

# Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) IBT Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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## What is the TOEFL IBT?

The TOEFL IBT is the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) Internet Based Test (IBT). The TOEFL IBT is broken down into four areas: Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. There are

## Which level do I need to achieve in the TOEFL IBT?

You will need a minimum overall score of 100 out of 120.

## How do I book my TOEFL IBT?

Visit the ETS website to discover the different type of TOEFL IBT test options, whether that's at a test centre or from home. You can book your test using the link below:

<https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/take/>

## What do the TOEFL IBT tests involve?

The TOEFL IBT test has 4 sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing. During the test, you'll perform tasks that combine these 4 English communication skills, such as:

- 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

The total test takes about 3 hours to complete, but you should plan for 3½ hours, allowing 30 minutes for check in.

Test	Content	Time
Reading	<p><b>30 – 40 questions.</b> This test is designed to assess how well you can read and understand the kind of materials used in an academic environment. It includes 3 or 4 reading passages, each approximately 700 words long, with 10 questions per passage.</p> <p>Reading passages are excerpts from a variety of university-level textbooks that would be used in introductions to a discipline or topic.</p>	54 – 72 minutes
Listening	<p><b>28 – 39 questions.</b> This test is designed to measure your ability to understand conversations and lectures in English.</p> <p>There are 2 types of listening items — lectures and conversations. Both use campus-based language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3–4 lectures, each 3–5 minutes long, with 6 questions per lecture.</li> <li>• 2–3 conversations with 2 speakers, each 3 minutes long, with 5 questions per conversation.</li> </ul>	41 – 57 minutes

### Break – 10 minutes

<b>Speaking</b>	<p><b>4 tasks.</b> This test is designed to measure your ability to speak English effectively in academic settings. It is composed of tasks that resemble real-life situations you might encounter both in and outside of a classroom.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Question 1 – Independent speaking task</b> This requires you to draw entirely on your own ideas, opinions and experiences when you respond.</li> <li>• <b>Questions 2–4 – Integrated speaking tasks</b> This requires you to combine your English-language skills – listening and speaking, or listening, reading and speaking – just as you would in or out of a classroom.</li> </ul> <p>You'll get 15–30 seconds of preparation time before each response, and your response will be 45 or 60 seconds long.</p>	17 minutes
<b>Writing</b>	<p><b>2 tasks.</b> This test is designed to measure your ability to write in English in an academic setting, and you're expected to be able to present your ideas in a clear, well-organised manner.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Integrated writing task (20 minutes)</b> – Read a short passage and listen to a short lecture, then write in response to what you read and listened to.</li> <li>• <b>Independent writing task (30 minutes)</b> – Write an essay based on personal experience or opinion in response to a writing topic.</li> </ul>	50 minutes

For more information on the TOEFL IBT tests content, visit: <https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/about/content/>

### ***When will I receive my TOEFL IBT results?***

Your scores will arrive anywhere between 4-13 business days after your test date, with the time ranging due to the type of test you take. Discover more here:

<https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/scores/getting>

### ***How long are my TOEFL IBT results valid for?***

Your TOEFL IBT results are valid for 2 years.