

DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS



Reading Diagnostic Overview

Test takers who receive a score at the low level typically

- Need to spend **4-6 months** studying in order to score higher than 24 on the TOEFL reading section.
- Have a slow reading speed.
- Have a command of basic academic vocabulary, but their understanding of less common vocabulary is inconsistent.
- Understand some of the information presented in academic texts, but their understanding is limited.
- Have difficulty recognizing the author's purpose and inferring deeper meanings from the text.
- Are unfamiliar with question types that appear on the TOEFL reading section.

What's Included

Below you'll find an analysis on your reading comprehension and your performance for each reading question type . The analysis includes where you struggled and information on how to improve. Below the report you'll find two checklists: a Lesson Checklist and a Practice Checklist. Both checklists were created based on your reading test results and can be used as a guide for your TOEFL preparation.

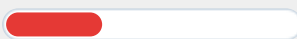
Reading Diagnostic Report

In order to get a high reading score, you must focus on improving your **reading comprehension speed** and the **skills needed to help you answer each reading question type**. The below report offers a detailed analysis on all areas you need to improve.

Reading Comprehension Speed Report

A fast reading comprehension speed means you are able to understand the main ideas and details of a paragraph quickly. Here is a report on your reading comprehension speed:

Reading Comprehension Speed



Must Improve

Reading Comprehension Speed

About

Reading comprehension is the ability to process text, understand its meaning, and to integrate it with what the reader already knows. The skills required in efficient reading comprehension are knowing the meaning of words, the ability to follow the organization of a passage, the ability to draw inferences from a passage about its contents, the ability to identify the main thought of a passage, the ability to answer questions answered in a passage, the ability to determine the tone of the passage, and finally the ability to determine the writer's purpose, intent and point of view.

Reading comprehension speed is how many words you can read in a minute while maintaining your reading

comprehension of the passage.

How to Improve

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Reading Question Type Performance Report

Before you look at the report please be aware many question types require the same reading skills to answer them correctly. Due to this, you'll see the same skill improvement suggestions on many question types. However, there are some question types that require different skills, so read carefully.

It's recommended you focus on improving the question types in the following order

1. first, **red**
2. then, **orange**
3. finally **green** (If you need a higher TOEFL score)

Please Note: the question types you performed well on will not show a report.

Rhetorical Purpose Question

Must Improve

Rhetorical Purpose Question (0/3)

Time Management

The below table shows your time taken, which is your average time spent answering this question type and the ideal time, which is the maximum amount of time you want to spend on this question type. If you can, try and get your time taken below the ideal time. If it already is, great job!

Time Taken	Ideal Time
01:56	01:30

About

A purpose question asks why a detail or argument is used in the paragraph. In other words, it asks for the purpose of an idea or detail in the passage. A purpose question requires careful reading of the whole passage,

not just a few details or sentences.

How to Improve

A Purpose question is one of the most difficult question types to answer in the reading section.

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.
- Practice identifying the organization and main relationships of a paragraph.
- Improve your reading comprehension speed.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Purpose Question Lesson](#)

Practice identifying the organization and main relationships of a paragraph

To answer this type of question, you need to be aware of how a paragraph lays out the information and how it is related. Once you can do this, it'll be clear why the author wrote a specific text in the paragraph. For example, you'll know the text illustrates a concept mentioned in the preceding sentence, or the text is to contradict a concept mentioned in the following sentence.

Extra tip

This question can be difficult, so if you find yourself spending too much time on it, skip it and come back later. It's not worth losing easy points over.

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Inference Question

Must Improve

Inference Question (0/2)

Time Management

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get your time taken below the ideal time. If it already is, great job!

Time Taken	Ideal Time
01:55	02:00

About

An inference question requires you to make logical assumptions and connections by using the information in the passage to come up with a new conclusion. In other words, an inference question asks you to pick up on information that is indirectly given, rather than being directly stated in the passage. Questions of this type will often contain words like imply, suggest, or infer in the question prompt.

How to Improve

An Inference question is one of the most difficult question types to answer in the reading section.

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.
- Practice pulling out keywords from a paragraph.
- Improve your logical thinking.
- Improve your reading comprehension speed.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Inference Question Lesson](#)

Practice pulling out keywords from a paragraph

Inference questions require you to fully comprehend the paragraph. One method to help you quickly and fully comprehend the paragraph is to pull out keywords as you read, then you will start to see the overall picture and the relationships between text. Keywords are usually related to time, location, people, reasons, terms, and important concepts.

Once you fully comprehend the paragraph with the above strategy, you'll be able to cross out answer choices with incorrect information. After eliminating, you'll be left with only a couple choices and you'll need to use logical thinking to pick the correct one.

