





# Performance of Reference Groups on the Paper-based TOEFL Test

The data presented here are based on TOEFL test scores obtained by examinees from July 1996 through June 1997. It should be noted that this test record database includes both first-time test takers and repeating examinees.

These tables simply summarize the performance of self-selected groups of examinees who took the paper-based TOEFL test during the period specified; the data are not necessarily representative of the general TOEFL population. In some countries, for example, virtually any high school, university, or graduate student who aspires to study in the United States or Canada may take the test. In other countries, government policies may regulate who takes the test.

**Table 1** gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from July 1996 through June 1997.

**Table 1. Minimum and Maximum Observed TOEFL Section and Total Scores**

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening Comprehension	24	68
2. Structure and Written Expression	20	68
3. Reading Comprehension	22	67
Total	253	677

**Table 2** shows the percentile ranks for section and total scaled scores for the total group. In **Tables 3-6**, examinees have been classified by their reason for taking the test (information supplied by them when they took it).

**Table 2. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Total Group\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68		98			
66	99	96	98	660	99
64	96	93	95	640	97
62	93	88	89	620	92
60	88	81	82	600	87
58	81	75	73	580	79
56	73	65	62	560	69
54	63	55	50	540	57
52	52	45	39	520	45
50	40	35	29	500	33
48	30	26	21	480	23
46	20	19	15	460	15
44	12	13	10	440	10
42	7	8	7	420	6
40	4	5	4	400	3
38	2	3	3	380	2
36	1	2	2	360	1
34	1	1	1	340	
32		1	1	320	
30		1		300	
28					
Mean	51.7	52.8	53.4	Mean	526
S.D.	6.8	7.7	7.1	S.D.	65

\*Based on the total group of 794,989 examinees tested from July 1996 through June 1997. (Total group includes 95,334 examinees not included in Tables 3-6 who did not indicate a "reason for taking TOEFL" or who indicated a reason other than those given in Tables 3-6.)

**Table 3. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Graduate-Level Students\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68		98			
66	99	95	97	660	99
64	97	91	93	640	96
62	94	85	85	620	91
60	89	77	76	600	84
58	82	69	65	580	75
56	73	58	53	560	64
54	63	47	41	540	51
52	52	37	29	520	38
50	39	27	20	500	26
48	28	20	14	480	17
46	18	14	9	460	11
44	11	9	6	440	6
42	6	5	4	420	4
40	3	3	2	400	2
38	2	2	1	380	1
36	1	1	1	360	
34	1	1	1	340	
32		1		320	
30				300	
Mean	51.9	54.2	55.0	Mean	537
S.D.	6.5	7.4	6.6	S.D.	61

\*Based on 382,202 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.

**Table 4. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Undergraduate-Level Students\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	98			
66	98	96	99	660	99
64	96	94	97	640	97
62	92	90	93	620	93
60	85	85	88	600	88
58	78	80	81	580	82
56	69	72	72	560	73
54	59	63	62	540	63
52	49	53	50	520	52
50	38	43	39	500	40
48	28	33	29	480	29
46	19	24	20	460	19
44	12	16	14	440	12
42	7	10	9	420	7
40	4	6	6	400	4
38	2	4	4	380	2
36	1	2	2	360	1
34	1	1	1	340	
32		1	1	320	
30		1	1	300	
28					
Mean	52.2	51.5	51.6	Mean	518
S.D.	6.9	7.8	7.1	S.D.	66

\*Based on 276,321 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as undergraduate students.

**Table 5. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Other Students\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68					
66	99	99		660	
64	98	97	98	640	99
62	97	96	96	620	97
60	94	93	93	600	94
58	90	90	88	580	91
56	85	84	82	560	86
54	80	78	75	540	80
52	73	70	65	520	71
50	63	61	55	500	61
48	52	52	46	480	51
46	40	42	36	460	39
44	29	32	28	440	28
42	19	23	20	420	19
40	11	15	14	400	12
38	7	10	9	380	7
36	4	7	6	360	3
34	2	4	4	340	1
32	1	3	3	320	
30		2	2	300	
28		1	1		
26					
Mean	48.1	47.8	48.6	Mean	482
S.D.	7.1	8.1	7.9	S.D.	69

\*Based on 18,061 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were applying for admission to schools other than colleges or universities, e.g., secondary schools.

