



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 1997 through June 1998. 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 1997 through June 1998.

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

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening Comprehension	28	68
2. Structure and Written Expression	20	68
3. Reading Comprehension	23	67
Total	263	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	99	98			
66	98	96	98	660	99
64	95	92	94	640	96
62	91	87	88	620	91
60	85	81	81	600	85
58	77	71	72	580	76
56	68	61	61	560	65
54	57	51	49	540	53
52	46	42	38	520	41
50	35	33	28	500	30
48	25	25	20	480	21
46	17	18	14	460	14
44	10	12	9	440	9
42	6	7	6	420	5
40	3	5	4	400	3
38	2	3	3	380	1
36	1	2	2	360	1
34	1	1	1	340	
32		1	1	320	
30				300	
28					
Mean	52.7	53.3	53.6	Mean	532
S.D.	6.8	7.6	7.1	S.D.	65

*Based on the total group of 786,345 examinees tested from July 1997 through June 1998. (Total group includes 95,794 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	99	98			
66	98	95	97	660	99
64	96	90	92	640	95
62	92	84	84	620	90
60	85	76	75	600	82
58	77	65	64	580	71
56	68	53	52	560	59
54	57	43	40	540	46
52	45	33	29	520	34
50	33	25	20	500	23
48	23	18	13	480	15
46	14	12	9	460	9
44	8	8	6	440	6
42	4	5	4	420	3
40	2	3	2	400	2
38	1	2	1	380	1
36	1	1	1	360	
34		1	1	340	
32			1	320	
30				300	
Mean	52.9	54.8	55.2	Mean	543
S.D.	6.5	7.2	6.6	S.D.	61

*Based on 371,326 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	99			
66	98	97	99	660	99
64	95	94	97	640	97
62	90	90	93	620	93
60	83	85	88	600	87
58	75	78	81	580	80
56	66	69	72	560	71
54	56	60	62	540	61
52	45	51	50	520	50
50	35	42	39	500	38
48	25	32	28	480	27
46	17	23	20	460	18
44	10	16	14	440	11
42	6	10	9	420	7
40	3	6	6	400	4
38	2	4	4	380	2
36	1	2	3	360	1
34	1	1	2	340	
32		1	1	320	
30				300	
28					
Mean S.D.	52.9 7.0	51.8 7.7	51.7 7.2	Mean S.D.	521 66

*Based on 268,725 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	99	660	
64	98	97	98	640	98
62	96	95	95	620	96
60	92	92	92	600	93
58	87	87	88	580	89
56	82	82	82	560	84
54	75	75	74	540	77
52	67	67	65	520	68
50	58	59	55	500	58
48	47	50	45	480	48
46	36	40	35	460	37
44	24	31	27	440	27
42	15	22	19	420	18
40	9	15	14	400	11
38	6	10	9	380	6
36	3	6	7	360	2
34	2	4	5	340	1
32	1	3	4	320	
30				300	
28					
26					
Mean S.D.	49.1 7.2	48.4 8.0	48.7 7.9	Mean S.D.	487 70

*Based on 16,795 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	99
66	98	96	98	640	96
64	95	93	95	620	91
62	90	88	88	600	84
60	82	82	80		
				580	75
58	73	72	67	560	61
56	61	61	52	540	44
54	47	48	36	520	29
52	34	37	24	500	19
50	24	27	15		
				480	12
48	16	19	10	460	8
46	10	12	7	440	5
44	6	8	5	420	3
42	4	5	3	400	2
40	2	3	2		
				380	1
38	1	2	1	360	
36	1	1	1	340	
34		1	1	320	
32			1	300	
30					
28					
Mean S.D.	54.1 6.3	54.0 6.9	55.3 6.0	Mean S.D.	545 57

*Based on 33,705 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 1997 and June 1998.

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†	400,397	52.5 6.8	53.7 7.6	54.2 7.1	535 64
Graduate Level	205,358	52.7 6.5	55.2 7.2	55.7 6.6	545 61
Undergraduate Level	126,535	52.9 7.1	52.0 7.9	51.9 7.4	523 68
Other Students	7,131	49.6 7.5	49.1 8.4	49.7 8.4	495 74
Applicants for Professional License	16,800	53.7 6.1	54.0 6.6	55.8 5.7	545 54

* Based on examinees tested from July 1997 through June 1998 who responded to gender group membership on answer sheets.

