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The TOEFL Junior® Tests





Purpose:

The TOEFL Junior Test is a low- to medium-stakes assessment that measures the degree to which middle-school students have attained proficiency in the academic and social English-language skills representative of English-medium instructional environments. Usually these students are from ages 11-15. The TOEFL Junior test is a paper-based test.

The TOEFL Junior test:

- Provides parents, students and teachers with objective information about student progress in developing English-language skills over time.
- Serves as a comprehensive measure to support placement of students into programs designed to increase English-language proficiency levels.
- Measures developing English communication skills in preparation for future studies in English.
- Offers useful information that can be used for instructional purposes.
- Provides appropriate information for low- to medium-stakes decisions.

Market Need for Tests for Young Students:

- English proficiency is an increasingly important skill for students worldwide; it is the key to educational, personal and professional opportunities
- EFL instruction is beginning at earlier ages
- English-medium instructional environments take many forms:
- Public and private schools in English-dominant countries
- International schools in non English-dominant countries
- Schools in any country using a bilingual or content and language integrated learning (CLIL) approach
- These tests respond to the aspirations of students as they attain English-language proficiency

TOEFL[®] tests for a younger generation:

- A distinct product within the growing TOEFL® family of assessments
- A natural extension of the TOEFL brand, but specifically geared to the language learning needs of middle grade students
- Informed by research and relevant standards
- Development draws on years of experience creating international assessments of Englishlanguage proficiency for both adults and K-12 students as well as ETS's expertise in Englishlanguage assessments for young students
- Design based on iterative prototyping and piloting research, drawing on feedback from students and teachers on test questions
- Meets ETS Standards for Quality and Fairness

ETS Assessments for a younger generation – middle school & early high school students (11+)

TOEFL Junior S T A N D A R D

• The TOEFL Junior [®] Standard Test launched October 2010



• The TOEFL Junior [®] Comprehensive Test launched July 2012

Benefits of the *TOEFL Junior*[®] tests:

- Accurate, convenient and reliable
- Based on the rich heritage of the TOEFL[®] test
- New forms available each year
- Practical information to inform learning
- Lexile [®] Reading measure, from MetaMetrics[®]*
- CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) levels and corresponding certificates
- "Can-do" statements for instructors

Ways to use TOEFL Junior[®] scores:

The following test uses have been identified:

- A general academic proficiency standard
- Information supporting placement decisions
- Information about student progress in developing English language proficiency over time
- Advise students on appropriate book selections to improve their reading proficiency based on Lexile[®] Measures

Who uses the TOEFL Junior[®] tests?

The following types of institutions can use information provided by the *TOEFL Junior*[®] tests to help make placement decisions or measure student progress in English:

- English-language programs
- International schools where the language of instruction is English
- Schools in non-English speaking countries that focus on teaching content through English

TOEFL Junior[®] Standard test:

- Administered in paper-based format
- Includes measures of Listening Comprehension, Reading Comprehension, and Language Form and Meaning
- All items are multiple-choice
- Curriculum independent
- Largely administered by institutions (private language schools, private middle schools, or international schools)
- Quick score turnaround
- Operational since October 2010

Administered in more than 50 countries, including:

- Korea
- Vietnam
- Brazil
- France
- Poland
- Indonesia
- Mexico

China

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- Egypt
- Kuwait
- UAE
- Jordan
- Japan
- Greece

TOEFL Junior[®] Standard Test Design:

- Listening Comprehension
- Classroom Instruction
- Short Conversations
- Academic Listening
- Language Form and Meaning
- One-third tests meaning
- Two-thirds test form
- Reading Comprehension
- All Reading questions based on passages

Each section contains 42 questions. Total testing time is approximately 2 hours.

Section	Number of Items	Scale Scores	Testing Time
Listening Comprehension	42	200–300	40 min
Language Form and Meaning	42	200–300	25 min
Reading Comprehension	42	200–300	50 min
Total	126	600–900	1 hr 55 min