**Table 6. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL Scores — Applicants for Professional License\***

Scaled Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	98		660	98
66	98	95	99	640	95
64	95	92	94	620	91
62	91	88	87	600	85
60	84	82	80		
				580	76
58	76	75	68	560	64
56	65	64	55	540	49
54	53	52	40	520	34
52	42	40	28	500	24
50	31	29	20		
				480	17
48	23	21	14	460	12
46	15	15	10	440	8
44	10	10	7	420	5
42	6	7	5	400	3
40	4	4	4		
				380	2
38	2	3	2	360	1
36	1	2	2	340	
34	1	1	1	320	
32		1	1	300	
30		1			
28					
Mean	53.0	53.4	54.7	Mean	537
S.D.	6.8	7.4	6.8	S.D.	63

\*Based on 23,071 examinees who, on their TOEFL answer sheets, indicated that they were taking TOEFL to become licensed to practice their professions in the United States or Canada.

**Tables 7 and 8** present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between July 1996 and June 1997.

**Table 7. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Males\***

Group	Number	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score
Total Group†	408,303	51.6 6.8	53.3 7.8	54.1 7.2	530 65
Graduate Level	213,100	51.7 6.5	54.7 7.3	55.6 6.6	540 61
Undergraduate Level	130,643	52.3 7.1	51.7 8.1	51.9 7.4	519 68
Other Students	7,531	48.5 7.3	48.5 8.5	49.6 8.4	489 73
Applicants for Professional License	11,603	52.9 6.7	53.8 7.2	55.3 6.6	540 61

\* Based on examinees tested from July 1996 through June 1997 who responded to gender group membership on answer sheets.

† Total group includes 45,426 examinees not included in the four succeeding groups.

**Table 8. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Females\***

Group	Number	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scaled Score
Total Group†	377,619	51.9 6.7	52.4 7.6	52.8 7.0	523 64
Graduate Level	165,196	52.1 6.5	53.7 7.4	54.3 6.6	534 61
Undergraduate Level	142,218	52.3 6.8	51.4 7.6	51.4 6.9	517 65
Other Students	10,314	47.9 6.8	47.3 7.7	47.9 7.5	477 66
Applicants for Professional License	11,082	53.2 7.1	53.0 7.7	54.0 6.9	534 66

\* Based on examinees tested from July 1996 through June 1997 who responded to gender group membership on answer sheets.

† Total group includes 48,809 examinees not included in the four succeeding groups.

**Tables 9 and 10** may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL test of a particular student with that of other students from the same country and with that of students who speak the same language. It is important to point out that the data do not permit the generalization that there are fundamental differences in the ability of the various national and language groups to learn English or in the level of English proficiency they can attain. The tables are based simply on the performance of those examinees native to particular countries and languages who happened to take the TOEFL test.

**Table 9. TOEFL Total and Section Score Means<sup>(1)</sup> — All Examinees Classified by Native Language<sup>(2)</sup>**

(Based on 794,989 students who took TOEFL from July 1996 through June 1997)<sup>(3)</sup>

