



# The TOEFL® Test: Your Passport to Study Abroad

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# What is the TOEFL® Test?

- The TOEFL test measures the ability of nonnative speakers to use and understand English as it is spoken, written, and heard in college and university settings
- Used primarily for admission into universities where English is the language of instruction
  - Accepted at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels
- Also used for immigration, licensing, scholarships, and placement



# The TOEFL® Test Advantage

- **Most accepted:** 8,000+ institutions in 130 countries, including the top 100 Universities in the US\*
- **Most respected:** Admissions officers surveyed say that it provides **more accurate scores** to differentiate between applicants
- **Most preferred:** 4 out of 5 US admissions officers who were surveyed and stated a preference **prefer the TOEFL test** over other English-language tests\*\*
- **Most taken:** More than **25 million** people have taken the test
- **Most diverse applicant pool:** Students who take the TOEFL test come from more than 180 countries

\* Source: National Universities Ranking, *US News and World Report Best Colleges 2011*

\*\* Source: Survey of 263 admissions officers at U.S. universities, of which 212 accept both the TOEFL test and the IELTS™ test and 152 state a preference.



# The TOEFL® Test Advantage

- **Most fair and unbiased:**
  - Uses multiple raters, not just one
  - Scoring is done separately from the test center for maximum fairness
- **Most testing sites:** 4,500 locations in 165 countries worldwide, making it easy to find a test site near you
- **Emphasizes communicative English:** Shows universities how well you **use** English, not just what you **know** about it
- **Uses integrated questions:** The test reflects the kinds of English you will experience at university



# The TOEFL iBT<sup>®</sup> Test Format

Section	Description	Testing Time	Score Scale
Reading	3-4 passages from academic texts; 12-14 questions per passage	60-80 min.	0-30
Listening	4-6 lectures, some with classroom discussion, 6 questions each; 2-3 conversations, 5 questions each	60-90 min.	0-30
Break	-	10 min.	-
Speaking	2 tasks to express an opinion; 4 tasks to speak based on reading and listening passages	20 min.	0-30
Writing	1 integrated task (write based on what is read and listened to); 1 independent task (support an opinion on a topic)	50 min.	0-30
Total Score	-	-	0-120

Note taking is allowed in all sections.



# TOEFL® iBT Reading Section

- 3 to 4 reading passages
  - Reading passages approximately 700 words long
  - Followed by 12 to 14 questions for each reading passage
  - Includes multiple-focus passages (e.g., cause/effect, compare/contrast)
- Glossary feature to define words not commonly used
- 60 to 80 minutes
- Easy-to-use review feature



# TOEFL® iBT Listening Section

- 4 to 6 lectures; 2 or 3 with classroom dialogue
  - 3 to 5 minutes long
  - Each has 6 questions
- 2 or 3 conversations with 2 speakers (1 is a student)
  - 2 to 3 minutes long
  - Each has 5 questions
- Note taking allowed
- 60 to 90 minutes



# TOEFL iBT Speaking Section

## The kind of academic speaking you'll need to do at university

- Six different questions
  - Independent speaking
    - Speaking about familiar topics
  - Integrated speaking
    - Speaking about campus situations
    - Speaking about academic course content
- Responses scored by 3-6 anonymous, objective raters



# TOEFL® iBT Writing Section

## 2 Writing tasks

- 1 integrated task
  - Reading/Listening/Writing
  - Short academic listening and reading material
  - 20 minutes
- 1 independent essay
  - Response based on personal experience or opinion
  - Similar to current essay for the TOEFL® computer-based test or the ***Test of Written English™*** (TWE®)
  - 30 minutes
- Typing is required



# Student FAQs about Testing

- How do test takers register for the *TOEFL*® test?
  - Online
  - Phone
  - Mail
  - In person at a *TOEFL iBT*® Test Resource Centre
- What do test takers bring on the day of the test?
  - Their registration confirmation (found in their online profile)
  - Their **valid, acceptable** identification document
- The name on your registration **MUST** match the name on your identification document or you may not be permitted to test or your test will be cancelled



# Student FAQs about Testing

- How long is the test?
  - Test takers have about 4 hours to complete the test
  - If test takers finish early they may leave the test center
- How do I find a test center?
  - Go to [www.toeflgoanywhere.org](http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org), select “register now” and you will be directed to a page where you can select the country where you plan to test. You will then see a list of cities and dates that the test is available
  - When you register, you will be able to see the exact location of the available test centers