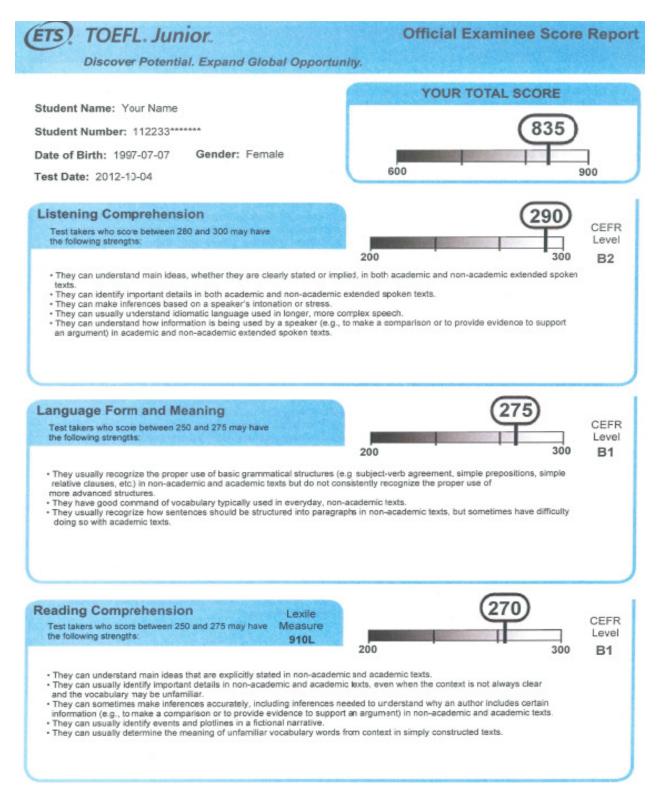
TOEFL Junior[®] Standard Score Report:

• Section scores for Listening, LFM, and Reading:

Section	Scale Scores
Listening Comprehension	200-300
Language Form and Meaning	200-300
Reading Comprehension	200-300
Total Score	600-900

- Provides descriptors of the English language abilities typical of test takers scoring around a particular scaled score level
- Linked to the Common European Framework of Reference
- Includes Lexile[®] reading measure

TOEFL Junior[®] Standard Score Report Sample:



Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

Sections	CEFR Level A2	CEFR Level B1	CEFR Level B2
Listening Comprehension	225–245	250–285	290-300
Language Form & Meaning	210-245	250–275	280– 300
Reading Comprehension	210-240	245–275	280–300

The CEFR levels provided are context dependent. They are based on the language abilities of middle school students and lower-level high school students. They should not be compared to CEFR levels on other *TOEFL*[®] tests.

Listening Comprehension Section:

This section is designed to measure the listening skills needed for success in an Englishmedium instructional environment. Three key skills are measured—the abilities to listen for:

- 1. Basic, interpersonal purposes
- 2. Instructional purposes
- 3. Academic purposes

Sample Listening Descriptors:

Test takers who score between 225 and 245 may have the following strengths:

- They can understand the main idea of a brief classroom announcement if it is explicitly stated.
- They can understand important details that are explicitly stated and reinforced in short talks and conversations.
- They can understand direct paraphrases of spoken information when the language is simple and the context is clear.
- They can understand a speaker's purpose in a short talk when the language is simple and the context is clear.

Listening: Classroom Instruction:

Classroom Instruction items provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to understand information disseminated as instructions, announcements, etc, by teachers and other school staff. Listening abilities tested include:

- Main idea
- Speaker's purpose
- Inference
- Prediction

Listening: Short Conversations:

Short Conversations provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their ability to listen to and understand short conversations in English about student life. Listening abilities tested include:

- Main idea
- Detail
- Inference
- Prediction
- Rhetorical device
- Prosody

Short Conversations Sample Set:

Why does the girl mention Saturn?

- (A) To tell the teacher about a book she recently read
- (B) To describe a planet with many volcanoes
- (C) To explain why she does not want to write about planets
- (D) To explain how she first became interested in the solar system

What does the teacher imply about the other students in the class?

- (A) They have already finished their projects.
- (B) They will have to do less work for their projects.
- (C) They will need a lot of help with their projects.
- (D) They have chosen more interesting topics for their projects.

What is the girl's problem?

- (A) She is behind schedule in her schoolwork.
- (B) She has chosen the same topic as another student.
- (C) She cannot find the books she needs in the library.
- (D) She cannot decide on a topic for her assignment.

What is the girl probably going to do next?

- (A) Go to the library
- (B) Hand in an assignment
- (C) Read a book about volcanoes
- (D) Meet her friend Michelle for lunch

Listening: Academic Talks:

Academic Listening sets provide students with an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to learn new information in English in an academic context. Listening abilities tested include:

- Main idea
- Detail
- Inference
- Prediction
- Rhetorical device
- Prosody

Language Form and Meaning Section:

This section is designed to assess students' understanding of the structure of English and the depth of their vocabulary knowledge. The items are cloze exercises embedded within a single paragraph.

Text Types:

- Expository
- Biographical
- Correspondence
- Announcement
- Advertisement
- Fiction

Language Form Question Types:

- Subject
- Object
- Subject and verb
- Verb form
- Passive voice
- Adjective or adjective phrase
- Adverb or adverb phrase
- Object complement

Language Meaning Question Types:

- Noun
- Verb
- Modifier
- Determiner
- Preposition
- Conjunction
- Relative clause
- Noun phrase or noun clause
- Expletive
- Comparative or superlative
- Predicate nominative
- Word order
- Word form

Language Form and Meaning: Academic Text

Questions 33-40 refer to the following magazine article.