<i>Native Language</i>	<i>Number of Examinees</i>	<i>Listening Comprehension</i>	<i>Structure and Written Expression</i>	<i>Reading Comprehension</i>	<i>Total Score Mean</i>	<i>Native Language</i>	<i>Number of Examinees</i>	<i>Listening Comprehension</i>	<i>Structure and Written Expression</i>	<i>Reading Comprehension</i>	<i>Total Score Mean</i>
Afrikaans	550	53	54	53	532	Madurese	270	50	48	49	493
Albanian	760	53	54	53	537	Malagasy	81	49	53	54	517
Amharic	1,016	52	52	52	522	Malay	7,685	54	52	54	531
Arabic	35,066	52	51	50	507	Malayalam	1,604	57	61	60	594
Armenian	467	55	55	54	546	Malinke-Bambara-Dyula	151	48	50	49	490
Assamese	161	53	56	55	548	Maltese	14	*	*	*	*
Azeri	168	52	53	52	527	Marathi	1,597	57	62	61	598
Bashkir	15	*	*	*	*	Marshallese	41	48	44	44	453
Basque (Euskara)	63	56	56	57	562	Mende	41	51	52	49	507
Belorussian	140	54	55	56	546	Minankabau	18	*	*	*	*
Bemba	44	56	59	56	571	Mongolian	397	49	49	50	492
Bengali	6,615	51	53	53	521	More	26	*	*	*	*
Berber	73	50	52	53	517	Nepali	1,910	51	53	53	523
Bikol	46	55	56	55	553	Norwegian	1,927	61	59	58	590
Bulgarian	2,833	57	59	58	580	Nyanja	25	*	*	*	*
Burmese	796	51	51	52	514	Oriya	178	54	59	59	576
Catalan (Provencal)	432	56	56	58	566	Oromo	46	50	54	54	527
Cebuano (Visayan)	463	57	58	58	577	Palauan	109	54	51	49	514
Chichewa	106	54	58	55	559	Panay-Hiligaynon	112	57	58	57	575
Chinese	152,731	52	54	54	532	Pashto	318	51	53	53	523
Chuvash	3	*	*	*	*	Pidgin	42	54	57	54	549
Czech	949	57	57	57	569	Polish	2,846	57	55	56	559
Danish	841	62	61	60	608	Ponapean	28	*	*	*	*
Dutch	1,769	62	61	60	613	Portuguese	9,721	55	54	56	553
Efik - Ibibio	95	56	58	55	562	Punjabi	1,562	54	56	56	556
English	4,921	59	60	58	590	Romanian	2,160	57	58	59	577
Estonian	158	58	58	58	576	Ruanda	69	51	53	53	523
Ewe	306	51	57	54	539	Russian	10,847	55	55	55	551
Farsi (Persian)	3,182	55	53	53	535	Samar-Leyte	57	54	55	54	545
Fijian	21	*	*	*	*	Samoa	195	56	53	51	533
Finnish	1,128	60	59	59	592	Santali	2	*	*	*	*
French	21,609	54	55	57	555	Serbo-Croatian	2,287	57	55	56	562
Fula (Peulh)	95	49	52	50	506	Sesotho	34	54	60	55	563
Galician	20	*	*	*	*	Setswana	239	54	59	54	558
Ganda (Luganda)	84	54	61	56	570	Shona	321	58	62	57	589
Georgian	307	53	55	54	538	Sindhi	540	55	57	56	559
German	15,079	59	60	59	594	Sinhalese	1,512	54	54	54	539
Greek	11,378	55	54	53	541	Siswati	15	*	*	*	*
Guarani	39	53	54	53	534	Slovak	595	57	56	56	562
Gujarati	3,867	54	55	55	544	Slovene	176	59	57	57	575
Hausa	141	54	56	54	548	Somali	189	53	51	51	514
Hebrew	2,090	60	56	57	578	Spanish	40,859	55	54	56	550
Hindi	8,092	57	61	59	590	Sundanese	112	49	51	51	504
Hungarian (Magyar)	1,536	57	57	57	569	Swahili	1,379	52	56	53	538
Ibo (Igbo)	1,061	56	60	56	573	Swedish	3,903	61	58	58	590
Icelandic	361	61	59	58	594	Tagalog	3,658	58	58	57	579
Ilocano	173	54	56	55	550	Tamil	4,773	56	59	59	582
Indonesian	21,428	52	49	52	510	Tatar	27	*	*	*	*
Italian	9,250	52	56	58	551	Telugu	6,704	53	58	57	561
Japanese	152,234	49	50	50	496	Thai	49,880	48	49	51	494
Javanese	873	51	50	50	502	Tibetan	90	52	53	53	525
Kannada (Kanarese)	1,358	57	61	60	591	Tigrinya	196	53	52	52	524
Kanuri	4	*	*	*	*	Tongan	9	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	91	57	61	60	592	Trukese	98	50	47	45	472
Kazakh	309	52	52	52	519	Tulu	79	58	62	61	604
Khmer (Kampuchean)	261	52	50	50	504	Turkish	11,794	53	54	54	534
Kikuyu	1,950	54	59	55	559	Turkmen	47	51	51	50	507
Kirundi	54	52	54	52	527	Twi-Fante	341	56	60	56	572
Konkani	373	60	64	61	616	Ukrainian	1,289	54	54	55	545
Korean	113,843	49	52	54	518	Ulithian	6	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	91	53	52	53	524	Urdu	8,876	53	54	54	538
Kurukh (Oraon)	1	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	3	*	*	*	*
Kusaiean	35	51	50	47	493	Vietnamese	3,312	51	50	51	507
Lao	140	52	50	51	509	Wolof	424	47	50	50	490
Latvian	247	54	55	55	546	Xhosa	14	*	*	*	*
Lingala	117	48	51	50	495	Yapese	22	*	*	*	*
Lithuanian	355	56	56	56	561	Yiddish	9	*	*	*	*
Luba-Lulua	23	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	1,713	56	59	57	574
Luo	433	55	60	57	573	Zulu	31	55	59	55	565
Macedonian	216	56	53	53	541						

(1) Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30 for a total of 305 examinees.

