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**Test and Score Data Summary for
TOEFL[®] Internet-based
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JANUARY 2009—DECEMBER 2009 TEST DATA

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Test of English as a Foreign Language[™]

This edition of the *TOEFL Test and Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of examinees who took the TOEFL Internet-based test (TOEFL iBT[™]) or the TOEFL paper-based test (TOEFL PBT) between January and December 2009.

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History of the TOEFL® Program

The *Test of English as a Foreign Language*™, better known as TOEFL®, is designed to measure the English-language proficiency of people whose native language is not English. TOEFL scores are accepted by more than 7,500 colleges, universities, and licensing agencies in over 130 countries. The test is also used by governments, and scholarship and exchange programs worldwide. A list of institutions and agencies that accept TOEFL scores is available on the TOEFL website at www.ets.org/toefl.

The TOEFL Program — A national council on the testing of English as a foreign language was formed in 1962; its members were representatives of more than 30 private organizations and government agencies concerned with the English-language proficiency of nonnative speakers of English who wished to study at colleges and universities in the United States. The council supported the development of the TOEFL test for use starting in 1963-64. Financed by grants from the Ford and Danforth Foundations, the TOEFL program was first administered by the Modern Language Association. In 1965, the College Board® and Educational Testing Service® (ETS®) assumed joint responsibility for the program. Because many who take the TOEFL test are potential graduate students, a cooperative arrangement for the operation of the program was entered into by ETS, the College Board, and the Graduate Record Examinations® Board in 1973. Under this arrangement, ETS is responsible for administering the TOEFL program with guidance from the TOEFL Board.

The TOEFL Board is comprised of 16 members. Some are affiliated with such institutions and agencies as undergraduate and graduate schools, community colleges, nonprofit educational exchange organizations, and other public and private agencies with an interest in international education. Other members are specialists in the field of English as a foreign or second language.

Development of the Test — The test originally contained five sections. As a result of extensive research, a three-section test was developed and introduced in 1976. In July 1995, the test item format was modified somewhat within the same three-section structure. In recent years, various constituencies called for a new TOEFL test that would (1) be more reflective of communicative competence models; (2) include more constructed-response tasks and direct measures of writing and speaking; (3) include tasks that integrate the language modalities tested; and (4) provide more information than the paper-based TOEFL test (TOEFL PBT) about the ability of international students to use English in an academic environment. Accordingly, the TOEFL Board initiated a broad effort under which language testing will evolve in the twenty-first century. The introduction of the computer-based TOEFL test (TOEFL CBT) in 1998 was the first incremental step in this broad test-improvement effort.

The next step was the introduction of an Internet-based version of the TOEFL test (TOEFL iBT) in September 2005. TOEFL iBT assesses all four language skills (reading, listening, speaking, and writing) that are important for effective communication. TOEFL iBT 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 test was first launched in the United States, and was gradually rolled out worldwide during 2005 and 2006.

As TOEFL iBT was introduced in an area, TOEFL CBT was discontinued after a period of overlap to ensure a smooth transition to TOEFL iBT. The final administration of TOEFL CBT was held in September 2006. TOEFL PBT will continue to be offered on a limited basis to support the TOEFL testing network in areas where TOEFL iBT is not available. The TOEFL Test and Score Data Summary contains information about TOEFL iBT and TOEFL PBT test takers.



The TOEFL Internet-Based Test (TOEFL iBT™)



TOEFL iBT was introduced in the United States in September 2005 and was gradually introduced worldwide during 2005 and 2006. TOEFL iBT was developed in response to a request by institutions to provide a

test that would measure nonnative speakers' ability to **communicate** in English in an academic setting.

TOEFL iBT:

- Measures the ability to communicate by combining, or integrating, all four language skills – Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing
- Is 100% academically-focused, measuring the kind of English used in academic settings
- Provides fair and objective scoring
- Provides valid and reliable information to support score users in making effective decisions regarding a person's English-language proficiency

Test takers have up to four hours to complete the test, and all four sections are taken on the same day. The Reading section measures the ability to understand academic reading material, and the Listening section measures the ability to understand spoken English as it is used in colleges and universities. The Speaking section consists of six tasks that measure the ability to speak English in an academic setting. The Writing section consists of two tasks that measure the ability to write in a way that is appropriate for college and university coursework. Some questions in the Speaking and Writing sections require the test takers to combine, or integrate, information from more than one source. For example, test takers are asked to read a passage, listen to a short lecture about a topic, and then speak or write in response. These integrated tasks are designed to simulate the academic experience.

Internet delivery enables ETS to deliver the test at official test centers in more locations. There are currently more than 4,500 TOEFL iBT test centers in over 165

countries, and the number continues to grow. Speaking and writing tasks receive multiple ratings to provide unbiased, objective evaluations of the responses via the ETS Online Scoring Network.

Test Preparation — Everyone registered to take the TOEFL test receives test preparation materials free of charge. Examinees who register to take TOEFL iBT receive a link to a TOEFL iBT Sampler when the registration is complete. The Sampler includes questions from all four sections of TOEFL iBT. The Reading and Listening sections are interactive and sample responses are provided for the Writing and Speaking questions.

Other test preparation products, including sample test questions, are available for free and for purchase. For more information about TOEFL iBT and related products, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org/toefl.

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Internet-Based Test Data for 2009

The data presented in the tables below are based on examinees who took the TOEFL iBT between January 2009 and December 2009.

Table 1 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2009 and December 2009.

The percentile ranks for section and total scale scores are shown in **Table 2** for the total group. In **Tables 3–6**, examinees have been classified by their reason for taking the test.