† Total group includes 44,573 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†	376,764	52.8 6.7	52.9 7.6	53.0 7.0	529 65
Graduate Level	162,288	53.2 6.4	54.4 7.2	54.6 6.6	541 61
Undergraduate Level	138,658	52.9 6.8	51.7 7.6	51.5 6.9	520 65
Other Students	9,456	48.7 7.0	47.8 7.7	48.0 7.5	482 67
Applicants for Professional License	16,223	54.6 6.5	54.0 7.2	54.9 6.2	545 60

* Based on examinees tested from July 1997 through June 1998 who responded to gender group membership on answer sheets.

† Total group includes 50,139 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⁽¹⁾ — All Examinees Classified by Native Language⁽²⁾

(Based on 786,345 students who took TOEFL from July 1997 through June 1998)⁽³⁾

<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	546	53	54	53	533	Madurese	169	52	48	49	496
Albanian	1,037	53	55	53	539	Malagasy	106	49	53	53	516
Amharic	922	53	53	52	527	Malay	5,936	55	52	54	536
Arabic	40,611	52	51	50	512	Malayalam	1,685	57	59	59	587
Armenian	621	55	55	55	552	Malinke-Bambara-Dyula	170	47	49	49	483
Assamese	161	54	55	55	547	Maltese	12	58	62	61	601
Azeri	276	52	53	52	528	Marathi	1,992	50	47	46	480
Bashkir	2	*	*	*	*	Marshallese	98	50	50	50	500
Basque (Euskara)	64	56	57	58	569	Mende	26	*	*	*	*
Belarussian	139	55	55	56	551	Minankabau	13	*	*	*	*
Bemba	53	55	59	55	561	Mongolian	277	51	50	50	503
Bengali	7,005	52	53	53	526	More	18	*	*	*	*
Berber	55	51	52	52	517	Nepali	2,170	51	53	52	521
Bhili	6	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	1,981	61	58	57	586
Bikol	96	57	56	57	565	Nyanja	38	57	58	55	569
Bulgarian	4,090	57	59	58	580	Oriya	200	56	60	60	588
Burmese	1,233	51	52	52	518	Oromo	62	49	54	53	520
Cebuano (Visayan)	1,156	58	58	57	576	Palauan	136	53	50	49	506
Chichewa	93	55	57	54	555	Panay-Hiligaynon	540	58	58	57	576
Chinese	161,122	52	54	55	537	Pashto	377	53	54	54	533
Chuvash	1	*	*	*	*	Pidgin	37	55	56	52	542
Czech	995	57	57	56	567	Polish	3,080	57	55	56	558
Danish	788	62	60	59	606	Ponapean	71	53	52	49	511
Dutch	1,807	62	61	60	610	Portuguese	10,988	56	55	56	553
Efik - Ibibio	85	56	58	56	565	Punjabi	1,802	55	56	56	554
English	6,404	60	60	59	594	Romanian	2,702	57	58	59	580
Estonian	239	59	59	58	585	Ruanda	87	50	53	52	519
Ewe	342	52	56	54	540	Russian	11,337	55	55	55	552