Improve your logical thinking

Logical thinking is not really something that can be taught, but is learned through practice. For example, programming requires logical thinking and over time you're brain will just adapt to thinking logically. The same is true for choosing between two answers, over time, you'll just get better at using logic to figure out which answer is correct based on the passage. Here are some exercises you can do to improve your logical thinking.

- Read books in English like information books and books on academic topics.
- Debate with people in English on different ideas and topics

Extra tip

This question can be difficult, so if you find yourself spending too much time on it, skip it and come back later. It's not worth losing easy points over.

Improve your reading comprehension speed

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Insert a Sentence Question

Must Improve

Insert a Sentence Question (0/2)

Time Management

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Time Taken	Ideal Time
03:07	01:30

About

Every passage of the reading section has a Sentence Insertion question, sometimes called a coherence question. This type of question asks you to place a sentence within a paragraph of the text. What they are looking for here is that you are able to understand the logical order of information in a reading passage. But be careful! There is always an element of trickiness on the TOEFL test. Even if one seems right, make sure to try the sentence in all available locations before you submit.

How to Improve

An insert a sentence question does not require you to read the entire passage, only scan the corresponding passage for the question key words. Therefore, you can answer it quickly, even if you have a slower reading speed. If you follow the insert a sentence lesson strategies, we're confident you can answer it correctly!

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.

- Practice identifying the organization and main relationships of a group of sentences.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Insert a Sentence Question Lesson](#)

Practice identifying the organization and main relationships of a group of sentences

To answer this type of question, you need to understand how the information is organized in the reading passage and the relationships between each sentence. The relationships are key because it'll give you a hint of what a group of sentences need/expect and that will help you insert the sentence into a logical place.

Reference Question



Must Improve

Reference Question (1/2)

Time Management

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Time Taken	Ideal Time
00:48	00:30

About

A Reference question is the type of reading question that will take you less than 30 seconds to read both the question and all the options. Also, this is probably the easiest TOEFL reading question type, because if you follow the strategies we teach, you can almost always get the question right!

How to Improve

A reference question does not require you to read the entire passage, only scan the corresponding passage for the question key words. Therefore, you can answer it quickly, even if you have a slower reading speed. If you follow the reference lesson strategies, we're confident you can answer it correctly!

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.
- Improve your pronoun grammar on the topic of pronouns.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Reference Question Lesson](#)

Improve using pronouns

Here are some useful resources for learning pronouns.

Types of pronouns	Examples	Lesson links
Personal pronouns	I, me, you, he, him, she...	https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/pronouns-personal.htm
Demonstrative pronouns	this, that, these, those	https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/pronouns-demonstrative.htm
Possessive pronouns	mine, yours, his...	https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/pronouns-possessive.htm
Interrogative pronouns	who, what, which...	https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/pronouns-interrogative.htm
Reflexive pronouns	myself, yourself, himself...	https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/pronouns-reflexive.htm
Reciprocal pronouns	each other, one another	https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/pronouns-reciprocal.htm
Indefinite pronouns	another, much, nobody, few, such...	https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/pronouns-indefinite.htm
Relative pronouns	who, whom, which...	https://www.englishclub.com/grammar/pronouns-relative.htm

Negative Factual Information Question



Must Improve

Negative Factual Information Question (1/2)

Time Management

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Time Taken	Ideal Time
01:33	01:30

About

The negative factual question is the only type of question that asks you to choose the incorrect answer. The key to this answer are the words NOT and EXCEPT. NOT will appear in the middle of the question, while EXCEPT will appear at the end. This question will have four answer choices like all other multiple choice questions in the

TOEFL. However, there will be three correct answers and one incorrect answer, and you need to choose the incorrect one.

How to Improve

A negative factual question is designed mainly to test your reading comprehension speed and your ability to capture main points of a given passage in a short period of time.

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.
- Practice scanning the keyword in the paragraph.
- Improve your reading comprehension speed.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Negative Factual Information Question Lesson](#)

Practice scanning the keyword in the paragraph

To answer this question type quickly, read the question and then scan the corresponding paragraph for the keyword(s) related to the question. Once you find it, you'll want to go back a few sentences and read from there until you find the answer.

Scanning is to look for a particular word or phrase in a paragraph. To scan, move your eyes quickly through the paragraph until you find what you're looking for. If you're struggling to find the keyword quickly try paying attention to words like the names of people and places, dates, nouns, terms, or unfamiliar words.

Improve your reading comprehension speed

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Complete the Summary Question  Must Improve

Complete the Summary Question (1/2)

Time Management

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ideal time, which is the maximum amount of time you want to spend on this question type. If you can, try and get your time taken below the ideal time. If it already is, great job!

Time Taken	Ideal Time
01:18	04:00

About

The "Complete The Summary" question is one of the two question types that are different from the usual multiple choice questions we've dealt with, so far. This question type requires you to choose three correct answers, not just one. It is also important to know that in this question, sometimes there are more than three correct answers, but you need to choose the three BEST answers.