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

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Reading	0	30
2. Listening	0	30
3. Speaking	0	30
4. Writing	0	30
Total	0	120

Table 2. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores—Total Group

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	96	97	99	99	120	100
29	89	90	98	96	116	99
28	83	85	96	92	112	96
27	77	79	92	86	108	92
26	72	74	88	**	104	87
25	66	69	**	77	100	81
24	61	64	81	68	96	74
23	56	59	71	**	92	67
22	51	54	60	56	88	59
21	46	50	**	45	84	52
20	42	45	50	33	80	45
19	38	41	39	**	76	39
18	34	37	29	25	72	33
17	30	33	20	18	68	28
16	26	29	**	**	64	23
15	23	26	12	13	60	19
14	21	23	7	8	56	15
13	18	20	5	**	52	12
12	16	17	**	5	48	9
11	13	15	3	3	44	7
10	12	13	2	2	40	5
9	10	11	2	**	36	4
8	8	9	1	1	32	2
7	7	7	**	1	28	1
6	6	6	1		24	1
5	4	5	1		20	
4	3	3			16	
3	2	2			12	
2	2	1			8	
1	1				4	
0					0	
Mean	19.9	19.4	19.7	20.5	Mean	79
S.D.	7.5	7.6	4.7	5.0	S.D.	22

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.

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

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	94	95	99	98	120	100
29	86	87	97	95	116	98
28	79	80	94	90	112	94
27	73	74	90	83	108	89
26	67	68	84	**	104	82
25	61	62	**	73	100	75
24	55	57	76	63	96	68
23	50	52	65	**	92	60
22	45	47	54	51	88	53
21	40	42	**	40	84	46
20	35	37	44	28	80	39
19	31	33	34	**	76	32
18	28	29	25	20	72	26
17	24	26	16	14	68	21
16	21	22	**	**	64	17
15	18	19	9	9	60	13
14	15	17	5	6	56	10
13	13	14	3	**	52	8
12	11	12	**	3	48	6
11	9	10	2	2	44	4
10	8	9	1	1	40	3
9	6	7	1		36	2
8	5	6	1		32	1
7	4	4			28	1
6	4	4			24	
5	3	3			20	
4	2	2			16	
3	1	1			12	
2	1				8	
1					4	
0					0	
Mean	21.1	20.8	20.4	21.3	Mean	84
S.D.	7.0	7.1	4.5	4.8	S.D.	20

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.



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

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	97	97	99	99	120	100
29	91	90	97	96	116	99
28	86	84	94	92	112	96
27	82	79	90	86	108	92
26	77	74	84	**	104	86
25	73	69	**	78	100	80
24	69	64	77	69	96	74
23	64	59	67	**	92	68
22	60	54	56	58	88	62
21	55	50	**	48	84	55
20	51	45	46	37	80	49
19	47	41	37	**	76	43
18	43	37	28	29	72	37
17	39	33	20	21	68	32
16	35	30	**	**	64	27
15	31	27	13	16	60	22
14	28	23	8	10	56	18
13	25	20	6	**	52	15
12	22	18	**	6	48	11
11	19	16	4	3	44	9
10	16	13	3	2	40	6
9	14	11	2	**	36	4
8	12	9	1	1	32	3
7	10	8	**	1	28	2
6	8	6	1		24	1
5	6	5	1		20	1
4	5	3			16	
3	3	2			12	
2	2	1			8	
1	1				4	
0					0	
Mean	18.3	19.3	20.0	20.2	Mean	78
S.D.	7.9	7.6	5.0	5.2	S.D.	23

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as undergraduate students.

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.

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

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	96	96	100	99	120	100
29	88	89	98	97	116	99
28	82	82	96	93	112	96
27	77	77	93	86	108	91
26	72	72	88	**	104	85
25	67	67	**	77	100	79
24	63	62	80	67	96	72
23	58	58	69	**	92	65
22	54	53	59	56	88	59
21	50	49	**	46	84	53
20	46	45	49	37	80	47
19	42	42	40	**	76	42
18	38	38	32	29	72	37
17	34	35	24	23	68	32
16	31	31	**	**	64	28
15	28	28	16	17	60	23
14	25	25	11	11	56	20
13	23	22	8	**	52	16
12	20	20	**	8	48	13
11	17	17	6	4	44	10
10	15	15	4	3	40	8
9	13	13	3	**	36	6
8	11	11	2	1	32	4
7	9	9	**	1	28	3
6	8	8	1		24	2
5	6	6	1		20	1
4	4	4	1		16	
3	3	2			12	
2	2	1			8	
1	1				4	
0					0	
Mean	19.1	19.2	19.4	20.1	Mean	78
S.D.	8.0	8.0	5.1	5.4	S.D.	24

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to schools other than colleges or universities, e.g., secondary schools.

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.



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

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
30	97	98	99	99	120	100
29	92	92	98	98	116	99
28	86	85	95	93	112	97
27	80	78	91	87	108	94
26	74	71	84	**	104	88
25	67	65	**	77	100	80
24	61	59	73	66	96	72
23	55	52	56	**	92	62
22	49	45	42	52	88	52
21	43	40	**	39	84	43
20	38	34	31	26	80	35
19	33	30	22	**	76	28
18	29	25	15	19	72	22
17	24	21	10	13	68	17
16	21	18	**	**	64	14
15	18	16	6	9	60	11
14	16	13	4	6	56	9
13	13	11	3	**	52	7
12	11	10	**	4	48	5
11	9	8	2	2	44	4
10	8	7	1	2	40	3
9	6	6	1	**	36	2
8	5	5	1	1	32	1
7	4	4		1	28	1
6	4	3		**	24	
5	3	2		1	20	
4	2	2			16	
3	2	1				
2	1					
1	1					
0						
Mean S.D.	20.5 6.7	21.0 6.4	21.3 4.2	21.0 4.7	Mean S.D.	84 19

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

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.

Tables 7 and 8 present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between January and December 2009.

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

Group	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Total Group*	20.2 7.6	19.5 7.7	19.4 4.6	20.5 5.1	80 22
Graduate Level**	21.6 6.9	21.1 7.1	20.2 4.5	21.4 4.8	84 20
Undergraduate Level**	18.5 8.0	19.4 7.7	19.7 4.9	20.2 5.3	78 23
Other Students**	19.7 8.0	19.7 8.0	19.3 5.1	20.3 5.4	79 24
Applicants for Professional License**	21.0 6.6	21.2 6.5	21.1 4.1	21.1 4.8	84 18

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

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

Group	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Total Group*	19.7 7.4	19.4 7.4	20.2 4.6	20.7 4.9	80 21
Graduate Level**	20.6 7.0	20.9 6.9	21.1 4.5	21.4 4.7	84 20
Undergraduate Level**	18.3 7.7	19.6 7.4	20.5 5.0	20.5 5.1	79 22
Other Students**	18.8 8.0	19.3 7.8	19.9 5.1	20.3 5.3	78 24
Applicants for Professional License**	20.2 6.6	21.0 6.3	21.6 4.1	21.0 4.7	84 18

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.



