Since its inception in 1963, the TOEFL® test has evolved from a paper-based test to a computer-based test and, in 2005, to an Internet-based test, the TOEFL iBT™ test. One constant throughout this evolution has been a continuing program of research related to the TOEFL test. In 1997, a monograph series that laid the groundwork for the development of the TOEFL iBT test was launched and research on this new test continues today. Currently this research is carried out in consultation with the TOEFL Committee of Examiners. Its members include representatives of the TOEFL Board and distinguished English-as-a-Second-Language specialists from the academic community.

Recent research reports that are currently available or are soon to be available are categorized below with respect to the many different types of evidence that speak to a test's quality. Links to reports are provided as they become available. You can click the title while holding down the control key to read the entire report.

**Validity Evidence**

**Syntheses of Validity Evidence**


**Relationship Among Test Measures**


**Construct Representation**


**Criterion-Related & Predictive Validity**


**Authenticity and Content Validity**


Rosenfeld, M., Leung, S., & Oltman, P. K. (2001). *The reading, writing, speaking, and listening tasks important for academic success at the undergraduate and graduate levels* (TOEFL® Monograph No. MS-21). Princeton, NJ: ETS.


**Consequential Validity**


**Fairness and Accessibility**

**Candidate Characteristics**


### Technology


### Support for Test Revision


### Scoring and Technology

#### Scoring Issues


**Development of Automated Scoring Tools**


**Candidates and Populations**


**Reliability and Generalizability**


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