likely that some cities in a particular country will offer TOEFL iBT, while others do not. As the number of TOEFL iBT test centers increases to meet the testing needs, PBT will be discontinued. A list of test centers is available at www.ets.org/toefl by clicking on "TOEFL iBT Test Locations."

Q: How do test takers know which cities have TOEFL iBT test centers?

A: You can find that information by clicking on "TOEFL iBT Test Locations" on the TOEFL® website at www.ets.org/toefl. The list is updated every Monday.

Q: Where is the test administered?

A: The new test is administered in secure Internet-based test centers on fixed test dates. The number of administrations varies according to volume and test center capacity and availability.

Q: How can test takers register?

A: Test takers can register online, by phone or by mail. Follow the link "Register for a Test" in the Learners and Test Takers section of the TOEFL website. Registration and Information Bulletins are available online and at many educational advising centers, colleges, universities and libraries.

Q: How much longer will paper-based testing be available in a country?

A: Paper-based testing will continue to be available in areas where TOEFL iBT is not yet offered or if additional testing capacity is needed in a specific location.

Q: How much longer will the TSE® test (*Test of Spoken English™*) be available in a country?

A: The TSE test will continue to be available in areas where TOEFL iBT is not yet supported.

Q: What is the fee for TOEFL iBT?

A: The price of the test varies by country. Please check www.ets.org/toefl for the test fees in your country.

Q: Are sample questions available?

A: A **free** TOEFL iBT Sampler is available with registration. The Sampler includes questions from sections of the Internet-based test. The Reading and Listening sections are interactive and sample responses are provided for the Writing and Speaking questions.

Q: Is it possible to take a practice test and get a score?

A: Yes, TOEFL iBT practice exams can be purchased at TOEFL® Practice Online, www.ets.org/toeflpractice. This site features practice exams that include **exclusive** TOEFL iBT practice questions covering all four skills: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing, with instant scoring. In addition, TOEFL iBT practice test takers have the opportunity to join TOEFL® *access*, a free online community that allows them to participate in discussion boards and receive a free e-magazine with information about studying in English-speaking countries.

Q: Which colleges, universities and licensing agencies accept TOEFL test scores?

A: More than 6,000 colleges, universities and licensing agencies in more than 110 countries accept TOEFL test scores. The TOEFL test opens more doors to studying abroad than any other English test in the world. For a list of approved score recipients, please visit www.ets.org/toefl.



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