# Student FAQs about Testing

- When will the scores be available?
  - *TOEFL iBT*® scores are usually available online in 10 Calendar days
  - E-mail notification will be sent to the test taker when their score are available
  - *TOEFL*® paper-based test scores are mailed within 4-5 weeks of the test date
- What is the passing score for TOEFL?
  - There is no passing score for TOEFL.
  - Each university sets their own score requirements
  - Test takers need to check with the university where they are applying for their TOEFL score requirements



# TOEFL® Go Anywhere Website

## [www.toeflgoanywhere.org](http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org)

- Website contents include:
  - TOEFL *Journey* program
  - TOEFL Institutions search
  - How to register; Test center locations and available dates
  - Test prep resources
  - Video tips

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Tips from Test Takers

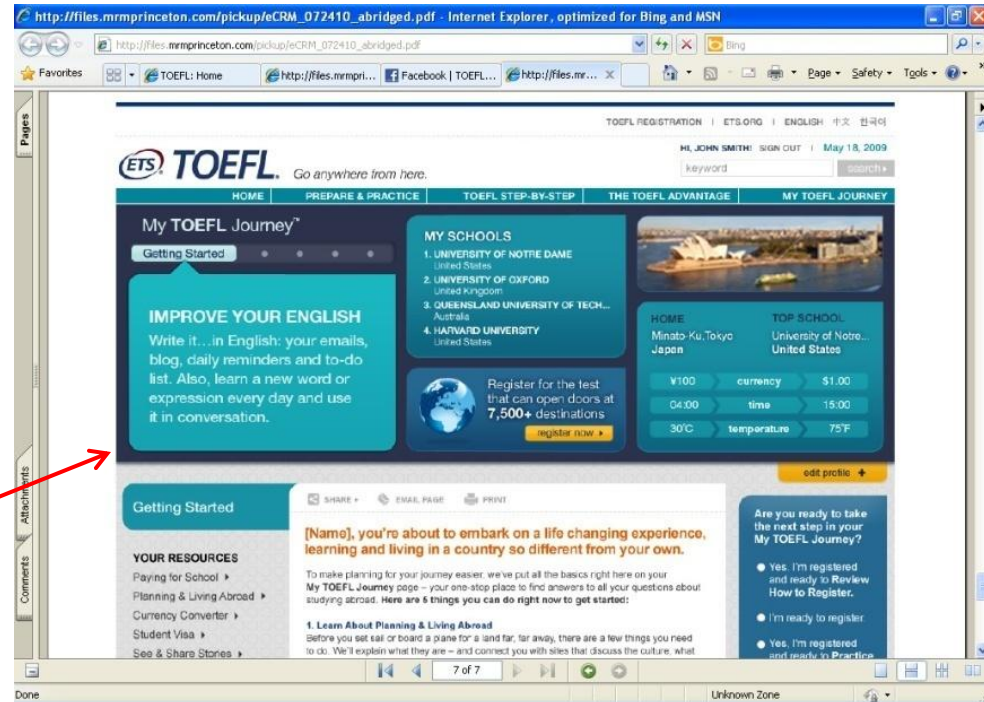
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# TOEFL Institutions Search

- TOEFL Institutions Advanced Search
  - Now you can input a TOEFL iBT test score and find out where you can go with that score.

The screenshot displays the TOEFL Institutions Advanced Search interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a registration banner and a TOEFL Practice Online banner. The main search area is titled "The Advanced TOEFL® Search" and includes the following filters:

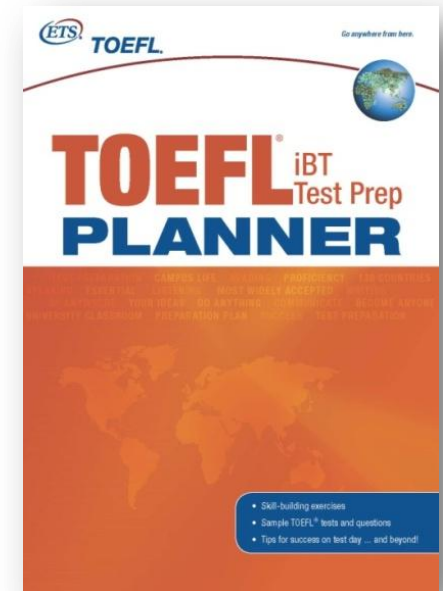
- Institution Name:** A text input field.
- Test Scores:** A section with two radio buttons: "TOEFL iBT" (selected) and "TOEFL PBT". Below each is a horizontal slider. The TOEFL iBT slider is set to 90, and the TOEFL PBT slider is set to 200.
- Level of Study:** A dropdown menu set to "-- Select --".
- Country:** A dropdown menu set to "UNITED KINGDOM".
- State/Region:** A text input field.
- City:** A text input field containing "London".

