

# Listening. Learning. Leading.

## **TOEFL ITP**

Quality Beyond Measure





#### **Purpose:**

The TOEFL ITP Assessment Series offers colleges and universities, English-language programs and other organizations the opportunity to administer a convenient, affordable and reliable English-language assessment. The tests measure English proficiency at high beginning to advanced levels.

The tests use academic content to evaluate nonnative speakers' English skills in:

- Listening Comprehension
- Structure and Written Expression
- Reading Comprehension

### How is the assessment used by institutions?

There are many ways that you can incorporate the TOEFL ITP assessments into your classroom to keep your students on track for success. Using 100 percent academic content, the TOEFL ITP tests can be used for:

- 1. Placement in intensive English-language programs requiring academic English proficiency at a college or graduate level.
- 2. Progress monitoring in English-language programs stressing academic English proficiency.
- 3. Exiting English-language programs by demonstrating proficiency in English listening and reading.
- 4. Admissions to short-term, non-degree programs in English-speaking countries where the sending and receiving institutions agree to use TOEFL ITP scores.
- 5. Admissions to undergraduate and graduate degree programs in non-English speaking countries where English is not the dominant form of instruction.
- 6. Admissions and placement in collaborative international degree programs where Englishlanguage training will be a feature of the program.
- 7. Scholarship programs, as contributing documentation for academic English proficiency.

#### Use of TOEFL ITP:

Some 2,500 institutions in 47 countries administer 600,000 TOEFL ITP tests annually, including:

- Colleges and universities
- Secondary schools
- English-language programs
- Governments
- Agencies

### Skills measured by TOEFL ITP

The TOEFL ITP assessments are composed of three sections. Each section measures a different skill:

- Listening Comprehension measures the ability to understand spoken English as it is used in colleges and universities
- Structure and Written Expression measures recognition of selected structural and grammatical points in standard written English
- Reading Comprehension measures the ability to read and understand academic reading material in English

#### Format of the Test

The TOEFL ITP tests are paper-based, multiple-choice tests. Students answer questions by filling out an answer sheet. TOEFL ITP tests are administered on two levels:

- Level 1 (intermediate to advanced) consists of three sections: Listening Comprehension,
  Structure and Written Expression, and Reading Comprehension
- Level 2 (high beginning to intermediate) consists of three similar sections, plus vocabulary is added to the Reading section

### Mapping TOEFL ITP scores to the CEFR

This mapping study identified the minimum scores on the TOEFL ITP tests that correspond to the A2, B1, B2 and C1 levels of the CEFR. Minimum scores were identified separately for the Listening Comprehension, Structure and Written Expression, and Reading Comprehension sections.

Certificates are available in three levels as proof of achievement of English-language proficiency. Each level corresponds to a CEFR level: C1 (Gold certificate); B2 (Silver certificate); and B1 (Bronze certificate).

The table below presents the scaled cut scores for the TOEFL ITP Level 1 test:

| CEFR Levels  | TOTAL Minimum<br>TOEFL ITP Scores<br>Level 1<br>(310 to 677 pts.) | Listening<br>Comprehension | Structure<br>and Written<br>Expression | Reading<br>Comprehension |
|--|---|----------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| C1<br>Proficient User — Effective<br>Operational Proficiency | 627   | 64                         | 64                                     | 63                       |
| <b>B2</b><br>Independent User—<br>Vantage                    | 543   | 54                         | 53                                     | 56                       |
| B1<br>Independent User—<br>Threshold                         | 460   | 47                         | 43                                     | 48                       |
| <b>A2</b><br>Basic User — Waystage                           | 337   | 38                         | 32                                     | 31                       |

The cut scores represent the minimum scores needed to enter the CEFR levels. These recommendations are based on the results of mapping studies with expert panels and data analyses of test-taker scores.

#### **Test Content:**

### A Reliable Assessment of Academic English

The TOEFL ITP ®tests are paper-based and use 100 percent academic content to evaluate the English-language proficiency of nonnative English speakers, giving you confidence about your students' ability in a real-world academic setting. All questions are multiple choice and students answer questions by filling in an answer sheet. The tests evaluate skills in three areas:

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- Structure and Written Expression measures recognition of selected structural and grammatical points in standard written English
- Reading Comprehension measures the ability to read and understand academic reading material in English

### The TOEFL ITP Assessments at a Glance

#### Level 1 (intermediate to advanced): 2 hours

| Section                          | Number of Questions | Admin. Time | Score Scale |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Listening Comprehension          | 50                  | 35 minutes  | 31–68       |
| Structure and Written Expression | 40                  | 25 minutes  | 31–68       |
| Reading Comprehension            | 50                  | 55 minutes  | 31–67       |
| TOTAL                            | 140                 | 115 minutes | 310–677     |

### Level 2 (high beginning to intermediate): 1 hour and 10 minutes

| Section                          | Number of Questions | Admin. Time | Score Scale |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Listening Comprehension          | 30                  | 22 minutes  | 20–50       |
| Structure and Written Expression | 25                  | 17 minutes  | 20–50       |
| Reading and Vocabulary           | 40                  | 31 minutes  | 20–50       |
| TOTAL                            | 95                  | 70 minutes  | 200–500     |

### **Content and Settings for the TOEFL ITP Tests**

### **Academic Topics**

- Arts: fine arts, crafts, theater, dance, architecture, literature, music, film, photography
- Humanities: history, political science, government, philosophy, law
- **Life Sciences:** paleontology, biochemistry, animal behavior, ecology, anatomy, physiology, genetics, health science, biology, agriculture
- Physical Sciences: geology, astronomy, chemistry, geology, earth science, engineering, meteorology, energy, technology, oceanography, physics
- **Social Sciences:** anthropology, sociology, education, geography, archaeology, psychology, economics, business, management, marketing, communications

#### **Campus-life Topics**

- Classes: class schedules, class requirements, library references, assignments (papers, presentations, readings), professors, studying, field trips
- Campus administration: registration, housing on and off campus, study abroad, internships, university policies
- Campus activities: clubs, committees, social events

#### **General Topics**

- Business: management, offices, official documents, law
- Environment: weather, nature, climate, environment
- Food: types of food, restaurants
- Language and communication: mail, email, telephone use, leaving messages, requests for information
- Media: TV, newspapers, Internet
- Objects: descriptions of objects, equipment
- Personal: family members, friends, health, emotions, physical characteristics, daily routines
- Planning and time management: future events, invitations, personal schedules
- Purchases: clothing, shopping, banking, money
- Recreation: sports, games, concerts, plays, art, books, photography, music, parties and gatherings, public lectures
- Transportation: travel, driving, parking, public transportation, travel reservations
- Workplace: applying for a job, on-campus employment, work schedules

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