Farsi (Persian)	3,767	55	52	53	534	Samar-Leyte	79	57	55	56	560
Fijian	32	54	54	52	534	Samoan	85	56	53	50	528
Finnish	1,019	61	59	59	595	Santali	3	*	*	*	*
French	22,300	54	56	57	555	Serbo-Croatian	2,368	57	55	56	561
Fula (Peulh)	132	49	51	50	500	Sesotho	49	56	58	55	566
Galician	32	55	57	59	571	Setswana	613	55	57	55	555
Ganda (Luganda)	76	56	61	56	574	Shona	351	58	60	57	583
Georgian	410	54	56	54	546	Sindhi	501	55	57	56	562
German	15,540	60	59	59	593	Sinhalese	1,374	55	54	54	545
Greek	10,863	55	55	53	543	Siswati	26	57	56	56	566
Guarani	37	54	56	56	552	Slovak	719	57	56	56	566
Gujarati	4,649	54	55	55	545	Slovene	189	59	58	58	584
Hausa	135	54	56	54	547	Somali	159	53	50	51	515
Hebrew	2,199	61	57	57	582	Spanish	45,561	55	54	56	552
Hindi	8,723	58	60	59	592	Sundanese	132	51	51	51	507
Hungarian (Magyar)	1,565	57	56	57	569	Swahili	1,527	53	56	54	544
Ibo (Igbo)	1,178	56	59	56	569	Swedish	4,147	61	57	57	586
Icelandic	394	62	58	57	590	Tagalog	6,337	58	58	57	578
Ilocano	424	56	56	55	559	Tamil	5,079	57	60	59	586
Indonesian	16,337	53	50	52	517	Tatar	15	*	*	*	*
Italian	10,084	52	57	57	554	Telugu	6,926	54	58	57	566
Japanese	144,579	50	50	50	498	Thai	31,306	50	50	50	502
Javanese	785	51	50	50	504	Tibetan	96	53	53	53	523
Kannada (Kanarese)	1,437	58	61	60	595	Tigrinya	245	53	53	53	533
Kanuri	7	*	*	*	*	Tongan	13	*	*	*	*
Kashmiri	115	59	61	60	598	Trukese	51	50	48	46	482
Kazakh	348	53	52	53	527	Tulu	86	59	62	61	608
Khmer (Kampuchean)	315	53	51	51	513	Turkish	12,776	54	54	54	538
Kikuyu	2,689	54	58	55	556	Turkmen	48	53	53	53	530
Kirundi	53	53	55	53	535	Twi-Fante	828	55	59	56	566
Konkani	400	60	64	62	621	Ukrainian	1,530	55	55	55	550
Korean	104,943	50	52	53	521	Ulithian	3	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	106	54	50	52	520	Urdu	9,608	54	54	54	541
Kurukh (Oraon)	0	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	400	53	53	52	527
Kusaiean	32	51	51	49	503	Vietnamese	3,205	51	51	51	511
Lao	124	53	50	50	508	Wolof	514	48	50	50	495
Latvian	228	56	56	56	559	Xhosa	23	*	*	*	*
Lingala	66	48	49	49	487	Yapese	19	*	*	*	*
Lithuanian	444	56	55	55	554	Yiddish	6	*	*	*	*
Luba-Lulua	18	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	1,656	56	59	56	571
Luo	567	55	59	56	570	Zulu	36	57	59	56	575
Macedonian	270	56	54	54	547						