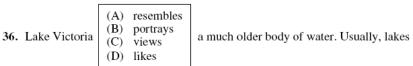
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one of the youngest. Estimated to be about 15,000 years old, it is a relative

35. baby compared with Earth's other very large lakes,	(A) are(B) they are(C) which being(D) which can be
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more than two million years old. Yet judging by the variety of life in it,



Reading Comprehension Section:

This section is designed to assess the degree to which students have the reading skills representative of English-medium instructional environments. This includes two general types of reading:

- The ability to read and comprehend academic texts
- The ability to read and comprehend non-academic texts

Reading Comprehension Genres:

Text types are representative of genres that middle school type students might encounter in a classroom:

- Non-linear texts
- Correspondence
- Journalism
- Fiction
- Expository
- Biographical
- Persuasive

Reading Comprehension Questions:

- Main idea
- Factual information
- Negative Fact
- Inference
- Author's purpose/Rhetorical structure
- Vocabulary in context
- Idiomatic language
- Figurative language
- Pronoun referent

TOEFL Junior[®] Comprehensive Test:



- Administered via computer
- Includes measures of Listening Comprehension, Reading Comprehension, Speaking, and Writing
- Listening and Reading are all multiple-choice; Speaking and Writing all constructed response
- Speaking and Writing questions scored by ETS-trained raters
- First operational administration July 2012
- Fixed administrations with scheduled testing dates

TOEFL Junior[®] Comprehensive Test Design:

Listening Comprehension (36 questions) Classroom instruction Short conversations Academic listening Reading Comprehension (36 questions) All Reading questions are based on passages Speaking (4 questions) Read aloud, Picture narration, Listen-speak (classroom activity), Listen speak (academic content) Writing (4 questions) Editing (x2), Email, Opinion, Listen-write

Total testing time is approximately 2:15

Section	Number of Items	Scale Scores	Testing Time
Reading Comprehension	36	140-160	41 min
Listening Comprehension	36	140-160	36 min
Speaking	4	0-16	18 min
Writing	4	0-16	39 min
Total	80		2 hr 14 min

TOEFL Junior[®] Comprehensive Score Report :

TOEFL Junior Comprehensive Sections	TOEFL Junior Comprehensive Scale Scores		
	Min	Max	
Reading	140	160	
Listening	140	160	
Speaking	0	16	
Writing	0	16	

- Provides descriptors of the English language abilities typical of test takers scoring around a particular scaled score level
- Linked to the Common European Framework of Reference
- Includes Lexile[®] reading measure

TOEFL Junior[®] Comprehensive

Score Report Sample :

udent Name: Chikly, Dorthy Ann udent Number: 10000101 Date of	Test Date:2012-JUL-16 Birth: 1999-JUN-22 Gender: F
Overall Score Level	Developing
2 0 6	TOEFL Junior assesses language skills representative of middle schools which use English for instruction. A typical student at Level 2 occasionally demonstrates the skills needed to communicate successfully in simple interactions and while using basic materials.
Reading Lexile Measure 785 CEFR Level B1	Listening CEFR Level A2
List List	143 140 160 A typical student who scores between 143 and 149 can do all of the following. • Understand the main idea of a brief classroom announcement if it is explicitly stated • Understand important details that are explicitly stated and reinforced in short talks and conversations • Understand direct paraphrases of spoken information when the language is simple and the context is clear • Understand a speaker's purpose in a short talk when the language is simple and the context is clear
Speaking CEFR Below A2	Writing CEFR Level A2
	6 0 ¹ 16
A typical student who scores below 8 may need to develop the following skills. Speaking fluently for at least a few brief stretches Using intonation effectively Producing speech that is understandable to listeners Producing basic vocabulary and simple grammatical structures Telling a story with some details Understanding and conveying some information from an academic lecture	 A typical student who scores between 6 and 9 can do all of the following. Recognize and correct simple errors identified in a written text Produce basic, simple sentences, although with some vocabulary and grammar errors Provide basic answers to informal questions, although sometimes the answers are unclear Express an opinion on a school-related topic, although with little development Understand and convey a few main ideas from an academic lecture, but

Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):

