

CD-ROM Introduction

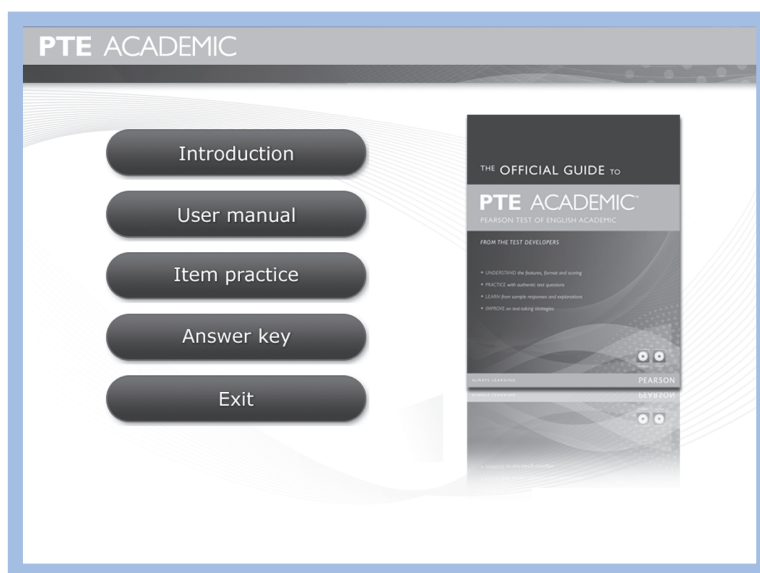
Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) is an international computer-based English language test. It provides a measure of test takers' language ability to education institutions, and professional and government organizations that require a standard of academic English for admission purposes.

The Official Guide to PTE Academic is designed for anyone who wants to prepare for PTE Academic or learn more about the test. The guide, along with its companion Audio CD and this CD-ROM, will help you:

- find out how to register for PTE Academic
- understand the features, format and scoring
- learn how to respond to each item type
- become familiar with the language skills assessed
- practice answering authentic test items
- improve your test-taking strategies

What is on the CD-ROM?

The CD-ROM is an interactive program containing over 200 additional practice items, written specifically to accompany the *Official Guide* and help you prepare for PTE Academic. The items included on the CD-ROM amount to three unscored tests. They are presented and responded to in a similar way to the actual test.



The **Item practice** includes three unscored practice sets with a combination of items covering each of the language skills—speaking, writing, reading and listening—assessed in PTE Academic.



The table below shows the number of items in each practice set.

Skills group	Item type	Practice set 1	Practice set 2	Practice set 3
Speaking items	Read aloud	7	7	7
	Repeat sentence	12	12	12
	Describe image	7	7	7
	Re-tell lecture	3	3	3
	Answer short question	11	12	12
Writing items	Summarize written text	2	3	3
	Write essay	1	1	1
Reading items	Multiple-choice, choose single answer	2	2	3
	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	2	2	2
	Re-order paragraphs	2	2	2
	Reading: Fill in the blanks	4	4	4
	Reading & writing: Fill in the blanks	6	5	6

Skills group	Item type	Practice set 1	Practice set 2	Practice set 3
Listening items	Summarize spoken text	3	2	2
	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	2	2	2
	Fill in the blanks	2	3	2
	Highlight correct summary	2	3	2
	Multiple-choice, choose single answer	2	2	2
	Select missing word	3	2	2
	Highlight incorrect words	3	2	2
	Write from dictation	3	3	3

How to do the CD-ROM practice

To get the most out of the CD-ROM practice, we recommend that you follow these steps:

- After completing a skills chapter in the *Official Guide*, do one or two of the related practice sets on the CD-ROM. Do Practice sets 1 and 2 first.
- Work carefully through each set and pay attention to the instructions.
- Apply the general and item type specific skills and strategies you have learnt from the *Official Guide*.
- Pay attention to the time you have to prepare and complete each item.
- Once you complete a practice set, submit your responses and go to the Answer key for that practice set.
- The Answer key for the following item types shows a single correct answer, or, where applicable, multiple correct answers.
 - Speaking items: *Answer short question*
 - Reading items: *Multiple-choice, choose single answer, Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers, Re-order paragraphs, Reading: Fill in the blanks* and *Reading & writing: Fill in the blanks*
 - Listening items: *Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers, Fill in the blanks, Highlight correct summary, Multiple-choice, choose single answer, Select missing word* and *Highlight incorrect words*
- The Answer key for the following item types also provides explanations about why each response option is correct or incorrect.
 - Reading items: *Multiple-choice, choose single answer, Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers* and *Re-order paragraphs*
 - Listening items: *Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers, Highlight correct summary* and *Multiple-choice, choose single answer*

- The Answer key for the following item types provides sample responses that you can listen to to hear examples of good answers given by native speakers of English.
 - Speaking items: *Read aloud*, *Describe image*, *Re-tell lecture* and *Answer short question*
- Play back your own spoken responses and compare them with the sample responses.
- The Answer key for the following item types provides sample responses that you can read to learn what constitutes a good response. The *Write essay* items also have explanations that you can read to learn why each sample essay is a good response.
 - Writing items: *Summarize written text* and *Write essay*
 - Listening items: *Summarize spoken text*

After completing all skills chapters in the *Official Guide* and Practice sets 1 and 2 on the CD-ROM, we recommend that you do Practice set 3. Follow these steps to simulate the test conditions.

- Choose a time when you can complete all the items in Practice set 3 without being interrupted.
- Try to time yourself according to the instructions on screen or the timings in the *Official Guide*.
- Once you submit all your responses, check the time to see if you were able to complete all the practice items in approximately 3 hours.
- Go through the Answer key options to evaluate your performance and assess your progress.

Practice tests

On- and offline practice tests give you the opportunity to practice all your skills, gain full experience of the test format and items, and assess your progress.