



TOEFL iBT® is Getting Better!



What is Coming?

From January 21st, 2026, the updated TOEFL iBT test is designed to bring more value, introducing a fairer, more agile, smarter and tailored experience, all while maintaining the trusted academic standard recognized by top global universities.

Fair	Agile	Smart	Tailored
A globally trusted and fair test that gives you a chance to succeed, no matter where you come from or how you have studied.	Faster score delivery, fewer test-day steps, and a smoother journey from booking to results with scores soon becoming available within 72 hours.	Content that reflects today's world. Scoring that's more digestible and easier to understand. A test designed to help you move forward successfully.	An improved adaptive test that moves with you, creating a more personal and adaptive experience that gives you the chance to flex a wider range of English skills.

Enhanced Test Experience, The Same Credibility

TOEFL iBT updates introduce a more student-friendly experience without compromising quality and academic recognition. The topics will be more relevant and practical in the context of academic life.

Same trusted test, now supplemented with modernized updates and content. The test will continue to be offered both in test centers and at home, allowing for a more flexible testing experience.

What are the benefits?

TOEFL iBT updates bring faster scores, a more agile and engaging test experience, and secure at-home testing, featuring live human proctor support, making test day less stressful.

Test Evolution Overview

Check the comparison below between the Current Test vs. Upcoming Test.

Current				Starting January 2026			
Estimated Timing	Number of Items	Description	Section	Description	Number of Items	Estimated Timing	
35 minutes	20	Read passages and respond to questions	Reading	Multistage Complete the Words Read in Daily Life Read an Academic Passage	35-48	About 18 to 27 minutes	
36 minutes	28	Answer questions about brief lectures or classroom discussions	Listening	Multistage Listen and Choose a Response Listen to a Conversation Listen to an Announcement Listen to an Academic Talk	35-45	About 18 to 27 minutes	
16 minutes	4	Talk about a familiar topic and discuss material you read and heard	Speaking	Listen and Repeat Take an Interview	12	About 8 minutes	
29 minutes	2	Read a passage, listen to a recording, type your response State and support an opinion in an online classroom discussion	Writing	Build a Sentence Write an Email Write for an Academic Discussion	12	About 23 minutes	



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