# **TOEFL**



TOEFL deals with Upper-Intermediate to Advanced level students, at level B2 and C1 of the Council of Europe's Common Framework of Reference for Languages respectively.

The TOEFL Internet Based Test [iBT] measures an individual's ability to successfully use and understand a high level of academic English; it is typically required for non-native english speakers when applying to colleges and universities. It is divided into two types of tasks:

- Independent Tasks
  - Uses one language skill at a time for every given question for example, questions may ask you to answer through speaking or writing.
- Integrated Tasks
  - Uses multiple language skills to answer any given question for example, a question may ask you to read and/or listen to a lecture, then write or speak about the content.

Skill	Test	Duration
Reading	3-5 Passages, 39 independent questions	60-90 Minutes
Listening	4 Lectures, 6 Questions each	50 Minutes
Speaking	2 Independent Tasks, 4 Integrated Tasks	20 Minutes
Writing	1 Independent Task, 1 Integrated Task	50 Minutes

The Linguatime preparation course for the TOEFL Exam in English involves 3 daily sessions, of 90 minutes:

• Two General English sessions in a group (maximum 12 students) in the morning to help students polish their English; The General English Group sessions aim to help you improve your English language skills effectively in everyday situations. The course, with a provided course book, helps with the development of:

- ✓ The four basic skills: speaking, listening, writing and reading.
- ✓ Grammatical accuracy (according to your current level)
- ✓ A good range in vocabulary (according to your current level)
- ✓ More accurate pronunciation
- ✓ Social English skills and useful language
- ✓ Learning skills to encourage self-study
- 1 session in a mini-group (from 1 to a maximum of 4 students) in the afternoon, to prepare students specifically for the
  exams. The TOEFL preparation course includes a number of practice tests to determine your level of competence and
  familiarise yourself with the test format. Detailed tips and information to understand more about the TOEFL iBT will also be
  given.

Each student is provided with a personal study programme to maximise study time.

### **TOEFL: Reading Test and Preparation**

Linguatime's TOEFL Reading Preparation course covers:

- Reading skills such as:
  - Skimming for general understanding.
  - Scanning for specific information.
- Reading for different purposes, such as:
  - Gist the scope of the article
  - Detail understanding specific parts of the article.
- Increasing reading speed and vocabulary
- · Paraphrasing information

The reading section of the test consists of a minimum of three to five long passages and comprehension questions relating to academic topics similar to those found in undergraduate university textbooks. Students are required to answer questions about ideas, details, inferences, vocabulary and function. The test also includes skills involving paraphrasing, filling out tables or completing summaries without prior knowledge of the subject.



### **TOEFL: Listening Test and Preparation**

The TOEFL test for listening consists of six long passages and questions about the passages. Passages typically consist of two student conversations and four academic lectures or discussions; students are expected to determine ideas, details, function, stance, inferences and overall organisation.

Linguatime's TOEFL listening Preparation course covers:

- Listening for main ideas and supporting information
- · Recognising intonation patterns
- Understanding the speaker's opinion
- understanding inferences.
- Summarising information from a lecture.

### **TOEFL: Speaking Test and Preparation**

This section consists of six tasks:

- 2 Independent tasks
  - In these two tasks, students are made to answer opinion questions about some aspect of academic life.
  - Each independent task uses a single language skill: speaking or writing.
- 2 Integrated tasks
  - Students are expected to read or listen to these passages and furthermore offer a summary or information about them.
  - Each of these two tasks may include reading, listening, speaking, writing or a combination of these skills.

Test takers are expected to convey information, explain ideas and defend opinions clearly, coherently and accurately. Preparation for this section includes:

- Improving fluency and coherence.
- Pronunciation, word stress and intonation.
- Grammatical accuracy.
- Giving opinions.
- Summarising information from a written text or conversation and formulating a spoken response.

## **TOEFL: Writing Test and Preparation**

This section contains two tasks:

- An independent task
  - This involves writing a personal essay.
- An integrated task
  - This involves reading an academic passage, listening to an academic passage and writing about how the two passages are related.

Preparation for this section includes:

- Forming ideas and develop an argument.
- Improving spelling.
- Using Relevant connecting words.
- Producing coherent writing.
- Summarising main points of a lecture and reading passage and formulating a written response.

#### **TEST DATES AND FEES**

Test Dates*			
7 <sup>th</sup> January 2017			
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2017			
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2017			
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	*Exam dates for July 2017 to December 2017 will be		
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2017			
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	published in April 2017.		



- Online registration is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on www.ets.org
- Early registration closes seven days prior to the test date (not including the day of the test).
- Late registration closes three days prior to the test date (not including the day of the test).
- Registrations received after the early registration deadline will incur a late fee of US\$35.
- Test dates are available as long as there are seats available at the test site.
- 3 days prior to the test date, the on-line registration for that date will be closed. This also applies for late registrations.
- Prospective candidates are kindly advised to remember their username and password when registering since this will be needed later on to access one's results.

Kindly access <u>www.ets.org</u> for online registration. We regret to inform you that we are not authorized to accept any exam registrations at Linguatime. The TOEFL iBT test fee is approximately US\$215.00.

#### **COURSE DETAILS**

Hours per week 22.5

Timetable 9:00am – 12:30pm &

13.00pm - 14.30pm or 14.45pm - 16.15pm

(subject to change)

Minimum Age 18 years
Start Date Any Monday

Course Length Minimum 5 weeks is recommended

Levels Available Upper-Intermediate

Advanced

Additional Charges Standard Registration Fee / Course Materials

Maximum Class Size 12/4 Average Class Size 10-12