A "search" button is located at the bottom of the filter section. Below the filters, there is a "Refine Your Results" panel with sliders for TOEFL iBT Score (set to 110) and TOEFL PBT Score (set to 200), and a "submit" button. The "Search Results" panel on the right shows a search for "Rutgers" and a table of results:

Institution Name	Score	City	State/Region	Country
<a href="#">Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-New Brunswick-Undergraduate Admissions</a> DI Code: 2755	View	New Brunswick	New Jersey	USA
<a href="#">Rutgers University State College-New Brunswick</a> DI Code: 2777	View	New Brunswick	New Jersey	USA
<a href="#">Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-Newark-College of Arts &amp; Sciences-Undergraduate Admissions</a> DI Code: 2512	View	Newark	New Jersey	USA
<a href="#">Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey-Camden-Graduate Admissions</a> DI Code: 2092	View	Camden	New Jersey	USA

# TOEFL iBT® Test Prep Planner

- Planner contents:
  - An actual eight-week plan
  - Tips and activities to build each of the four skills
  - Sample questions
  - Sample responses and rater annotations (on website)
- [INSERT INFO ABOUT HOW TO GET PLANNERS LOCALLY]



# TOEFL® TV Channel on YouTube®

- Includes video tips from teachers and students
- Learn about TOEFL Destinations
- Features four “Meet the Study Group” videos
- 4,100+ subscribers, 676,000+ video views

The screenshot displays the YouTube channel page for TOEFL TV. The browser window title is 'YouTube - TOEFLTV's Channel - Windows Internet Explorer'. The address bar shows 'http://www.youtube.com/toefl'. The channel name is 'TOEFL TV - The Official TOEFL Channel' with a 'Subscribe' button. The main video player shows a woman speaking, with a play button overlay. Below the video player, the title 'Tasty ways to master difficult sounds' is visible, along with 'From: TOEFLTV | April 09, 2009 | 19,572 views'. To the right, there are sections for 'Favorites (6)' and 'Tips from Teachers (48)', each listing several videos with their titles and view counts.



# Videos for Students

- **Welcome to the TOEFL iBT Test Site**  
[www.ets.org/toefl/testsitevideo](http://www.ets.org/toefl/testsitevideo)
  - See what it's like at a real TOEFL iBT testing site
  
- **The TOEFL Test: Your Passport to the World**  
[http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/TOEFL\\_Passport\\_video.html](http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/TOEFL_Passport_video.html)
  - Learn how the TOEFL test can take you anywhere you want to go



# Videos for Students

- **The TOEFL Test Advantage**

[http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/15019\\_testtaker.html](http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/15019_testtaker.html)

- Find out why more admissions officers prefer the TOEFL Test



- **TOEFL® Resources: An Overview for Students**

[http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/17494/TOEFL\\_Resources\\_Web\\_Video.htm](http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/17494/TOEFL_Resources_Web_Video.htm)

- Learn about the tools from ETS that can help you prepare for the TOEFL test



# Free TOEFL iBT® Test Prep

- Free Sample Questions

- Download: [http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/prepare/sample\\_questions/](http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/prepare/sample_questions/)
- Print-only format:  
<http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/TOEFL/pdf/SampleQuestions.pdf>

- TOEFL Test Sampler

- Free with registration

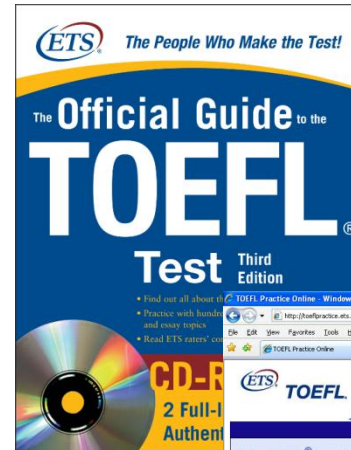
- TOEFL Tips:

