



About The TOEFL iBT (*Internet Based Test*)

The TOEFL iBT test measures the English language skills important for effective communication in an academic setting. *It consists of four sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing. The entire test is about four hours long* and all sections are taken on the same day.

The TOEFL iBT test uses integrated tasks that require test takers to combine just as they would in *a real academic setting*. The integrated questions ask test takers to:

- Read, listen and then speak in response to a question
- Listen and then speak in response to a question
- Read, listen and then write in response to a question

Test Format

The following chart shows the possible number of questions and the timing for each section of the test. The time limit for each section varies according to the number of questions. Every test contains either a longer Reading section or a longer Listening section. Additionally, below it is the sequence which TOEFL iBT test is given during the official session.

<i>Test Section</i>	<i>Number of Questions</i>	<i>Timing</i>
Reading	3-5 passages, 12-14 questions each	60-100 minutes
Listening	4-6 lectures, 6 questions each 2-3 conversations, 5 questions each	60-90 minutes
BREAK	MANDATORY	10 minutes
Speaking	6 tasks: 2 independent and 4 integrated	20 minutes
Writing	1 integrated task 1 independent task	20 minutes 30 minutes

Test Administration

- The TOEFL iBT test is administered via computer from a secure Internet-based network.
- Instructions for answering questions are given with each section. Test takers can take notes throughout the entire test. At the end of testing, all notes are collected and destroyed to ensure test security.
- For the Speaking section, test takers wear headphones and speak into a microphone. Responses are digitally recorded and sent to the ETS Online Scoring Network where three to six human raters score the responses.

- For the Writing section, test takers type their responses. Responses are sent to the ETS Online Scoring Network, where they are rated by four raters – two human raters for the integrated task, one human rater and one e-rater for the independent task. (With e-rater, your responses are scored by the computer.)
- All human raters are trained and certified by ETS and are continuously monitored throughout the day each time they rate.
- Scores are reported both online and by mail.

About Test Scores

Scores Scales

The TOEFL iBT test provides scores in four skill areas:

Reading 0-30

Listening 0-30

Speaking 0-30

Writing 0-30

Total Score 0-120 (The total score is the sum of the four section scores)

Score Reports

The score reports provide information about your readiness to participate and succeed in academic studies in an English-speaking setting. Score reports include:

- Four skill scores
- Total score

Scores are reported online two weeks after the test. You can view your scores online free of charge. Paper copies are mailed shortly after the scores are posted online. However it is recommended planning beforehand, since mail services sometimes make the delivery of Score Result more than two weeks.

Colleges, universities and agencies also can view your scores online and receive paper score reports when you have selected them as score recipients. You can do this free of charge for up to four score recipients when you register, or you can do it after the test for a fee of (US\$ 17). You can order by logging into your online profile, by mail or by fax. Go to www.ets.org/toefl for more information.

Performance Feedback

Score reports also include feedback that indicates whether your performance was high, medium or low and describes what test takers in these score ranges typically know and can do with the English language. In the future, performance feedback will also include suggestions for improvement.

Score Requirements

Each institution sets its own requirements for TOEFL iBT scores. These minimums depend on factors such as the applicant's field of study, the level of study (undergraduate or graduate), whether the applicant will be a teaching assistant and whether the institution offers English as a Second Language support for its students.

Each has collected the score requirements of many TOEFL Destination institutions. For your convenience, these are included in the TOEFL Destinations Directory at www.toeflgoanywhere.org. However, we advise you to check with your particular program or department at your target destination to find out if they have any special score requirements.

Register for the TOEFL iBT Test

Through ETS home page www.ets.org/toefl clicking on the right side at the top in which says REGISTER NOW. When you create your user, you will be able to access the location and dates available.

- Register 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Be sure to spell your name exactly as it appears on the identification you will bring on test day.
- Pay with a credit/debit card: American Express®, Discover®, JCB®, MasterCard® or VISA®. You can also use an electronic check (e-check) if you have a bank account in the United States or its territories.
- Payment can also be made using a registration voucher obtained from a local TOEFL iBT Test Resource Center. Site: www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/register/

About being prepared to take TOEFL iBT:

It is recommended that the candidate create "user" by registering via www.ets.org/toefl clicking on the right side at the top in which says REGISTER NOW. After that the candidate will have access to:

Free TOEFL iBT® Test Sample Questions

- Includes questions from all four sections of the test
- Includes Speaking and Writing sample responses

TOEFL iBT Sampler: www.toeflgoanywhere.org

- More free sample questions, included with registration for the TOEFL iBT test

TOEFL iBT Tips: www.toeflgoanywhere.org

- Free guide to the test with study tips, scoring rubrics, test section overviews, and more

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- Match *TOEFL iBT*® reading scores to **Lexile**® measures
- Find books of interest at the appropriate reading level

TOEFL® Practice Online (available at the ETS Store www.ets.org/store)

- Simulates TOEFL iBT testing experience
- Provides instant scores and performance feedback

The Official Guide to the TOEFL® Test, 3rd Edition

- Paperback book and CD or e-book formats with test preparation tips, strategies and sample questions

Pronunciation in English; Idioms in English; and Writing in English (available at the ETS Store www.ets.org/store)

- Interactive multimedia programs

Note: Information extracted from TOEFL Test Prep PLANNER and the ETS' website: [/www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/faq](http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/faq)