(2) Due to changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain languages may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.

(3) Includes 13,661 students who did not report their native languages.

**Table 10. TOEFL Total and Section Score Means<sup>(1)</sup> —  
Nonnative English-Speaking Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country<sup>(2)</sup>**

(Based on 794,989 students who took TOEFL from July 1996 through June 1997)<sup>(3)</sup>

Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
<b>AFRICA</b>						<b>ASIA</b>					
Angola	56	52	51	52	516	Netherlands Antilles	125	58	56	55	563
Benin	136	49	54	53	522	Nicaragua	354	53	53	54	535
Botswana	259	55	58	55	559	Panama	683	56	54	55	550
Burkina Faso	70	50	52	53	515	Paraguay	243	54	53	55	539
Burundi	59	52	53	51	520	Peru	2,461	54	53	56	543
Cameroon	498	50	55	53	526	Puerto Rico	1,575	57	55	56	561
Cape Verde	57	52	47	46	483	St. Kitts and Nevis	3	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	26	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1	*	*	*	*
Chad	28	*	*	*	*	Suriname	39	57	57	55	566
Comoros	14	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago	13	*	*	*	*
Congo	87	46	49	49	481	United States of America	1,413	58	56	56	567
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	372	50	52	52	510	Uruguay	315	57	57	59	574
Djibouti	11	*	*	*	*	US Virgin Islands	1	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	11	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	3,403	54	52	55	539
Eritrea	147	53	52	51	522	<b>EUROPE</b>					
Ethiopia	1,136	52	53	52	524	Albania	676	53	55	54	541
Gabon	51	51	52	53	519	Andorra	10	*	*	*	*
Gambia, The	115	50	53	50	510	Armenia	316	54	55	55	545
Ghana	1,488	54	59	56	563	Austria	1,208	59	60	59	596
Guinea	113	49	50	49	496	Azerbaijan	291	53	53	53	533
Guinea – Bissau	47	46	47	46	464	Azores	6	*	*	*	*
Kenya	3,823	54	59	56	562	Belarus	519	54	55	56	552
Lesotho	23	*	*	*	*	Belgium	903	60	60	61	602
Liberia	58	50	52	50	508	Bosnia and Herzegovina	812	57	54	54	551
Madagascar	123	50	53	55	527	Bulgaria	2,838	57	59	58	580
Malawi	112	55	59	56	566	Croatia	540	59	57	58	578
Mali	123	48	51	50	496	Cyprus	3,461	53	53	51	524
Mauritania	42	49	51	51	502	Czech Republic	962	57	57	57	570
Mauritius	228	57	61	60	591	Denmark	855	62	61	60	606
Mozambique	97	51	52	53	522	England	155	56	56	55	559
Namibia	44	53	55	53	538	Estonia	239	57	57	57	568
Niger	47	49	53	50	505	Faeroe Island	2	*	*	*	*
Nigeria	3,400	56	59	56	572	Finland	1,191	61	59	59	593
Reunion	67	54	57	57	557	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	200	56	54	53	546
Rwanda	63	50	52	52	511	France	16,787	54	56	58	556
Sao Tome and Principe	10	*	*	*	*	Georgia	368	53	54	54	537
Senegal	572	47	50	50	491	Germany	12,412	59	60	59	594
Seychelles	5	*	*	*	*	Greece	8,472	56	55	54	547
Sierra Leone	132	52	55	52	534	Greenland	6	*	*	*	*
Somalia	176	53	51	51	514	Hungary	1,387	57	56	57	568
South Africa	330	59	60	58	591	Iceland	369	61	59	58	594
Swaziland	28	*	*	*	*	Ireland	10	*	*	*	*
Tanzania	773	50	53	51	515	Italy	9,012	52	56	58	551
Togo	193	48	52	51	504	Kazakhstan	639	53	53	53	529
Tunisia	385	51	53	53	522	Kyrgyzstan	230	53	55	55	542
Uganda	249	53	59	55	558	Latvia	446	54	54	55	545
Zaire	307	50	51	51	504	Liechtenstein	14	*	*	*	*
Zambia	131	58	62	58	592	Lithuania	380	56	56	56	563
Zimbabwe	327	58	62	58	590	Luxembourg	89	59	61	61	601
<b>AMERICAS</b>						Madeira Islands					
Antigua and Barbuda	2	*	*	*	*		1	*	*	*	*
Argentina	3,736	56	56	58	566						
Aruba	98	58	55	53	554						
Bahamas	2	*	*	*	*						
Barbados	2	*	*	*	*						
Belize	23	*	*	*	*						
Bermuda	3	*	*	*	*						
Bolivia	648	55	53	54	541						
Brazil	8,815	55	54	56	551						
British West Indies	1	*	*	*	*						
Canada	1,758	57	55	56	563						
Chile	1,417	55	54	58	554						
Colombia	5,381	54	53	56	543						
Costa Rica	564	57	56	58	571						
Cuba	563	52	52	56	531						
Dominica, Commonwealth of	7	*	*	*	*						
Dominican Republic	760	55	52	54	535						
Ecuador	1,311	55	53	55	541						
El Salvador	538	57	55	55	558						
French Guiana	6	*	*	*	*						
Grenada	2	*	*	*	*						
Guadaloupe	52	52	52	53	521						
Guatemala	977	57	55	55	557						
Haiti	747	51	50	50	505						
Honduras	377	57	55	56	560						
Jamaica	12	*	*	*	*						
Martinique	54	52	52	54	526						
Mexico	10,581	55	53	56	547						