Tables 9 and 10 may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL iBT of a particular student with that of other students from the same native country and with that of students who speak the same language. ETS, creator of the TOEFL test, does not endorse the practice of ranking countries on the basis of TOEFL scores, as this is a misuse of data. The TOEFL test provides accurate scores at the individual level; it is not appropriate for comparing countries. The differences in the number of students taking the test in each country, how early English is introduced into the curriculum, how many hours per week are devoted to learning English, and the fact that those taking the test are not representative of all English speakers in each country or any defined population make ranking by test score meaningless.

Table 9. TOEFL iBT Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Native Language²

Native Language	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Native Language	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total		Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Afrikaans	19	19	21	21	80	Kurukh	*	*	*	*	*
Akan	17	18	20	20	75	Kusaiean	*	*	*	*	*
Albanian	17	19	21	20	77	Lao	12	14	17	17	60
Amharic	17	19	20	19	75	Latvian	20	23	22	22	86
Arabic	15	18	20	18	70	Lingala	16	17	18	18	69
Armenian	19	21	22	21	83	Lithuanian	20	23	22	22	88
Assamese	25	25	24	25	100	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*	*
Aymara	17	17	19	19	73	Luo	19	20	22	22	83
Azerbaijani	18	17	20	19	74	Luxembourgish	24	26	25	25	99
Bambara	10	10	15	14	49	Macedonian	20	22	22	21	86
Bashkir	*	*	*	*	*	Madurese	14	15	17	16	62
Basque	24	24	21	22	91	Malagasy	17	17	19	19	73
Belarusian	21	22	22	22	87	Malay	22	22	21	23	88
Bemba	*	*	*	*	*	Malayalam	24	24	24	24	96
Bengali	22	22	22	23	90	Maltese	*	*	*	*	*
Berber	17	19	20	19	75	Mandingo	9	11	18	14	52
Bikol	21	22	23	23	89	Marathi	23	23	23	24	93
Bosnian	19	22	22	21	85	Mende	*	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	21	23	21	22	87	Mongolian	18	19	19	19	75
Burmese	16	17	19	19	71	Mossi	*	*	*	*	*
Catalan	24	24	22	22	91	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*
Cebuano	21	22	23	23	89	Nepali	18	18	20	21	77
Chichewa (Nyanja)	18	19	21	21	79	Norwegian	21	25	24	24	94
Chinese	20	17	18	20	76	Oriya	24	24	23	24	95
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	*	Oromo	18	19	20	19	76
Croatian	21	24	23	22	91	Palauan	*	*	*	*	*
Czech	22	24	23	22	91	Pohnapeian	*	*	*	*	*
Danish	24	26	26	24	100	Polish	21	23	22	22	88
Dutch	25	26	25	25	101	Portuguese	22	22	21	21	86
Dyula	*	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	21	21	23	22	86
Efik	18	18	21	20	77	Pushti	17	18	22	20	78
English	21	22	23	23	88	Romanian	23	24	22	23	92
Estonian	24	26	24	24	98	Russian	20	22	22	21	85
Ewe	17	17	19	20	73	Samoan	*	*	*	*	*
Farsi	19	19	20	20	77	Santali	*	*	*	*	*
Fijian	*	*	*	*	*	Serbian	21	23	22	21	87
Finnish	23	26	23	24	96	Shona	20	22	22	23	87
French	22	21	21	21	85	Sindhi	21	22	24	24	91
Fulah	13	14	19	17	63	Sinhalese	19	20	21	21	82
Ga	19	19	21	21	80	Slovak	21	23	23	22	88
Galician	24	23	21	22	91	Slovenian	23	26	23	24	96
Ganda	18	19	22	21	80	Somali	15	19	21	19	74
Georgian	19	20	21	20	79	Spanish	21	22	21	21	84
German	23	25	25	24	97	Sundanese	*	*	*	*	*
Greek	22	23	21	22	87	Swahili	16	17	20	20	73
Guarani	*	*	*	*	*	Swedish	20	24	24	23	92
Gujarati	19	19	21	21	80	Tagalog	21	22	23	22	88
Hausa	16	16	19	18	69	Tajik	12	14	20	17	62
Hebrew	23	26	24	23	96	Tamil	23	23	24	24	94
Hiligaynon	22	23	24	23	91	Tatar	18	18	20	19	74
Hindi	23	23	24	24	94	Telugu	21	21	22	21	85
Hungarian	22	23	23	23	91	Thai	18	18	18	19	74
Icelandic	22	25	23	24	95	Tibetan	17	19	21	20	77
Igbo	19	19	21	21	79	Tigrinya	19	20	21	20	79
Iloko	20	21	22	22	86	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
Indonesian	19	20	19	21	79	Turkish	19	19	19	20	77
Inupiaq	*	*	*	*	*	Turkmen	16	18	20	19	73
Italian	24	22	21	22	88	Twi	17	18	21	20	77
Japanese	17	16	16	18	67	Uighur	17	16	18	18	69
Javanese	18	16	16	18	68	Ukrainian	19	21	22	21	83
Kannada	23	24	24	24	95	Urdu	21	22	23	23	88
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	16	17	20	19	71
Kashmiri	20	21	24	23	87	Vietnamese	18	16	17	19	70
Kazakh	17	18	20	19	74	Wolof	14	14	18	17	63
Khmer	15	16	18	19	68	Xhosa	15	18	23	21	77
Kikuyu	19	19	21	21	79	Yapese	*	*	*	*	*
Kinyarwanda	14	15	20	19	68	Yiddish	*	*	*	*	*
Konkani	25	25	25	25	100	Yoruba	19	19	20	20	77
Korean	21	20	19	21	81	Zhuang	*	*	*	*	*
Kosraean	16	15	16	17	63	Zulu	17	20	23	21	81
Kurdish	16	17	19	18	71						

¹ Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30. Due to rounding, section score means may not add up to the total score mean.