(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 236 examinees.

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

(3) Includes 10,692 students who did not report their native languages.

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

(Based on 786,345 students who took TOEFL from July 1997 through June 1998)⁽³⁾

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
AFRICA						ASIA					
Angola	102	51	48	48	488	Nicaragua	380	55	53	54	537
Benin	169	49	53	52	515	Panama	757	56	53	55	547
Botswana	650	55	57	54	553	Paraguay	261	54	53	54	537
Burkina Faso	83	48	52	52	506	Peru	2,859	54	54	56	544
Burundi	59	53	54	52	532	Puerto Rico	1,547	58	55	56	565
Cameroon	522	50	53	52	521	St. Kitts and Nevis	1	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	79	52	48	49	496	St. Lucia	0	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	20	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	2	*	*	*	*
Chad	26	*	*	*	*	Suriname	50	58	57	55	567
Comoros	13	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago	11	*	*	*	*
Congo	57	52	52	53	524	United States of America	1,512	58	56	55	563
Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)	399	50	51	51	507	Uruguay	349	57	57	58	572
Djibouti	9	*	*	*	*	US Virgin Islands	1	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	8	*	*	*	*	Venezuela	3,643	55	52	55	539
Eritrea	209	53	53	53	528	EUROPE					
Ethiopia	1,041	53	53	53	529	Afghanistan	376	53	51	51	516
Gabon	55	51	49	51	501	Bangladesh	5,703	50	51	52	510
Gambia, The	144	52	54	53	530	Bhutan	50	56	58	57	567
Ghana	1,418	55	59	56	564	Brunei Darussalam	45	59	56	56	567
Guinea	174	47	48	48	478	Cambodia	321	53	51	51	514
Guinea – Bissau	41	50	47	49	488	China, People's Republic of	79,964	53	57	57	560
Kenya	5,321	54	58	56	560	Hong Kong	22,343	54	51	53	523
Lesotho	29	*	*	*	*	India	33,586	56	59	59	581
Liberia	62	54	54	52	533	Indonesia	16,538	53	50	52	517
Madagascar	142	50	53	54	524	Japan	146,439	50	50	50	498
Malawi	79	55	58	54	555	Korea (DPR)	1,611	50	49	50	498
Mali	137	46	48	48	475	Korea (ROK)	103,674	50	52	54	522
Mauritania	40	50	50	50	503	Laos	135	52	49	50	506
Mauritius	207	58	61	60	597	Macau	1,070	51	51	51	512
Mozambique	81	51	51	51	512	Malaysia	9,530	54	51	54	530
Namibia	23	*	*	*	*	Maldives	24	*	*	*	*
Niger	48	48	51	50	497	Mongolia	243	51	50	50	502
Nigeria	3,452	56	59	56	569	Myanmar (Burma)	1,244	51	52	52	518
Reunion	51	55	56	56	556	Nepal	2,153	51	53	52	521
Rwanda	110	51	53	52	522	Pakistan	9,850	54	54	54	538
Sao Tome and Principe	14	*	*	*	*	Philippines	8,738	58	58	57	577
Senegal	678	48	50	50	490	Singapore	1,318	61	60	60	603
Seychelles	5	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	2,083	55	53	54	537
Sierra Leone	68	56	56	54	552	Taiwan	52,826	51	51	51	508
Somalia	143	53	50	50	510	Thailand	31,403	50	50	51	502
South Africa	341	60	60	59	598	Vietnam	3,251	51	51	51	511
Swaziland	39	56	57	54	558						
Tanzania	689	52	53	52	524						
Togo	261	49	51	51	503						
Tunisia	426	52	53	53	527						
Uganda	232	55	59	55	561						
Zaire	293	50	51	50	505						
Zambia	160	57	60	56	578						
Zimbabwe	397	58	61	57	586						
AMERICAS											
Antigua and Barbuda	4	*	*	*	*						
Argentina	3,853	56	57	57	569						
Aruba	109	57	55	53	552						
Bahamas	3	*	*	*	*						
Barbados	8	*	*	*	*						
Belize	40	52	47	49	491						
Bermuda	2	*	*	*	*						
Bolivia	750	56	53	54	544						
Brazil	10,018	55	55	56	553						
British West Indies	6	*	*	*	*						
Canada	1,836	58	55	56	562						
Chile	1,620	56	54	57	556						
Colombia	7,196	55	53	55	545						
Costa Rica	598	59	57	58	578						
Cuba	923	51	51	55	525						
Dominica, Commonwealth of	5	*	*	*	*						
Dominican Republic	903	55	52	54	537						
Ecuador	1,355	55	54	55	547						
El Salvador	486	57	54	54	551						
French Guiana	13	*	*	*	*						
Grenada	2	*	*	*	*						
Guadaloupe	67	53	53	55	538						
Guatemala	1,185	57	54	55	554						
Guyana	4	*	*	*	*						
Haiti	861	52	51	50	512						
Honduras	431	58	56	56	569						
Jamaica	12	*	*	*	*						
Martinique	43	54	55	55	546						
Mexico	11,122	55	54	56	551						
Netherlands Antilles	113	59	56	54	566						