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Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Number of Examinees	Listening Comprehension	Structure and Written Expression	Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
<b>EUROPE (cont'd.)</b>											
Malta	24	*	*	*	*	Kuwait	3,813	49	44	44	461
Moldova	335	54	54	55	545	Lebanon	6,973	54	55	53	538
Monaco	21	*	*	*	*	Libya	334	50	48	49	491
Netherlands	1,214	62	62	61	616	Morocco	2,420	49	52	51	510
Northern Ireland	21	*	*	*	*	Oman	503	52	49	48	497
Norway	1,942	61	59	57	589	Qatar	347	51	46	46	474
Poland	2,837	57	55	56	559	Saudi Arabia	4,986	50	46	46	475
Portugal	811	57	57	58	575	Sudan	700	50	51	51	510
Romania	2,173	57	58	59	578	Syria	1,632	54	52	52	527
Russia	7,001	55	55	56	552	United Arab Emirates	1,734	52	48	47	490
San Marino	3	*	*	*	*	Yemen	288	51	49	48	493
Scotland	5	*	*	*	*	<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>					
Slovak Republic	607	57	56	55	561	American Samoa	216	56	53	50	529
Slovenia	172	59	57	57	577	Australia	74	56	54	55	548
Spain	5,279	55	56	58	561	Cook Islands	1	*	*	*	*
Sweden	3,909	61	58	58	589	Federated States of Micronesia	187	52	50	47	495
Switzerland	2,354	58	58	58	580	Fiji	47	56	56	53	549
Tajikistan	91	52	52	50	516	French Polynesia	25	*	*	*	*
Turkey	11,247	53	53	54	534	Guam	14	*	*	*	*
Turkmenistan	81	52	52	52	522	Kiribati	6	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	2,970	55	55	56	550	Marshall Islands	86	49	45	44	461
United Kingdom	46	56	55	56	552	Nauru	4	*	*	*	*
Uzbekistan	785	53	53	53	529	New Caledonia	45	52	53	55	532
Vatican City	2	*	*	*	*	New Zealand	37	54	53	53	532
Wales	4	*	*	*	*	Niue Island	2	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	1,270	57	55	56	560	Northern Mariana Islands	3	*	*	*	*
<b>MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA</b>						Papua New Guinea	24	*	*	*	*
Algeria	524	50	51	52	513	Palau	115	54	51	49	514
Bahrain	486	54	51	50	517	Solomon Islands	4	*	*	*	*
Egypt	5,322	53	53	52	527	Tahiti	22	*	*	*	*
Iran	3,065	54	53	53	535	Tonga	5	*	*	*	*
Iraq	650	54	52	52	526	Tuyalu	2	*	*	*	*
Israel	2,594	59	55	56	566	Vanuatu	1	*	*	*	*
Jordan	4,145	52	52	51	515	Western Samoa	3	*	*	*	*

(1) Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30 for a total of 500 examinees.  
 (2) Due to changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.  
 (3) Includes 10,372 students who did not report their country of birth or who reported English as their native languages.