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

**Table 10. TOEFL iBT Total and Section Score Means¹ —
All Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country²**

Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total						
AFRICA																	
Angola	14	16	19	18	67	Panama	19	21	21	20	81						
Benin	15	14	17	18	64	Paraguay	21	21	21	21	84						
Botswana	19	20	23	22	84	Peru	20	21	21	21	84						
Burkina Faso	15	15	17	17	65	Puerto Rico	21	23	22	22	88						
Burundi	16	18	20	19	73	Saint Kitts and Nevis	*	*	*	*	*						
Cameroon	16	16	19	19	69	Saint Lucia	*	*	*	*	*						
Cape Verde	*	*	*	*	*	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	*	*	*	*	*						
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	*	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*	*						
Chad	17	17	19	18	71	Suriname	*	*	*	*	*						
Comoros	*	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*	*						
Congo	13	14	18	17	61	United States	20	22	22	22	86						
Congo, The Democratic Republic of	16	17	20	19	72	Uruguay	23	24	22	23	93						
Cote D'Ivoire	16	15	17	17	66	Venezuela	20	22	22	21	84						
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*	*						
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*	*						
Eritrea	18	19	21	19	77	ASIA											
Ethiopia	17	19	20	19	76	Afghanistan	13	17	21	19	71						
Gabon	16	18	19	18	71	Azerbaijan	18	17	20	19	74						
Gambia	11	13	18	16	59	Bangladesh	20	20	21	22	82						
Ghana	17	18	21	20	76	Bhutan	20	20	23	23	85						
Guinea	15	16	19	18	68	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*	*						
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	15	16	18	19	68						
Kenya	18	18	21	20	76	China	20	17	18	20	76						
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	*	Christmas Island	*	*	*	*	*						
Liberia	13	16	21	18	68	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	*	*	*	*	*						
Madagascar	19	19	19	20	78	Hong Kong	19	20	20	22	81						
Malawi	*	*	*	*	*	India	22	22	23	23	90						
Mali	12	13	17	16	57	Indonesia	19	20	19	21	79						
Mauritania	12	14	19	17	62	Japan	17	16	16	18	67						
Mauritius	24	24	22	25	94	Kazakhstan	17	19	20	19	76						
Mayotte	*	*	*	*	*	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	18	18	19	20	75						
Mozambique	14	15	19	18	66	Korea, Republic of	21	20	19	21	81						
Namibia	*	*	*	*	*	Kyrgyzstan	19	20	21	21	81						
Niger	16	16	19	18	69	Lao, People's Democratic Republic	12	14	17	17	60						
Nigeria	19	19	20	20	78	Macao	16	16	18	20	70						
Reunion	23	23	22	22	89	Malaysia	22	22	21	23	88						
Rwanda	15	15	20	19	69	Maldives	*	*	*	*	*						
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	18	19	19	19	75						
Senegal	15	15	18	17	65	Myanmar	16	17	19	19	70						
Seychelles	*	*	*	*	*	Nepal	18	18	20	21	77						
Sierra Leone	14	16	21	18	69	Pakistan	20	22	23	23	88						
Somalia	14	17	21	18	69	Philippines	21	22	23	23	88						
South Africa	23	24	26	25	97	Singapore	25	25	24	26	99						
Swaziland	*	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka	19	20	21	21	81						
Tanzania, United Republic of	13	15	20	19	66	Taiwan (Republic of China)	19	18	19	19	74						
Togo	16	16	18	18	68	Tajikistan	14	15	20	18	67						
Tunisia	18	19	20	20	77	Thailand	18	18	18	19	74						
Uganda	18	19	22	21	80	Timor-Leste	*	*	*	*	*						
Western Sahara	*	*	*	*	*	Turkmenistan	18	20	21	20	80						
Zambia	18	21	24	23	86	Uzbekistan	17	19	21	20	76						
Zimbabwe	20	22	23	24	89	Viet Nam	18	16	17	19	70						
AMERICA																	
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	*	EUROPE											
Argentina	24	24	22	23	94	Aland Islands	*	*	*	*	*						
Aruba	*	*	*	*	*	Albania	18	19	21	20	78						
Bahamas	*	*	*	*	*	Andorra	*	*	*	*	*						
Barbados	*	*	*	*	*	Armenia	19	21	22	21	82						
Belize	*	*	*	*	*	Austria	23	25	25	24	97						
Bolivia	19	21	21	20	*	Belarus	21	22	22	22	87						
Brazil	22	22	21	21	*	Belgium	25	25	24	24	97						
Canada	22	23	23	23	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	19	22	22	21	84						
Chile	21	22	20	20	*	Bulgaria	21	23	21	22	87						
Colombia	20	20	20	20	*	Croatia	22	24	23	22	92						
Costa Rica	23	24	23	23	*	Cyprus	18	20	20	21	78						
Cuba	19	19	20	19	*	Czech Republic	22	24	23	22	91						
Dominica	*	*	*	*	*	Denmark	24	26	26	24	100						
Dominican Republic	19	21	21	20	*	Estonia	24	25	24	24	96						
Ecuador	20	21	21	21	*	Faroe Islands	19	23	23	22	87						
El Salvador	21	22	22	22	*	Finland	24	26	23	24	97						
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	*	France	23	22	21	22	88						
Grenada	*	*	*	*	*	Georgia	19	20	21	20	80						
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	*	Germany	23	25	25	24	96						
Guatemala	18	20	21	20	*	Gibraltar	*	*	*	*	*						
Guyana	*	*	*	*	*	Greece	22	23	21	23	88						
Haiti	13	14	18	16	61	Greenland	*	*	*	*	*						
Honduras	20	21	22	21	*	Hungary	22	23	23	23	91						
Jamaica	18	19	21	21	*	Iceland	22	25	23	24	95						
Martinique	*	*	*	*	*	Ireland	*	*	*	*	*						
Mexico	21	22	21	21	*	Italy	24	22	21	22	88						
Montserrat	*	*	*	*	*	Kosovo, Republic of	15	18	21	19	74						
Netherlands Antilles	16	21	22	21	*	Latvia	20	23	22	22	87						
Nicaragua	20	21	22	21	*	Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*	*						

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Table 10 (continued)

Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total						
EUROPE (cont'd)																	
Lithuania	20	23	22	22	87	Kuwait	13	17	20	17	67						
Luxembourg	24	25	25	24	99	Lebanon	18	20	21	21	81						
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	20	22	22	21	85	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	13	15	19	17	64						
Malta	*	*	*	*	*	Morocco	18	19	21	20	77						
Moldova, Republic of	20	21	22	21	85	Oman	14	16	18	17	66						
Monaco	20	20	22	21	83	Palestine Territories	15	17	20	18	70						
Montenegro	19	21	22	20	83	Qatar	12	15	18	16	61						
Netherlands	25	26	25	25	101	Saudi Arabia	12	16	19	16	62						
Northern Ireland	*	*	*	*	*	Sudan	15	18	20	18	72						
Norway	21	25	24	24	94	Syrian Arab Republic	17	19	21	19	76						
Poland	21	23	22	22	88	United Arab Emirates	14	16	18	17	64						
Portugal	24	25	23	23	96	West Bank	*	*	*	*	*						
Romania	23	24	23	23	93	Yemen	14	16	20	17	67						
Russian Federation	20	22	22	21	85	PACIFIC REGION											
San Marino	*	*	*	*	*	American Samoa	*	*	*	*	*						
Scotland	*	*	*	*	*	Australia	20	22	23	23	88						
Serbia	20	23	22	21	86	British Indian Ocean Territory	*	*	*	*	*						
Serbia and Montenegro	*	*	*	*	*	Fiji	*	*	*	*	*						
Slovakia	21	23	23	22	88	French Polynesia	20	20	20	20	80						
Slovenia	23	26	23	24	95	Guam	*	*	*	*	*						
Spain	23	22	21	22	88	Kiribati	*	*	*	*	*						
Sweden	20	24	24	23	91	Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*	*						
Switzerland	24	25	24	24	97	Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*	*						
Turkey	19	19	19	20	77	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*						
Ukraine	19	22	22	21	84	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*	*						
United Kingdom	22	24	25	24	93	New Zealand	*	*	*	*	*						
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA																	
Algeria	17	19	20	19	75	Niue	*	*	*	*	*						
Bahrain	15	19	21	20	76	Norfolk Island	*	*	*	*	*						
Egypt	18	20	21	21	80	Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*	*						
Gaza Strip	*	*	*	*	*	Palau	*	*	*	*	*						
Iran, Islamic Republic of	19	19	20	20	77	Papua New Guinea	*	*	*	*	*						
Iraq	16	18	21	19	74	Samoa	*	*	*	*	*						
Israel	22	25	24	22	94	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*	*						
Jordan	17	19	20	19	76	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*						
1 Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for subgroups of less than 30. Due to rounding, section score means may not add up to the total score mean.																	
2 Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.																	



The TOEFL Paper-Based Test (TOEFL PBT)



The paper-based version of the TOEFL test (TOEFL PBT) continues to be administered on specific dates in some countries, particularly in areas where accessibility to the Internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) is a concern. Each form of TOEFL PBT consists of three separately timed sections; the questions in each section are multiple choice, with four possible answers or options per question. All responses are gridded on answer sheets that are scored by computer. There is also a 30-minute essay, The Test of Written English (TWE), given at each administration.

- Section 1 of the test, Listening Comprehension, measures the ability to understand English as it is spoken in North America. The oral features of the language are stressed, and the problems tested include vocabulary and idiomatic expression as well as special grammatical constructions frequently used in spoken English. The stimulus material and oral questions are recorded in standard North American English; the response options are printed in the test books.
- Section 2, Structure and Written Expression, measures recognition of selected structural and grammatical points in standard written English. The language tested is formal, rather than conversational. The topics of the sentences are of a general academic nature so that individuals in specific fields of study or from specific national or linguistic groups have no particular advantage.
- Section 3, Reading Comprehension, measures the ability to read and understand short passages that are similar in topic and style to those that students are likely to encounter in North American colleges and universities. Examinees read a variety of short passages on academic subjects and answer several questions about each passage. The questions test information that is stated in or implied by the passage, as well as knowledge of some of the specific words as they are used in the passage.

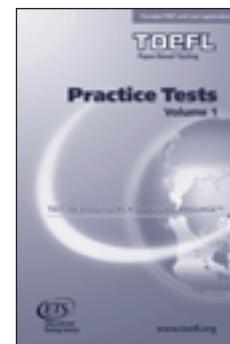
The total test time is approximately two and one-half hours; however, approximately three and one-half hours are needed for a test administration to admit examinees to the testing room, to allow them to enter identifying information on their answer sheets, and to distribute and collect the test materials.

Language specialists prepare the material for the TOEFL test. The TOEFL Committee of Examiners establishes overall guidelines for the test content and specifications. All item specifications, questions, and final test forms are reviewed for cultural and racial bias and content appropriateness, according to established ETS procedures.

For test date information, see the *Information and Registration Bulletin* for TOEFL PBT testing, or visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org/toefl.

Test Preparation — Examinees registered to take TOEFL PBT receive TOEFL *Practice Tests*, Volume 1, which includes two complete PBT tests. In addition, sample questions are downloadable from the TOEFL website. There is no fee for these practice materials.

Other TOEFL test preparation products are available for purchase. For more information about these products and ordering information, please visit the TOEFL website at www.ets.org/toefl.





Paper-Based Test Data for 2009

In 2009 TOEFL PBT was administered six times at preestablished testing centers throughout the world. The data presented below are based on candidates who took the paper-based TOEFL test between January and December 2009.

Table 11 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2009 through December 2009. The percentile ranks for section and total scale scores are shown in **Table 12** for the total group. In **Tables 13–16**, examinees are classified by their reason for taking the test.