- [http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/TOEFL/pdf/TOEFL\\_Tips.pdf](http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/TOEFL/pdf/TOEFL_Tips.pdf)



# TOEFL iBT Test Prep

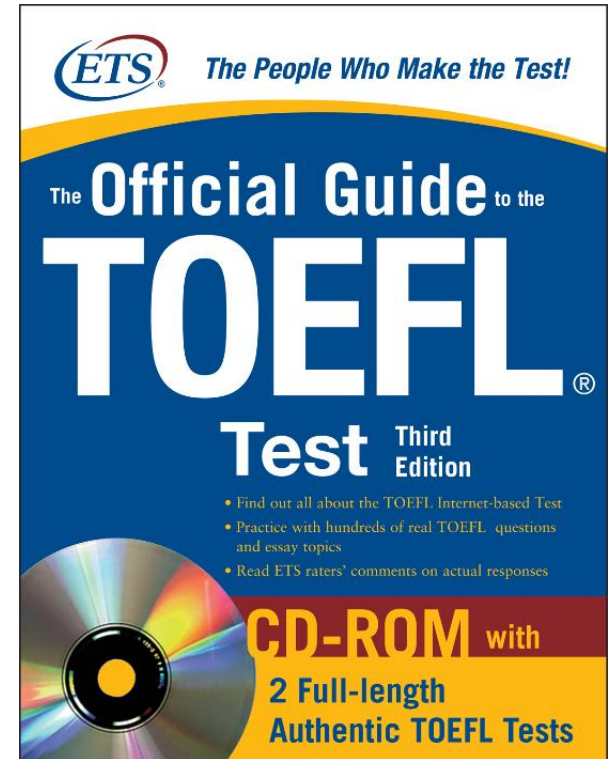
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  - Test prep handbook from ETS
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# TOEFL iBT Test Prep

## *The Official Guide to the TOEFL® Test*

- TOEFL iBT™ test preparation handbook for students
- Includes actual TOEFL iBT sample questions and 2 full-length practice tests
- Scoring information with ETS raters' comments on sample responses for the Speaking and Writing sections
- Two formats:
  - eBook
  - Paper book with interactive CD-ROM



# TOEFL iBT Test Prep

## TOEFL® Practice Online

- Simulates the real TOEFL iBT™ test
- Anytime, anywhere access
- Instant scores and feedback on all four skills
- Multiple complete practice tests available
- New versions released regularly

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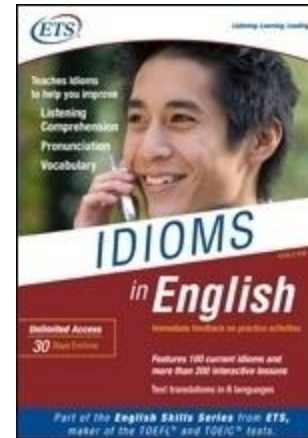
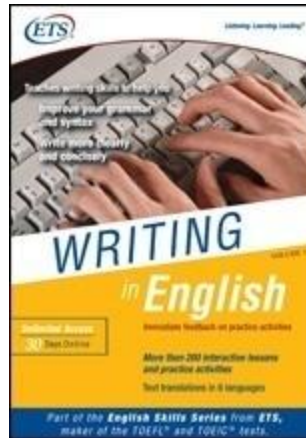
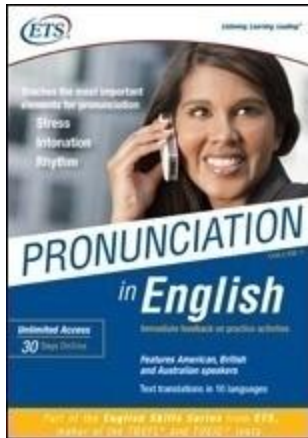
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- Provides targeted online reading practice matched to your level and interests
- Helps you set reading goals and monitor your progress in real time using Lexile® measures
- Available as part of the TOEFL Value Packs. Also sold separately.



# Skill-building Tools

- English Skills Series (powered by AmEnglish.com)
  - Three web-based, interactive programs that can help you improve your English skills



# Making Your Journey Easier

- Scores available online within 2 weeks
  - Email notification sent when your scores are ready
- Local TOEFL Service Centers
  - Local hours, toll-free calls
  - Now available in:
    - Australia
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# TOEFL Scholarship Program

- Available for students in China, India, Korea, Japan, and Taiwan
- Recognizes students who have:
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