

About the revised TOEFL® Paper-delivered Test

The revised TOEFL® Paper-delivered Test consists of 3 sections – Reading, Listening, and Writing. The test is about 2.5 hours long, and all sections are taken on the same day.

Test Format

The table below summarizes the structure of the test.

| Section | Questions | Time |
|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Reading | 30 multiple-choice | 54 minutes |
| Listening | 28 multiple-choice | Approximately 41 minutes |
| Writing | 2 constructed-response | 50 minutes |
| Total | 78 | 2 hours 25 minutes |

Each section is separately timed. The 2 questions in the Writing section are also separately timed.

Overview of the Test Sections

Reading Section

The Reading section measures your ability to understand university-level academic texts written in English. The test uses reading passages from university-level textbooks that introduce a topic. The excerpts are changed as little as possible so the test can measure how well you can read actual academic material written in English.

The passages cover a variety of subjects. You do not need to be familiar with the topic, because the passage contains all the information you'll need to answer the questions.

The Reading section contains 3 passages, with 10 questions about each passage. There are 3 question types in this section:

- questions with 4 answer choices and a single correct answer in traditional multiple-choice format
- questions with 4 answer choices and a single correct answer that ask you to “insert a sentence” where it fits best in a passage
- “reading to learn” questions with more than 4 choices and more than 1 correct answer.

Listening Section

The Listening section measures your ability to understand spoken English in an academic setting. Listening material in the test includes lectures and conversations. You can take notes on all listening material throughout the entire test.

The Listening section contains 2 conversations and 3 lectures, with a total of about 28 questions.

There are 2 question types in the Listening section:

- traditional multiple-choice questions with 4 answer choices and a single correct answer
- multiple-choice questions with 2 correct answers out of 4 choices

Writing Section

The Writing section measures your ability to write in English in an academic setting. It contains 1 integrated task and 1 independent task.

In the **integrated writing task**, you will:

- take notes on what you hear and read, and use them to organize information before writing
- summarize, paraphrase, and cite information from the source material accurately
- write about the ways the information you heard relates to the information you read

For example, in an academic course, you might be asked to compare and contrast the points of view expressed by the professor in class with those expressed by an author in the assigned reading material. You will need to successfully draw information from each source to complete the task.

In the **independent** writing task, you will express an opinion about an issue and support it based on your own knowledge and experience.