



# TOEFL® iBT is Entering a New Era



## What is Coming?

From January 21st, 2026, the updated TOEFL iBT® delivers even more value, bringing a fairer, more agile, smarter and tailored experience to students.

Fair	Agile	Smart	Tailored
Learners have more opportunity to succeed with inclusive, relatable content that reflects global expectations. By representing a broader range of experiences, the test supports a more equitable path for all.	With a more streamlined test day and a smoother journey from booking to results, students can move forward with confidence, receiving scores within 72 hours.	Content that reflects today's world. Scoring that's clearer and easier to understand. The updated test is built to help students move forward with confidence.	An enhanced adaptive test that adjusts in real time within key sections, giving students a more personalized experience and the opportunity to demonstrate a broader range of English skills.

## Enhanced Test Experience, The Same Credibility

TOEFL iBT enhancements introduce a more student-friendly experience without compromising quality and academic standards.

The topics will be more relevant and practical. The academic depth remains intact and is now supplemented with modernized updates and content.

The test will continue to be offered both in test centers and at home.

# 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	<b>Reading</b>	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	<b>Listening</b>	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	<b>Speaking</b>	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	<b>Writing</b>	Build a Sentence Write an Email Write for an Academic Discussion	12	About 23 minutes



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