TOEFL Junior Comprehensive	Overall Performance Descriptor	CEFR Profile	
Overall Score Level	These descriptors represent performance in	A typical student at this	
	middle schools which use English for instruction.	level achieved these section-	
	A typical student at this level:	level CEFR scores:	
6	consistently demonstrates the skills needed to	B2 for all sections (Reading,	
Excellent	communicate successfully at a high level in complex	Listening, Speaking, and Writing)	
5	often demonstrates the skills needed to communicate	B1 or B2 for Reading and	
Advanced	successfully at a high level in complex interactions and	Listening; B1 for Speaking and	
4	demonstrates the skills needed to communicate	B1 for Reading and Listening; B1	
Competent	successfully in some complex situations and in most	or A2 for Speaking and Writing	
3	usually demonstrates the skills needed to communicate	A2 or B1 for Listening; A2 for	
Achieving	successfully in simple interactions and while using basic	Reading, Speaking, and Writing	
2	occasionally demonstrates the skills needed to	A2 for Reading and Listening;	
Developing	communicate successfully in simple interactions and	below A2 for Speaking and	
1	demonstrates some basic language skills but needs to	Below A2 for all sections	
Beginning	further develop those skills in order to communicate	(Reading, Listening, Speaking,	

Sections	CEFR Level A2	CEFR Level B1	CEFR Level B2
Listening Comprehension	143-149	150-156	157-160
Reading Comprehension	143-150	151-156	157-160
Speaking	10-Aug	13-Nov	14-16
Writing	9-Jun	12-Oct	13-16

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Speaking Section:

This section measures oral communication in an English-medium, middle-school type environment. The tasks cover three domains and measure the proficiency needed to:

- 1. Negotiate social and interpersonal interactions
- 2. Navigate the school environment and receive instruction
- 3. Learn academic material in content areas

These proficiencies are linked to the following task types:

- 1. Read aloud
- 2. Picture narration
- 3. Listen-speak: class or school activity
- 4. Listen-speak: academic content

Speaking Tasks:

Read Aloud (Academic domain)

- Evaluates discrete features of oral proficiency **Picture Narration** (Social/interpersonal domain)
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- Evaluates routine/everyday language

Listen-Speak: Class/School Activity (School/instructional domain)

• Evaluates routine/everyday language in a school environment

Listen-Speak: Academic Talk (Academic domain)

• Evaluates the use of academic language representative of middle-school course content

Speaking Tasks: Scoring

- All responses scored on a 4-point scale
- All responses scored holistically using three different rubrics
- Scored on-line by experienced raters who are trained and certified for the TOEFL Junior[®] tests

Writing Section:

This section measures written communication in an English-medium, middle-school type environment. The tasks cover three domains and measure the proficiency needed to:

- Negotiate social and interpersonal interactions
- Navigate the school environment and receive instruction
- Learn academic material in content areas

These proficiencies are linked to the following task types:

- Editing
- E mail
- Opinion
- Listen-write: academic talk

Writing Tasks:

Edit (Academic and school/instructional domains)

Evaluates grammatical & mechanical accuracy and knowledge

E mail (Social/interpersonal & school/instructional domains)

• Evaluates everyday language used to communicate with friends and classmates **Opinion** (Academic domain)

• Evaluates the ability to express and provide support for an opinion

Listen-Write: Academic Content (Academic domain)

• Evaluates the ability to understand an academic lecture and provide a description of the lecture's main points and important details

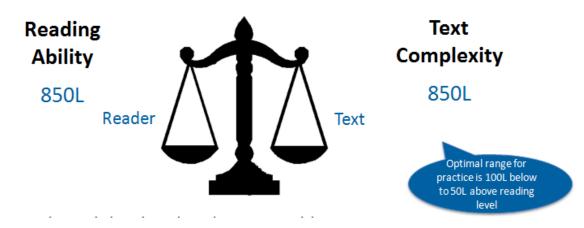
Writing Tasks: Scoring

- All items are scored on a 4-point scale
- Four different rubrics are used
- Scored online by experienced TOEFL[®] and TOEIC[®] raters who are trained and certified for the TOEFL Junior[®] tests
- Scored holistically (except for Editing questions, which are analytically scored—each tested point is either right or wrong)

Lexile[®] Measures and Lexile[®] Library:

- Lexile[®] measures from MetaMetrics[®] match test takers with texts that are at appropriate reading level
- Browse and search the Lexile book database (50,000 titles)
- Store favorites to create a custom reading list
- Jump to online booksellers for purchase and more info
- Online preview for some books provides immediate practice <u>http://toefljunior.lexile.com/</u>

Lexile[®] Measures



- Reading ability level is determined by a test
- Text complexity levels are determined by software
- When reading levels and text complexity levels match, reading and learning improve

Lexile[®] Library:

- Students can browse and search the Lexile[®] book database (50,000 titles)
- They indicate their interests to create and store a custom reading list
- They can jump to online booksellers to purchase books or for more info
- Online preview for some books, providing immediate practice

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