

Examinee Handbook

LISTENING & READING



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About the TOEIC Test

The TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) test is an English-language proficiency test for people whose native language is not English. It measures the everyday English skills of people working in an international environment. The scores indicate how well people can communicate in English with others in business, commerce, and industry. The test does not require specialized knowledge or vocabulary beyond that of a person who uses English in everyday work activities.

TOEIC Test Format

The TOEIC test is a two-hour multiple-choice test that consists of 200 questions divided into two sections:

- **Listening Section:** The Listening section tests how well you understand spoken English. It consists of four parts and contains 100 questions administered by audiocassette or CD. You will be asked to answer questions based on a

variety of statements, questions, conversations, and talks recorded in English. Total time: approximately 45 minutes.

- **Reading Section:** The Reading section includes three parts, testing how well you understand written English. You will read a variety of materials and respond at your own pace to 100 questions based on the content of the materials provided to you. Total time: 75 minutes.

Following several years of ETS research, the TOEIC test has recently been redesigned. The new test features the same test time (2 hours; 45 minutes for Listening and 75 minutes for Reading), the same paper and pencil administration, and the same range of difficulty as the previous test. The score scale is also the same, and scores can be compared across both versions of the test. The following charts outline the major changes in the test:

TOEIC	REDESIGNED TOEIC
Listening Comprehension: 100 items	Listening Comprehension: 100 items
Photographs: 20 questions	Photographs: 10 questions
Question-Response: 30 questions	Question-Response: 30 questions
Short Conversations: 30 questions; 30 conversations with 1 question each	Conversations: 30 questions; 10 conversations with 3 questions each
Talks: 20 questions	Talks: 30 questions; 10 talks with 3 questions each

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Reading Comprehension: 100 items	Reading Comprehension: 100 items
Incomplete Sentences: 40 questions	Incomplete Sentences: 40 questions
Error Recognition: 20 questions	Text Completion: 12 questions
Reading Comprehension: 40 questions	Single Passages: 28 questions; 7–10 reading texts with 2–5 questions each
	Double Passages: 20 questions; 4 pairs of reading texts with 5 questions per pair

Frequently Asked Questions

Who takes the TOEIC test?

- Personnel who use English in real-life work settings, such as businesses, hotels, hospitals, restaurants, international meetings, conventions, and sporting events
- Managerial, sales, and technical employees in international business, commerce, and industry who require English for their work
- Individuals who are preparing to enter the workplace
- Candidates for training to be conducted in English
- Individuals in English-language training programs

Why take the TOEIC test?

The TOEIC test is the choice of nearly five million test takers a year and is recognized by thousands of corporations. As a fair and objective measure of English proficiency, the TOEIC test will enable you to:

- Verify your current level of English proficiency
- Qualify for a new position and/or promotion in a company
- Enhance your professional credentials
- Monitor your progress in English
- Set your own learning goals
- Involve your employer in advancing your English ability