Table 11. Observed Minimum and Maximum Paper-Based TOEFL Section and Total Scores

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening Comprehension	31	68
2. Structure and Written Expression	31	68
3. Reading Comprehension	31	67
Total	310	677

Table 12. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores—Total Group

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	96	99	660	99
66	97	95	99	640	96
64	93	90	96	620	91
62	87	86	91	600	85
60	79	80	85	580	77
58	71	71	77	560	67
56	61	63	67	540	55
54	50	54	55	520	43
52	39	45	43	500	32
50	28	34	33	480	22
48	19	26	23	460	14
46	11	19	16	440	8
44	6	12	11	420	5
42	3	8	7	400	2
40	2	5	4	380	1
38	1	2	3	360	
36	1	1	2	340	
34		1	1	320	
32			1		
Mean	53.6	52.7	52.3	Mean	529
S.D.	6.6	7.8	6.9	S.D.	64

Table 13. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores—Graduate-Level Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	97	97	660	99
66	97	95	95	640	96
64	93	93	90	620	91
62	88	85	85	600	85
60	81	79	75	580	76
58	72	69	64	560	65
56	62	61	50	540	53
54	50	51	42	520	40
52	39	42	38	500	29
50	27	31	28	480	20
48	18	23	19	460	12
46	11	17	13	440	7
44	5	10	9	420	4
42	3	7	5	400	2
40	1	4	3	380	1
38	1	2	2	360	
36	1	1	1	340	
34		1	1	320	
32			1		
Mean	53.5	53.2	53.1	Mean	533
S.D.	6.4	7.6	6.7	S.D.	62

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.

Table 14. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores—Undergraduate-Level Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68	98	95	99	660	99
66	96	94	99	640	95
64	90	89	96	620	89
62	84	84	91	600	83
60	74	79	86	580	75
58	66	69	79	560	66
56	56	63	70	540	55
54	45	54	59	520	44
52	35	44	47	500	33
50	25	35	37	480	22
48	17	26	26	460	14
46	10	19	18	440	8
44	5	12	12	420	4
42	3	8	8	400	2
40	1	5	5	380	1
38	1	2	3	360	
36	1	1	2	340	
34			1	320	
Mean	54.3	52.9	51.8	Mean	530
S.D.	6.7	8.0	7.1	S.D.	66

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as undergraduate students.

Table 15. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores—Other Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68	99	99	99	660	99
66	98	98	98	640	97
64	95	95	95	620	96
62	91	92	92	600	91
60	86	89	89	580	86
58	81	83	83	560	79
56	74	80	80	540	73
54	67	72	71	520	64
52	55	64	61	500	52
50	43	55	52	480	43
48	33	48	41	460	33
46	22	42	31	440	23
44	12	29	23	420	14
42	6	22	17	400	8
40	4	14	11	380	3
38	2	9	9	360	1
36	2	5	6	340	
34	1	3	3	320	
32		2	2		
Mean	51.1	48.5	49.1	Mean	496
S.D.	7.1	8.4	7.8	S.D.	70

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to schools other than colleges or universities, e.g., secondary schools.

Table 16. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores—Applicants for Professional License*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68	100	99	99	660	100
66	99	98	98	640	99
64	96	96	96	620	97
62	91	93	96	600	92
60	82	91	92	580	87
58	71	84	85	560	76
56	56	76	74	540	60
54	42	65	59	520	43
52	30	54	43	500	27
50	19	40	30	480	17
48	13	29	19	460	10
46	7	19	13	440	6
44	4	10	7	420	3
42	2	6	5	400	2
40	1	4	3	380	1
38	1	2	2	360	0
36	1	1	1	340	
34		1	1	320	
32					
Mean	54.2	51.1	52.0	Mean	524
S.D.	5.7	6.5	5.7	S.D.	51

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

Tables 17 and 18 present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between January and December 2009.

Table 17. Means and Standard Deviations for Paper-Based TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Males*

Group	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score
Total Group*	53.2 6.6	52.8 7.9	52.5 7.0	528 64
Graduate Level**	53.1 6.4	53.4 7.7	53.2 6.7	532 62
Undergraduate Level**	53.8 6.9	52.7 8.0	51.7 7.1	527 66
Other Students**	52.4 7.2	51.5 8.5	51.6 7.8	518 72
Applicants for Professional License**	54.1 5.9	50.9 6.6	52.1 5.8	524 52

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

Table 18. Means and Standard Deviations for Paper-Based TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Females*

Group	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score
Total Group*	54.1 6.5	52.6 7.7	52.2 6.9	530 63
Graduate Level**	54.1 6.3	53.0 7.5	52.8 6.7	533 62
Undergraduate Level**	54.9 6.6	53.1 7.9	51.8 7.0	533 65
Other Students**	52.3 7.1	51.3 8.0	51.1 7.2	516 69
Applicants for Professional License**	54.2 5.6	51.2 6.5	51.9 5.7	525 51

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

Tables 19 and 20 may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL PBT test of a particular student with that of other students from the same native country and with that of students who speak the same language. ETS, creator of the TOEFL test, does not endorse the practice of ranking countries on the basis of TOEFL scores, as this is a misuse of data. The TOEFL test provides accurate scores at the individual level; it is not appropriate for comparing countries. The differences in the number of students taking the test in each country, how early English is introduced into the curriculum, how many hours per week are devoted to learning English, and the fact that those taking the test are not representative of all English speakers in each country or any defined population make ranking by test score meaningless.

Table 19. Paper-Based TOEFL Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Native Language

Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
Afrikaan	52	54	51	525	Kurukh	59	68	60	623
Akan	56	60	54	569	Lao	51	45	48	481
Albanian	57	54	51	543	Latvian	59	60	58	589
Amharic	56	55	53	548	Lingala	47	49	47	476
Arabic	53	50	49	505	Lithuanian	59	54	54	558
Armenian	56	58	54	561	Luba-Lulua	49	53	48	502
Assamese	50	49	51	500	Luo	54	58	52	544
Azerbaijani	54	55	53	538	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Bambara	53	54	52	529	Macedonian	56	55	54	549
Bashkir	*	*	*	*	Madurese	*	*	*	*
Basque	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	52	52	52	522
Belarusian	56	57	56	561	Malay	58	53	55	556
Bemba	56	60	55	571	Malayalam	56	51	54	539
Bengali	56	54	52	538	Maltese	65	64	63	640
Berber	55	53	50	529	Mandingo	49	50	49	493
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Marathi	58	53	53	548
Bosnian	57	53	52	540	Marshallese	55	51	48	517
Bulgaria	57	55	53	551	Mende	50	53	48	504
Burmese	53	55	52	535	Minangkabau	*	*	*	*
Catalan	61	61	63	614	Mongolia	52	45	48	484
Cebuano	59	58	57	581	Mossi	48	52	51	501
Chichewa	54	58	53	550	Naurau	*	*	*	*
Chinese	54	52	53	530	Nepali	51	52	51	515
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	63	60	59	607
Croatian	62	57	58	592	Nyanja	58	61	56	582
Czech	58	54	52	547	Oriya	48	35	40	410
Danish	63	61	59	608	Oromo	51	54	53	526
Dutch	60	58	54	572	Palauan	56	55	51	538
Dyula	52	55	56	543	Pohnpeian	56	56	52	547
Efik	49	57	52	525	Polish	58	51	52	535
English	57	58	54	562	Portuguese	57	54	56	557
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	56	53	54	542
Ewe	47	50	49	486	Pushto	50	50	48	493
Farsi	52	52	52	520	Romanian	60	59	58	589
Fijian	60	54	52	553	Russian	56	54	53	543
Finnish	63	62	60	619	Samoan	*	*	*	*
French	53	52	53	526	Santali	*	*	*	*
Fulah	48	49	47	479	Serbian	62	60	57	597
Ga	55	55	48	525	Shona	58	62	55	580
Galician	*	*	*	*	Sindhi	*	*	*	*
Ganda	47	53	55	517	Sinhalese	55	53	53	534
Georgian	54	56	53	546	Slovak	62	60	61	608
German	60	56	54	566	Slovenian	64	58	61	609
Greek	60	59	57	585	Somali	48	46	46	470
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Spanish	57	54	56	555
Gujarati	57	51	53	537	Sundanese	44	46	47	453
Gwichin	*	*	*	*	Swahili	54	55	53	540
Hausa	50	56	53	532	Swedish	61	57	56	581
Hebrew	62	57	57	589	Tagalog	56	55	54	549
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Tajik	51	50	49	498
Hindi	58	56	55	562	Tamil	54	52	51	520
Hungarian	60	59	58	590	Tatar	54	49	51	513
Icelandic	63	60	58	604	Telugu	56	53	53	540
Igbo	51	56	53	532	Thai	49	49	50	493
Iloko	56	58	55	564	Tibetan	59	60	57	585
Indonesian	58	55	56	563	Tigrinya	55	58	55	558
Inupiaq	*	*	*	*	Tongan	56	56	53	547
Italian	58	56	57	569	Turkish	51	51	51	512
Japanese	55	53	53	537	Turkmen	52	51	50	511
Javanese	54	51	50	512	Twi	60	63	58	603
Kannada	59	57	56	570	Ukrainian	57	56	55	559
Kanuri	53	54	50	523	Urdu	56	54	53	545
Kashmiri	53	52	48	510	Uzbek	55	54	52	539
Kazakh	51	51	50	505	Vietnamese	53	52	51	520
Khmer	55	51	53	530	Wolof	53	52	50	517
Kikuyu	54	57	55	555	Xhosa	62	60	57	596
Kinyarwanda	47	51	50	492	Yapese	53	48	47	493
Konkani	64	60	59	612	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Korean	53	52	53	529	Yoruba	54	56	53	547
Kosraean	*	*	*	*	Yupik	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	52	50	50	509	Zulu	52	52	52	518

¹ Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some language subgroups.

**Table 20. Paper-Based TOEFL Total and Section Score Means¹—
All Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country²**

