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The TOEFL test opens more doors than any other academic English test. More than 6,000 institutions and agencies in 110 countries rely on TOEFL scores to select students with the English skills needed to succeed. Because the test replicates real life, it proves students can communicate and confirms they are ready for success on campus. No wonder the TOEFL test has been taken by more than 18 million students worldwide. You can take the TOEFL on the internet or as a paper based test.

#### TOEFL Overview

#### What Is the TOEFL Test?

The Test of English as a Foreign Language® (TOEFL) measures the ability of nonnative speakers of English to use and understand English as it is spoken, written, and heard in college and university settings.

The TOEFL test is offered in different formats depending on your location.

#### The Internet-based TOEFL Test

The TOEFL Internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) tests all four language skills that are important for effective communication: speaking, listening, reading, and writing. The test helps students demonstrate that they have the English skills needed for success. TOEFL iBT also emphasizes integrated skills and provides better information to institutions about students' ability to communicate in an academic setting and their readiness for academic coursework.

#### The Computer-based TOEFL Test

The computer-based TOEFL test measures English language proficiency in the following areas:

- Listening
- Structure
- Reading
- Writing.

#### The Paper-based TOEFL Test

The paper-based TOEFL test measures

Listening Comprehension  
Structure and Written Expression  
Reading Comprehension.

### Why Take the TOEFL Test?

Most people take the TOEFL test as a prerequisite for admission into colleges and universities where English is used or required. In addition, many government, licensing, and certification agencies and exchange and scholarship programs use TOEFL scores to evaluate the English proficiency of people for whom English is not their native language.

### Who Should Take the TOEFL Test?

Nonnative English speakers at the 11th-grade level or above should take the TOEFL test to provide evidence of their English proficiency before beginning academic work. The test content is considered too difficult for students below 11th grade.

Many institutions report that they frequently do not require TOEFL test scores of certain kinds of international applicants. These include:

- nonnative speakers who hold degrees or diplomas from postsecondary institutions in English-speaking countries (e.g., the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand)

- nonnative speakers who have successfully completed at least a two-year course of study in which English was the language of instruction

- transfer students from institutions in the United States or Canada whose academic course work was favorably evaluated in relation to its demands and duration.

- nonnative speakers who have taken the TOEFL test within the past two years

- nonnative speakers who have successfully pursued academic work at schools where English was the language of instruction in an English-speaking country for a specified period, generally two years.

Students should contact their prospective institutions directly concerning their specific admission requirements.

### Where Can People Take the Test?

The TOEFL test is offered in 180 countries around the world at institutional locations, such as colleges and universities and testing centers

In areas where access to computer-based testing or Internet-based testing is limited, a paper-based version of the test is administered on specific dates. The paper-based TOEFL test is generally offered at institutional locations such as colleges and universities.

### Who Accepts TOEFL Scores?

More than 5,000 colleges, universities, and licensing agencies in 90 countries accept TOEFL scores.

I will be listing places and test sites for you in the near future here and on a website.

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