

# Comparing the *TOEFL® Essentials™* and *TOEFL iBT®* tests

The *TOEFL® Essentials™* test has a unique and distinct design that makes it the perfect complement to the *TOEFL iBT®* test. It balances quality with convenience, affordability and access to meet the needs of applicants who prefer its format to the elaborate academic tasks found in the TOEFL iBT test.

	<i>TOEFL® Essentials™</i> Test	<i>TOEFL iBT®</i> Test (Including Home Edition version)
<b>Who's Likely to Take It</b>	Students looking for a test that blends quality and convenience with an engaging format	Aspiring students looking to stand out
<b>Language Domain</b>	50% academic English and 50% general English contexts	100% academic English context
<b>Content</b>	Test tasks designed to efficiently measure proficiency, tailored to the test taker's ability level using multistage adaptive methodology	Carefully selected test tasks that represent what students must do in an academic environment, requiring integration of all language skills
<b>Emphasis</b>	Breadth with shorter, faster-paced tasks for an energetic experience	Depth with longer, interconnected tasks for an immersive experience
<b>Length</b>	About 1 1/2 hours	About 3 hours
<b>Format</b>	4 sections: Listening, Reading, Writing, Speaking 5-minute personal video statement (not scored)	4 sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing
<b>Test Design Principle</b>	Designed to be a highly efficient, multistage adaptive test that measures the full spectrum of English proficiency (CEFR A1 to C2) accurately with fewer test items	Designed to be the most effective assessment of applied English communication in academic contexts, with a range corresponding to CEFR B1 to C2
<b>Presentation of Test Items</b>	Adjust to the test taker's skill level in an adaptive format	Carefully selected and matched in coherent, integrated sets simulating actual communication
<b>Delivery</b>	At home, using the same platform, technology and security as the TOEFL iBT Home Edition	At a test center, or at home with the TOEFL iBT Home Edition