


Behind every great student
is a great teacher
to open up the world.

Behind every great teacher
are the *TOEFL® Primary™* tests.



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 **TOEFL® Primary™**

Success Starts Here.

Put Your Students on the Right Path, Right From the Start

The *TOEFL® Primary™* tests are the newest addition to the *TOEFL®* Family of Assessments and the first step on a student's path to reaching his or her full potential. The goal of the *TOEFL Primary* tests is to measure students' English-language communication skills and progress in English classes — and provide meaningful feedback about their abilities.

Based on the rich heritage of the *TOEFL* test, the *TOEFL Primary* tests uphold ETS's high standards for developing valid and reliable tests that support educational purposes and reflect the latest research innovations.

The *TOEFL Primary* tests are designed to:

- Assess the general English-language proficiency of young students ages 8+
- Provide a snapshot of each student's ability in reading, listening and speaking
- Support teaching and learning by giving information about students' abilities in relation to a widely accepted international standard

A Versatile Solution for English Programmes

The *TOEFL Primary* tests can be used to monitor student progress over time and, if appropriate, to place students in levels of English instruction.

They are designed for:

- English-language programmes
- Local schools that teach English as part of the curriculum



Discover How the *TOEFL Primary* Tests Can Help You

The *TOEFL Primary* tests are assessments from ETS that help you shape young learners' (ages 8+) English-language instruction. Rooted in research and best practices in English-language testing, the *TOEFL Primary* tests measure the English skills that provide a foundation for students' future success.

You can use the *TOEFL Primary* tests to:

- **Guide** your teaching goals
- **Monitor** student progress
- **Identify** students' strengths and weaknesses
- **Determine** instructional plans
- **Inform** placement decisions, if appropriate
- **Focus** your work with both individual students and groups
- **Shape** your communication with parents about student learning



Know Your Students Are Learning at Every Level



The *TOEFL Primary* programme offers three different tests for students ages 8+ to measure a range of skills — from students at the beginning stages of learning English to those who have acquired more communicative English skills.

Each test provides reliable administration and scoring, with meaningful and detailed feedback to help young learners progress.

TOEFL Primary Tests at a Glance

Reading and Listening Step 1

Intended for students in the earlier stages of learning

Tests understanding of:

- Familiar context (school, home, playground)
- Basic formulaic expressions
- Basic vocabulary and phrases related to common objects and people
- Short and simple requests and directions
- Short and simple text about everyday experiences

OR

Reading and Listening Step 2

Intended for students who have developed some communicative skills

Tests understanding of:

- Basic expressions, requests, phrases and directions
- Simple and short stories and conversations on topics beyond everyday experiences
- Unfamiliar words presented with contextual clues
- Simple content-based texts

Speaking can be combined with Step 1 or Step 2, or it can be taken on its own.

Speaking

Intended for students in all stages of learning

Tests understanding of:

- Ability to communicate orally in social situations related to daily life
- Expressing basic emotions and feelings
- Simple requests and giving directions
- Describing people, objects, animals, places and activities
- Explaining simple events












TOEFL Primary tests assess students' knowledge, skills and abilities to fulfil core communication goals in English. The *TOEFL Primary* Reading and Listening tests are offered at two levels of proficiency, **Step 1** and **Step 2**, so that you can select an assessment that more closely matches the level of skills your students have acquired. The *TOEFL Primary* Speaking test is designed for students at many different levels of English ability.

TEST	<i>TOEFL Primary</i> Step 1	<i>TOEFL Primary</i> Step 2	<i>TOEFL Primary</i> Speaking
Format	Paper	Paper	Computer
Number of Questions	Reading: 36 Listening: 36	Reading: 36 Listening: 36	7–10
Time	Reading: 30 mins. Listening: 30 mins.	Reading: 30 mins. Listening: 30 mins.	20 mins.
Score Levels	1–4 Stars	1–5 Badges	1–5 Ribbons










A Global Picture of Potential

TOEFL Primary Reading and Listening–**Step 1** scores are shown as stars, while Reading and Listening–**Step 2** scores are shown as badges. Proficiency descriptors and recommended next steps for learning are provided for each score. The descriptors and next steps are appropriate for typical students at that score but may not apply to all students. Student ability for each score includes the skills from lower scores.