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
AFRICA									
Angola	52	48	49	495	Puerto Rico	55	48	53	520
Benin	50	52	51	513	St. Kitts and Nevis	49	47	51	490
Botswana	59	60	54	573	St. Lucia	59	56	52	557
Bouvet Island	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso	49	51	50	497	Suriname	59	57	53	566
Burundi	46	49	48	475	Trinidad and Tobago	61	60	58	597
Cameroon	51	55	51	525	Turks and Caicos Islands	58	58	57	577
Cape Verde	53	48	50	500	United States	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	48	44	44	450	Uruguay	61	59	60	597
Chad	49	51	48	494	Venezuela	57	53	55	550
Comoros	44	39	38	403	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*
Congo	47	49	47	479	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*
Congo, The Democratic Republic of	*	*	*	*					
Cote D'Ivoire	50	52	53	514					
Djibouti	48	43	44	451					
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*					
Eritrea	56	58	55	564					
Ethiopia	56	55	53	547					
Gabon	53	51	54	523					
Gambia	*	*	*	*					
Ghana	57	60	54	570					
Guinea	49	49	47	480					
Guinea-Bissau	*	*	*	*					
Kenya	54	59	55	559					
Lesotho	55	52	50	520					
Liberia	49	49	46	480					
Madagascar	52	52	52	520					
Malawi	55	58	53	554					
Mali	53	50	47	497					
Mauritania	47	49	45	468					
Mauritius	59	56	54	563					
Morocco	53	51	52	521					
Mozambique	59	59	57	583					
Namibia	55	56	52	546					
Niger	49	54	51	515					
Nigeria	52	56	53	537					
Reunion	53	51	52	523					
Rwanda	47	52	50	494					
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*					
Senegal	54	52	51	522					
Seychelles	*	*	*	*					
Sierra Leone	53	55	51	531					
Somalia	49	57	53	528					
South Africa	59	58	56	574					
Swaziland	58	58	54	568					
Tanzania, United Republic of	56	56	54	552					
Togo	47	50	49	487					
Tunisia	53	52	52	523					
Uganda	55	59	57	568					
Zambia	58	61	56	583					
Zimbabwe	58	62	56	587					
AMERICA									
Anguilla	*	*	*	*					
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*					
Argentina	57	57	56	568					
Aruba	60	56	55	568					
Bahamas	*	*	*	*					
Barbados	54	54	53	534					
Belize	57	55	54	551					
Bermuda	*	*	*	*					
Bolivia	55	52	53	536					
Brazil	58	56	57	571					
Canada	56	56	55	560					
Cayman Islands	*	*	*	*					
Chile	60	57	59	590					
Colombia	55	51	54	534					
Costa Rica	60	58	59	590					
Cuba	54	51	55	537					
Dominica	*	*	*	*					
Dominican Republic	57	55	54	554					
Ecuador	55	52	55	539					
El Salvador	48	39	49	484					
French Guiana	*	*	*	*					
Grenada	45	32	31	360					
Guadeloupe	51	48	50	499					
Guatemala	61	59	58	592					
Guyana	54	55	55	547					
Haiti	53	48	48	495					
Honduras	54	48	55	523					
Jamaica	*	*	*	*					
Martinique	51	50	53	512					
Mexico	57	54	56	559					
Montserrat	*	*	*	*					
Netherlands Antilles	60	58	54	573					
Nicaragua	49	41	46	452					
Panama	56	63	61	600					
Paraguay	57	65	60	607					
Peru	55	51	54	535					
ASIA									
Puerto Rico	55	48	53	520					
St. Kitts and Nevis	49	47	51	490					
St. Lucia	59	56	52	557					
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*					
Suriname	59	57	53	566					
Trinidad and Tobago	61	60	58	597					
Turks and Caicos Islands	58	58	57	577					
United States	*	*	*	*					
Uruguay	61	59	60	597					
Venezuela	57	53	55	550					
Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*					
Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*					
EUROPE									
Afghanistan	51	50	47	492					
Azerbaijan	54	55	53	542					
Bangladesh	55	53	50	526					
Bhutan	57	57	54	558					
Brunei Darussalam	57	53	55	549					
Cambodia	55	53	53	538					
China, People's Republic of	54	53	53	536					
Hong Kong	56	50	52	525					
India	57	53	54	545					
Indonesia	58	55	56	562					
Japan	55	53	53	538					
Kazakhstan	52	51	51	512					
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	54	51	52	526					
Korea, Republic of	53	53	53	529					
Kyrgyzstan	56	54	53	546					
Lao, People's Democratic Republic	*	*	*	*					
Macao	*	*	*	*					
Malaysia	58	54	56	560					
Maldives	62	65	66	643					
Mongolia	52	46	48	485					
Myanmar	*	*	*	*					
Nepal	51	52	51	515					
Pakistan	56	54	53	545					
Philippines	56	55	54	552					
Singapore	62	61	60	609					
Sri Lanka	55	53	53	533					
Taiwan, Republic of China	*	*	*	*					
Tajikistan	51	50	49	502					
Thailand	49	49	50	493					
Turkmenistan	54	53	51	524					
Uzbekistan	55	54	52	534					
Viet Nam	53	52	51	520					
AMERICA									
Albania	58	53	51	538					
Andorra	*	*	*	*					
Armenia	55	58	54	557					
Austria	62	61	58	604					
Belarus	56	55	54	547					
Belgium	56	56	58	567					
Bosnia and Herzegovina	57	53	52	542					
Bulgaria	56	54	52	542					
Croatia	62	54	56	573					
Cyprus	60	59	57	588					
Czech Republic	58	54	52	547					
Denmark	63	61	59	607					
Estonia	*	*	*	*					
Faroé Island	*	*	*	*					
Finland	63	62	60	618					
France	54	53	55	540					
Georgia	55	57	54	549					
Germany	59	56	53	562					
Greece	59	58	55	573					
Greenland	*	*	*	*					
Holy See (Vatican City State)	*	*	*	*					
Hungary	57	58	57	574					
Iceland	63	60	58	604					
Ireland	*	*	*	*					
Italy	58	56	57	568					
Kosovo, Republic of	59	58	53	562					
Latvia	59	60	58	589					
Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*					
Lithuania	59	55	54	560					
Luxembourg	60	59	59	594					
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	56	55	54	546					
Malta	54	51	45	500					
Moldova, Republic of	*	*	*	*					
Monaco	56	52	53	538					
Montenegro	62	59	59	597					
Netherlands	62	62	59	611					
Norway	63	60	59	607					
Poland	58	51	52	535					
Portugal	59	55	56	566					
Romania	60	59	58	590					
Russian Federation	56	54	54	547					
San Marino	56	61	53	567					

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Table 20 (continued)

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
Serbia	62	60	58	601	United Arab Emirates	54	47	46	488
Slovakia	62	60	61	608	West Bank	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	64	58	61	609	Yemen	53	51	50	515
Spain	56	54	55	552	PACIFIC REGION				
Sweden	61	57	56	581	American Samoa	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	61	57	57	583	Australia	62	63	61	619
Turkey	51	51	51	512	Cook Islands	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	57	55	54	552	Fiji	59	57	54	562
United Kingdom	60	61	58	600	French Polynesia	55	53	54	540
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA									
Algeria	52	52	51	518	Guam	59	59	57	580
Bahrain	*	*	*	*	Kiribati	53	55	52	533
Egypt	56	52	53	535	Marshall Islands	55	51	48	513
Gaza Strip	54	49	50	510	Micronesia, Federated States of	54	50	49	510
Iran, Islamic Republic of	52	52	52	523	Nauru	*	*	*	*
Iraq	52	50	50	507	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
Israel	61	57	56	581	New Zealand	*	*	*	*
Jordan	57	54	53	548	Niue	*	*	*	*
Kuwait	51	43	40	444	Northern Mariana Islands	40	35	41	387
Lebanon	59	57	55	570	Palau	56	55	51	539
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	50	46	47	477	Papua New Guinea	56	58	54	558
Oman	57	54	55	552	Samoa	*	*	*	*
Palestinian Territories	52	51	50	511	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*
Qatar	54	43	48	486	Tonga	55	52	51	525
Saudi Arabia	52	46	46	477	Tuvalu	*	*	*	*
Sudan	51	50	50	499	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*
Syria Arab Republic	*	*	*	*					

¹ Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some native country subgroups.

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

Table 21 presents the overall percentile ranks of TWE® (*Test of Written English™*) scores. In 2009, the TWE test was administered with TOEFL PBT on all test dates. The TWE test is holistically scored using a criterion-referenced 6-point score scale. Further information can be found in the *Test of Written English Guide*.

Table 21. Percentile Ranks for TWE Scores

TWE Score	Percentile Rank
6.0	99
5.5	98
5.0	92
4.5	84
4.0	62
3.5	37
3.0	21
2.5	9
2.0	4
1.5	1
1.0	
Mean	3.7
S.D.	0.9

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