**Table 11** presents the overall frequency distribution of Test of Written English (TWE) scores based on the five TWE administrations between July 1996 and June 1997. The TWE test is administered with the TOEFL test at

selected administrations, currently five times per testing year. The test is holistically scored using a criterion-referenced 6-point score scale. Further information can be found in the *TOEFL Test of Written English Guide*.

**Table 11. Frequency Distribution of TWE Scores for All Examinees**  
 (Based on 338,832 examinees who took the TWE test from July 1996 through June 1997)

TWE Score	N	Percent	Percentile Rank
6.0	6,090	1.80	99.10
5.5	9,841	2.90	96.75
5.0	31,928	9.42	90.59
4.5	30,309	8.95	81.40
4.0	104,069	30.71	61.58
3.5	38,446	11.35	40.54
3.0	75,488	22.28	23.73
2.5	16,963	5.01	10.08
2.0	18,977	5.60	4.78
1.5	3,232	0.95	1.51
1.0	3,489	1.03	0.51



# 1998-99 TOEFL Testing Programs and Fees

## Computer-based Testing Program

In July 1998 the TOEFL program will introduce computerized testing in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Australia, and some Asian countries. (Additional areas will be phased in over the next three years.)



The move to computer-based testing allows for several important enhancements to the TOEFL test:

- assessment that is better tailored to each test taker's ability level — examinees spend less time answering questions that are too easy or too difficult
- fewer test questions than with traditional paper-based tests
- year-round testing in many locations
- more individualized testing environment
- faster score reporting, within two weeks of testing
- essay with every test administration

Students must schedule their appointments to take the computer-based TOEFL test — at a time convenient for them — through Sylvan Regional Registration Centers®.

On the day of the test, each student will be assigned to an individual testing station. It is not necessary for students to have prior computer experience. Animated tutorials will demonstrate the basic computer skills needed to perform the required tasks on the computer, such as using a mouse, scrolling text, and how to use the testing tools. Additional tutorials will provide instructions for answering the test questions on computer in each of the four test sections: Listening, Structure, Reading, and Writing. All examinees will have to go through the tutorials before starting the test.

The fee for the computer-based test in 1998-99 is US\$100 worldwide.

## Paper-based Testing Program

In some countries, the paper-and-pencil format of the test will continue to be administered on specified dates (see calendar below). These 14 countries are:

- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- India
- Japan
- Korea
- Laos
- Macau
- Pakistan
- People's Republic of China
- Thailand
- Taiwan
- Vietnam

Under the paper-based testing program, examinees are asked to select one answer from four possible choices given for each question. The examinee's answer-choice is marked on a paper answer sheet provided at the test center.

There are three sections in this test: Listening Comprehension, Structure, and Reading Comprehension. The Test of Written English (TWE) will be administered with the TOEFL test five times during 1998-99 (see dates below followed by asterisks).

The fee for the paper-based test is \$75. There is no additional fee for the TWE test. *Note:* Because of local operating expenses, the fee may vary in some areas.

### 1998-99 Testing Schedule

Test Dates	Registration Deadline Dates	Approximate Score Report Mailing Dates
July 10, 1998	May 25, 1998	August 12, 1998
August 8, 1998*	June 22, 1998	September 9, 1998
September 11, 1998	July 27, 1998	October 14, 1998
October 24, 1998*	September 7, 1998	November 25, 1998
November 21, 1998	October 5, 1998	December 21, 1998
December 18, 1998*	November 2, 1998	January 20, 1999
January 16, 1999	November 30, 1998	February 17, 1999
February 27, 1999*	January 11, 1999	March 31, 1999
March 19, 1999	February 1, 1999	April 21, 1999
April 17, 1999	March 1, 1999	May 19, 1999
May 15, 1999*	March 29, 1999	June 16, 1999
June 11, 1999	April 26, 1999	July 14, 1999

To receive information about computer-based testing as it is released, sign up for TOEFL's Internet mailing list at <http://www.toefl.org/edindx.html>. The latest news will be sent to your e-mail address.

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