How to Improve

A lot of students struggle with this question type because it requires you to understand the entire passage. A good strategy is to first attempt to answer this question, but if you find it too difficult and you have spent the ideal time on it, then skip it and move on. You're better off skipping it and coming back to it later, so you can focus answering it with much less stress than if you still had a lot more questions to complete.

This question type is normally the last question you'll answer per reading passage.

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.
- Practice identifying the main idea of a paragraph.
- Improve your reading comprehension speed.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Complete the Summary Question Lesson](#)

Practice identifying the main idea of a paragraph

In TOEFL reading passages, the main idea of a paragraph is usually the first and second sentence. The remaining sentences are supporting details. However, sometimes the first and second sentence are very general. In this case, you will need to continue to read the following sentences in order to understand the main idea of the paragraph.

For this type of question, we recommend you go through each paragraph and see if you can identify the main idea by just looking at the first and second sentence. If you can, there is no need to continue to read the remaining paragraph.

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Essential Information Question



Must Improve

Essential Information Question (1/2)

Time Management

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Time Taken	Ideal Time
03:01	01:00

About

Every passage of the reading section has an Essential Information question. The Essential Information (Paraphrase) question gives you a sentence in the prompt and asks you to choose the answer choice that summarizes that sentence best. This type of question can be tricky since the answer choices are similar to each other.

How to Improve

An essential information question does not require you to read the entire passage, only scan the corresponding passage for the question key words. Therefore, you can answer it quickly, even if you have a slower reading speed. If you follow the essential information lesson strategies, we're confident you can answer it correctly!

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.
- Practice breaking down long complicated sentences into clear shorter ones.
- Practice paying attention to small details.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Essential Information Lesson](#)

Practice breaking down long complicated sentences into clear shorter ones

The given text is usually long, consisting of 2-4 sentences that are difficult to comprehend. You need to practice

breaking down these sentences into simpler ones to help you see the overall idea and relationship between these sentences. At this point you'll be able to start eliminating answer choices with incorrect relationships and details.

You can learn how to break down sentences from the [TOEFL reading success strategy lesson](#)

Practice paying attention to small details

Most of the time, there will always be 2 answer choices that seem correct. However, there is always a small detail in one of the answer choices that is incorrect based on the passage. In terms of practice, it's more a mindset or a habit you need to get into. While practicing, focus on paying attention to the small details. Over time, you'll do it by habit and should make answering this question type a breeze.

Vocabulary Question  Must Improve

Vocabulary Question (1/2)

Time Management

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Time Taken	Ideal Time
01:23	00:20

About

As a way to test your knowledge of academic words and phrases, the Vocabulary Question type is fairly straightforward. Within the passage, one or two words will be underlined, and you will be asked to choose an option that is closest in meaning to those underlined.

How to Improve

A vocabulary question does not require you to read the entire passage, only scan the corresponding passage for the question key words. Therefore, you can answer it quickly, even if you have a slower reading speed. If you follow the vocabulary lesson strategies, we're confident you can answer it correctly!

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.
- Widen your academic vocabulary.
- Practice guessing the meaning of unknown vocabulary from the context.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Vocabulary Lesson](#)

Improve your academic vocabulary

Utilize our TOEFL vocabulary flashcards and complete TOEFL vocabulary lessons #18 to #45 to improve your academic vocabulary. In addition, while you practice reading questions, note down any word you do not understand from the passage and make sure to learn it later on.

Here is a strategy for learning new vocabulary.

- Write the word in a notebook and, in your own words, write down what it means.
- Say the word many times
- Say the example sentences many times
- Use the word in three different sentences

Practice guessing the meaning of unknown vocabulary from the context

Sometimes you will encounter words you don't know. In this case, you need to guess the meaning based on the context. When you guess the meaning of a word from context, you need to consider the other words in the sentence. If this is not enough to figure it out, then you need to look at the sentences before and after the sentence the word is in.

Some of our vocabulary lessons have exercises that will allow you to practice guessing the meaning of unknown words using and you must use the context to figure it out.

Detail Question



Room for Improvement

Detail Question (2/3)

Time Management

The below table shows your time taken, which is your average time spent answering this question type and the ideal time, which is the maximum amount of time you want to spend on this question type. If you can, try and get your time taken below the ideal time. If it already is, great job!

Time Taken	Ideal Time
01:11	01:00

About

A detail question asks you to identify specific details within the asked paragraph, not a general idea or theme from the whole reading.

How to Improve

A detail question is designed mainly to test your reading comprehension speed and your ability to capture main

points of a given passage in a short period of time.

For a higher success rate with this question type, you need to:

- Learn how to tackle this question type.
- Practice scanning the keyword in the paragraph.
- Improve your reading comprehension speed.