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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
EUROPE (cont'd.)											
Malta	22	*	*	*	*	Kuwait	3,547	50	45	44	463
Moldova	374	55	55	56	554	Lebanon	9,206	54	55	53	540
Monaco	33	56	55	56	556	Libya	221	52	49	50	506
Netherlands	1,248	63	61	60	612	Morocco	2,222	51	53	52	516
Northern Ireland	10	*	*	*	*	Oman	581	52	49	48	498
Norway	2,007	61	58	57	586	Qatar	356	52	47	47	487
Poland	3,078	57	55	56	558	Saudi Arabia	5,871	51	46	46	476
Portugal	844	58	57	58	575	Sudan	769	51	52	51	515
Romania	2,691	57	58	59	581	Syria	2,379	53	53	53	530
Russia	7,201	56	55	56	555	United Arab Emirates	1,921	52	48	47	488
San Marino	9	*	*	*	*	Yemen	391	51	48	48	488
Scotland	4	*	*	*	*	PACIFIC REGION					
Slovak Republic	714	57	56	56	566	American Samoa	99	55	52	48	519
Slovenia	184	60	58	58	586	Australia	84	56	53	54	544
Spain	5,627	56	57	58	566	Cook Islands	0	*	*	*	*
Sweden	4,135	61	57	57	585	Federated States of Micronesia	180	52	50	48	503
Switzerland	2,288	59	58	58	581	Fiji	56	57	56	55	560
Tajikistan	137	51	50	52	510	French Polynesia	26	*	*	*	*
Turkey	12,355	54	54	54	537	Guam	3	*	*	*	*
Turkmenistan	84	52	53	53	525	Kiribati	4	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	3,259	55	55	55	552	Marshall Islands	108	51	48	47	485
United Kingdom	58	56	54	54	547	Nauru	3	*	*	*	*
Uzbekistan	1,013	53	52	53	529	New Caledonia	38	54	54	55	541
Vatican City	1	*	*	*	*	New Zealand	59	53	50	51	511
Wales	1	*	*	*	*	Niue Island	2	*	*	*	*
Yugoslavia	1,421	57	55	56	561	Northern Mariana Islands	14	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA						Papua New Guinea	26	*	*	*	*
Algeria	561	51	51	52	514	Palau	134	53	50	48	504
Bahrain	646	54	50	49	507	Solomon Islands	2	*	*	*	*
Egypt	6,692	53	53	53	531	Tahiti	36	55	54	54	547
Iran	3,638	55	52	53	535	Tonga	13	*	*	*	*
Iraq	810	55	52	53	535	Tuvalu	4	*	*	*	*
Israel	2,654	60	55	56	570	Vanuatu	7	*	*	*	*
Jordan	4,363	53	52	51	517	Western Samoa	5	*	*	*	*

(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 476 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 14,839 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 1997 and June 1998. 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 348,063 examinees who took the TWE test from July 1997 through June 1998)

TWE Score	N	Percent	Percentile Rank
6.0	5,349	1.54	99
5.5	8,752	2.51	97
5.0	32,941	9.46	91
4.5	30,104	8.65	82
4.0	113,700	32.67	62
3.5	38,204	10.98	40
3.0	78,957	22.68	23
2.5	15,860	4.56	9
2.0	18,452	5.30	4
1.5	2,760	0.79	1
1.0	2,984	0.86	<1



1999-2000 TOEFL Testing Programs and Fees

Computer-Based Testing Program

In July 1998 the TOEFL program introduced computerized testing in the United States, Canada, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Australia, and some Asian countries.



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 1999-2000 is US\$100 regardless of where the test is taken.

Paper-Based Testing Program

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

- Algeria
- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Cambodia
- Hong Kong
- India
- Japan
- Korea
- Laos
- Macau
- Myanmar
- Pakistan
- People's Republic of China
- Taiwan
- Thailand
- 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 1999-2000 (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.

1999-2000 Testing Schedule

Test Dates*	Registration Deadline Dates	Approximate Score Report Mailing Dates
July 9, 1999	June 7, 1999	August 11, 1999
August 7, 1999**	July 5, 1999	September 8, 1999
September 10, 1999	August 9, 1999	October 13, 1999
October 23, 1999**	September 20, 1999	November 24, 1999
November 20, 1999	October 18, 1999	December 22, 1999
December 17, 1999**	November 15, 1999	January 19, 2000
January 15, 2000	December 13, 1999	February 16, 2000
February 26, 2000**	January 24, 2000	March 29, 2000
March 17, 2000	February 14, 2000	April 19, 2000
April 15, 2000	March 13, 2000	May 17, 2000
May 13, 2000**	April 10, 2000	June 14, 2000
June 9, 2000	May 8, 2000	July 12, 2000

* Not all countries test on the same dates. Check the 1999-2000 *Information Bulletin* for the schedule in your country.

** The Test of Written English (TWE) will be given on this date.

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.

Does your institution have a Web site? Hot link to <http://www.toefl.org>. Provide your students with the most up-to-date information about TOEFL testing.