TOEFL Primary Reading Scores

Step 1 Level	Step 2 Level	Lexile	Scale Score	CEFR
Typical students at this level:	Typical students at this level:			
	 Perform exceptionally well on this test	750L	115	B1
			114	
			113	
	 Understand simple stories and age-appropriate academic texts	550L	112	A2
			111	
			110	
 Understand short descriptions, information in signs and short messages	 Understand simple stories and are beginning to understand age-appropriate academic texts	325L	109	
			108	
			107	
 Understand short descriptions and find information in signs, forms and schedules	 Understand short descriptions and find information in signs, messages and stories	125L	106	A1
			105	
			104	
 Begin to understand words and some short descriptions		BR125L	103	
			102	
			101	
Students receiving a level of  and a scale score of 100 may be at the very beginning stages of learning English. Students receiving a level of  and a scale score of 100 may receive better information about their proficiency levels by taking Step 1. Score reports with a scale score of 100 show a Lexile measure of BR250L and a CEFR level of Below A1.				






TOEFL Primary Listening Scores

Step 1 Level	Step 2 Level	Scale Score	CEFR
Typical students at this level:	Typical students at this level:		
	 Perform exceptionally well on this test	115	B1
		114	
		113	
	 Understand conversations, simple stories and age-appropriate academic talks	112	A2
		111	
		110	
 Understand simple descriptions, instructions, conversations and messages	 Understand conversations and simple stories and begin to understand age-appropriate academic talks	109	
		108	
		107	
 Understand short, simple descriptions, conversations and messages	 Understand basic conversations and messages and begin to understand stories and informational texts	106	A1
		105	
		104	
 Begin to recognise some familiar words in speech		103	
		102	
		101	
Students receiving a level of  and a scale score of 100 may be at the very beginning stages of learning English. Students receiving a level of  and a scale score of 100 may receive better information about their proficiency levels by taking Step 1. Score reports with a scale score of 100 show a CEFR level of Below A1.			

Your students are going to make an impact on the world someday. Now you can give them the best start by using a global standard to support teaching and learning.

TOEFL Primary Speaking Scores

TOEFL Primary **Speaking** scores are shown as Ribbons. The table below shows the TOEFL Primary Speaking overall score levels, overall proficiency descriptors and CEFR Levels.

Level	Score	CEFR
Typical students at this level:		
 Speak in English to expand descriptions, communicate multistep directions, and tell stories effectively	27	B2
	26	
	25	B1
	24	
	23	
 Speak in English to express and explain what they like and give directions	22	A2
	21	
	20	
	19	
	18	
 Speak in English to say what they like and give some descriptions	17	A1
	16	
	15	
	14	
	13	
 Begin to speak in English by using words and simple statements	12	Below A1
	11	
	10	
	9	
	8	
 Attempt to speak in English using words and simple phrases	7	A1
	6	
	5	
	4	
	3	
	2	
	1	
Score reports for students receiving a score of 0 will show NS (No Score).		

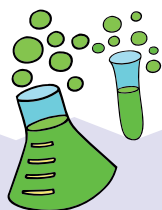


Score Reports: A Meaningful and Detailed Way to Show Progress

Score reports and certificates of achievement are meant to be positive and motivational for students. Detailed and comprehensive, they highlight what students have accomplished as English-language learners and the next steps to improve their reading, listening and speaking abilities.

Score reports provide:

- **Fast score** turnaround
- **Descriptors** with meaningful information for each section, including recommendations on next steps that students can take to improve their English-language abilities
- **Students' abilities in relation to the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)**, a widely accepted international standard
- **Lexile® Reading Measures**, making it easier to find books and articles that best match students' English reading abilities



How Parents Can Help

Teachers are instrumental in helping young students achieve their learning goals. Parents also play a crucial role in all educational achievements. By working together with teachers, you can provide the support and guidance that your child needs to reach his or her goals. In addition, the *TOEFL Primary* website includes useful information on how to prepare your child for the test, sample test questions and more.

The feedback received in a *TOEFL Primary* score report is designed to help lead the way. With the detailed information provided in each report, you will gain a clear understanding of your child's abilities in English, as well as areas he or she needs to focus on improving as the child moves forward.

The *TOEFL Primary* programme offers certificates of achievement based on a student's score level. It's one way to provide students and parents with a sense of accomplishment.

To give your students the best start, visit
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The Future Is Wide Open

Setting the right foundation starts now. By working on English-language skills today, you'll give each student broader opportunities for success — not only in the classroom, but also in the world he or she will grow up in.

To learn more about how the *TOEFL Primary* tests can help your students:

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Designed to set the foundation for the successful development of English-language skills, the *TOEFL[®]* Young Students Series features age-appropriate assessments, products and services — including the *TOEFL Junior[®]* and *TOEFL[®] Primary™* tests — to help guide younger students to the next steps of learning.

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