Learn how to tackle this question type

Fully complete our [Detail Question Lesson](#)

Practice scanning the keyword in the paragraph

To answer this question type quickly, read the question and then scan the corresponding paragraph for the keyword(s) related to the question. Once you find it, you'll want to go back a few sentences and read from there until you find the answer.

Scanning is to look for a particular word or phrase in a paragraph. To scan, move your eyes quickly through the paragraph until you find what you're looking for. If you're struggling to find the keyword quickly try paying attention to words like the names of people and places, dates, nouns, terms, or unfamiliar words.

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Lesson Checklist

Based on your reading test results, the lesson checklist includes lessons that can teach you the reading skills, tips, and strategies needed to get a higher TOEFL reading score.

IMPORTANT: If you have already completed most lessons, please review them because it appears you're still having difficulty with certain areas of the reading section that these lessons can help you with.

If you feel these lessons are not helping you, please ask one of our instructors for additional help. You can ask our instructors anything via [Ask An Instructor](#).

Lesson Checklist	
	Complete TOEFL Reading Strategies for Success lesson

Lesson Checklist

	Complete Purpose Question lesson
	Complete Inference Question lesson
	Complete Sentence Insertion Question lesson
	Complete Reference Question lesson
	Complete Negative Factual Information Question lesson
	Complete Complete The Summary Question lesson
	Complete Essential Information Question lesson
	Complete Vocabulary Question lesson
	Complete Detail Question lesson

Practice Checklist

Based on your reading test results, the practice checklist recommends you complete 18 reading practices.

IMPORTANT: If you're consistently scoring 3-4 points higher than what you scored on this diagnostic test, then you've already accomplished your goal for this report and it's time to take a new simulated reading test to get a new reading diagnostic report. It's extremely important you continue this cycle of analyzing your weaknesses and improving them.

Practice Checklist

	TOEFL Reading Practice 1 Charles Darwin and the Theory of Evolution
	TOEFL Reading Practice 2 The Ancient Sumerians
	TOEFL Reading Practice 3 Kaktovik
	TOEFL Reading Practice 4 Andean Civilizations
	TOEFL Reading Practice 5 Frogs
	TOEFL Reading Practice 6 The Evolution of Language
	TOEFL Reading Practice 7 Japanese Architecture
	TOEFL Reading Practice 8 Modern Advertising
	TOEFL Reading Practice 9 The Moons of Jupiter
	TOEFL Reading Practice 10 Native American Trade

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	TOEFL Reading Practice 11 Household Pests
	TOEFL Reading Practice 12 Geothermal Energy
	TOEFL Reading Practice 13 Human Migration
	TOEFL Reading Practice 14 Urban Climates
	TOEFL Reading Practice 15 Europe after the Middle Ages
	TOEFL Reading Practice 16 Ants as Plants
	TOEFL Reading Practice 17 Westward Migration
	TOEFL Reading Practice 18 Sound in Motion Pictures

Practice Checklist

Please Note: Simply completing the practices on this checklist is not enough to improve your TOEFL reading score. You must focus on the technical parts and learn from each question you complete. The below strategies will help you focus on what's important while completing each question.

Strategy #1

Be sure to complete each practice in 20 minutes and get into the habit of looking at the clock periodically. In addition, be sure to use the skills and strategies learned from our lessons like when to fully read the passage, when to only read parts of the passage, and how to answer each different reading question type.

Strategy #2

As you review your answers, make sure you understand why a question was marked wrong and why the correct answer is correct. If you cannot figure that out, then get help from our TOEFL instructors through the Ask An Instructor feature. Our instructors will be happy to help :)

Strategy #3

Finally, If you're struggling understanding the meaning of the passage, then you need to slow down and figure it out. You can focus on timing once you are able to improve your reading comprehension speed. In a lot of cases, poor vocabulary is the reason for misunderstanding a passage, so make sure you learn every single word you don't understand. If you want to complete the reading practice first, then you should write down the words you don't understand and research them after.

Here is a strategy for learning new vocabulary.

- Write the word in a notebook and, in your own words, write down what it means.
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- Use the word in three different sentences

Reading Exercises (Recommended)

Based on your score, we highly recommend you spend some time doing reading exercises that can significantly help improve your reading skills.

Read Articles Daily

Read 1-2 articles daily from the following websites:

- <http://www.historycentral.com/USHistory.html>
- <http://www.sciencemag.org/>

As you read, practice breaking down long sentences and summarizing the main points of each paragraph.

What's Next?

After completing the Lesson Checklist and the Practice Checklist from this report or if you feel you've improved enough, it'll be time to complete a new TOEFL Simulated Test and get a new diagnostic report. You'll continue this cycle until you reach your target TOEFL scores.