

TOEFL Preparation

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- **Sections Overview:**

Section No.	Section	No. of Questions	Time
1	Reading	30 or 40 (10 per passage with 3 or 4 passages)	54 or 72 min
2	Listening	34 or 39 (2 conversations and 4 or 5 lectures each with 5-6 questions)	50 or 57 min
Break			10 min
3	Speaking	4 (1 independent and 3 integrated)	17 min
4	Writing	2 (1 integrated and 1 independent)	50 min- 20 and 30 min respectively

- **Introductory material:**

You might get either an extra reading passage or extra listening questions which will not be scored but you won't get to know which passage or lecture was not scored.

From the official ETS TOEFL website-

[TOEFL iBT Reading Section \(For Test Takers\)](#)

[TOEFL iBT Listening Section \(For Test Takers\)](#)

[TOEFL iBT Speaking Section \(For Test Takers\)](#)

[TOEFL iBT Writing Section \(For Test Takers\)](#)

2 days time should be sufficient for knowing about the test.

- **Starting the preparation:**

There's a (no more free) edX course available for the introduction:

<https://www.ets.org/toefl/test-takers/ibt/prepare/tests>

(They evaluate your speaking within 24 hrs- so give it a try if you find the course free!)

I also referred to the following links for my preparation. These provide enough material for one to get acquainted with the correct way of answering questions. For this part, 2-3 days is a good time to spend.

- Reading
Earlier format had 13-14 questions per passage which is now reduced to 10 per passage.
<https://youtu.be/5eW3rk6fJ1o>
- Listening
<https://youtu.be/THwhyg3AZOU>
- Speaking
Earlier format-Latest format questions- in case you are following any old material:
1-removed, 2-1, 3-2, 4-3, 5-removed, 6-4
Question 1 https://youtu.be/i_tuHAUyB4w
<https://youtu.be/ML0VXiNQ4s>
Question 2 <https://youtu.be/88oC24wd5Dk>
https://youtu.be/9eQ3mu_19Zk
Question 3 <https://youtu.be/clqmLVuWyg>
<https://youtu.be/DTTbBxhtWYQ>
Question 4 https://youtu.be/fD9_iW_xWww
<https://youtu.be/o52J6ff4wrw>
- Writing
Integrated Essay <https://youtu.be/299jXbRQiI0>
Independent Essay <https://youtu.be/ZqQcEBb9Zf0>

A very integral part of all this is vocabulary. To be on the safe side so that the meanings don't confuse you irrespective of your proficiency in English language, do not forget to install the (free!) **Magoosh TOEFL Vocabulary App**. It contains flashcards for words of different difficulty levels. Don't trust yourself with remembering the meanings of simplest words, sometimes they can be tricky according to the context. So don't skip the words you know- read all the words in the flashcards, from the simplest to the hardest. I'm not scaring you, the words are easy but go through them thoroughly.

- **Take a test:**

After watching these videos you'll get an idea of what you need to do in the test. Now it's the time for you to gauge your current state in order to decide what amount of time and effort you need to give to what section.

So take a full test now and check your current status. You can try the free one from Manhattan:

[Free TOEFL Practice Test](#)

- **Practice:**

Now all you need to do is a lot of practice and for TOEFL 6-7 days should be enough. It's insipid so you can't drag it more, hence it's better to practice diligently enough within this span.

I'm providing the link for the youtube channel which I used for practicing each section. It contains section tests (more than 40 tests each) with questions in the older format, however, they are more than sufficient for practice.

[Learn Toefl With Daniel](#)

There are enough tests for each section separately. I would suggest going with the same timing as set in the videos (you'll realize once you watch/solve them) for all sections, since it would help you manage time in the actual test. Also, don't forget to check the answers (in your boredom) in the video description- this is important to check your progress.

For the speaking section, record your entire 20 min session each time and hear it again to analyze where you lack. Also check the speaking rubric on the official ETS TOEFL website.

You can try taking 2 full tests a day. If you want you can skip the writing section but do it at least once during your initial practices to know what typing speed you need to have. Later, in the last 2-3 days before the exam, you can again practice the writing section once daily.

When you start feeling comfortable with the test, you can try the one available on the official website of ETS TOEFL-

[The free TOEFL Practice Test](#)

More free practice sets are also available there:

[TOEFL iBT Practice Tests \(For Test Takers\)](#)

If you have any other official guide from ETS with full practice tests, do use them 3-4 days right before the actual exam with one test per day to get used to the 4 hour sitting. You can use one of these tests in the initial stage of preparation also. Repeating a test in the last days is not a bad option but keep at least 3 tests fresh for the last. And if you don't have them, trust me, they are all available on [Learn Toefl With Daniel](#)! No need to worry at all, just follow the same procedure with these videos.

ALL THE BEST!