

About the TOEFL[®] *Junior*[™] Test

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The TOEFL[®] *Junior*[™] Test is a low- to medium-stakes assessment that measures the degree to which middle-school students have attained proficiency in the academic and social English-language skills representative of English-medium instructional environments.

1 Purpose of the test

Usually these students are ages 11-15. However, the test may be appropriate for other students. The appropriateness is based on the English-language proficiency of the students.

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While the ETS university-level TOEFL test continues to set the standard for the measurement of English-language proficiency worldwide, the TOEFL Junior test is a more appropriate assessment for middle-school students. It is a general English-language proficiency test that is not based on or limited to any specific curriculum.

Purpose of the test

The TOEFL Junior test:

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- provides parents, students and teachers with objective information about student progress in developing English-language skills over time.
- serves as a comprehensive measure to support placement of students into programs designed to increase English-language proficiency levels.
- measures developing English communication skills in preparation for future studies in English.
- offers useful information that can be used for instructional purposes.
- provides appropriate information for low- to medium-stakes decisions.

Format of the test

The TOEFL Junior test is a paper-based test consisting of 126 multiple-choice questions. It includes three sections: Listening Comprehension, Language Form and Meaning, and Reading Comprehension. Each section contains 42 four-choice questions.

The table below summarizes the structure and timing of the test:

Section	Questions	Time
Listening Comprehension	42	35 minutes
Language Form and Meaning	42	25 minutes
Reading Comprehension	42	50 minutes
Total	126	110 minutes

What is tested in each section

Listening Comprehension

- Ability to listen for basic interpersonal purposes
- Ability to listen for basic instructional purposes
- Ability to listen for basic academic purposes

Language Form and Meaning

- Ability to demonstrate proficiency in key enabling skills such as grammar and vocabulary in context

Reading Comprehension

- Ability to read and understand academic and non-academic texts

Getting ready for the test

Test takers can improve their English-language skills and prepare for the TOEFL Junior test by accessing the sample questions on the website. The sample questions are representative of the types of questions on the test. Sample questions for all three sections can be found on the TOEFL Junior website at http://www.ets.org/toefl_junior/prepare.

On test day

Consent form

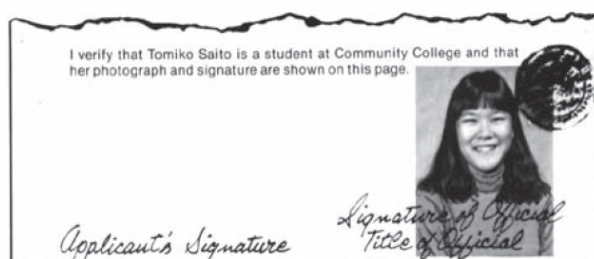
Each student will receive a consent form with this brochure. The form must be filled out completely and signed by the test taker's parent or legal guardian before the student can take the test.

On test day, continued

Identification (ID) documents

Test takers may be required to provide identification (ID) before taking the test. A passport is the best ID document to use.

If the test taker does not have a passport, or if the passport does not contain the test taker's photograph and signature, an official letter from the school he or she most recently attended is an acceptable ID document. The letter must have the test taker's photograph glued (not stapled) to it, and the title, signature and seal of the official who issued the letter must overlap the photograph, as shown below.



Student letters are valid for one year from the date of issue.

How to complete the answer sheet

On test day, each student will be given an answer sheet. It is important to fill out the information very carefully.

Each row of four circles corresponds to the four answer choices for that question. Only one of the answer choices is correct; not all the answer response spaces will be used.

Test takers must follow these directions to ensure proper scoring of the answer sheet:

- Use a medium-soft (No. 2 or HB) black-lead pencil
- Be careful to mark the space that corresponds to the answer you choose for each question. Also, make sure you mark your answer in the row with the same number as the number of the question you are answering.
- Mark only one answer for each question.
- Completely fill the circle with a heavy, dark mark so you cannot see the letter inside the circle.
- Erase any extra marks completely.

The examples below show the correct way and some wrong ways to mark your answer sheet.

CORRECT	WRONG	WRONG	WRONG	WRONG
(A) (B) ● (D)	(A) (B) ✓ (D)	(A) (B) ✗ (D)	(A) (B) ⊙ (D)	(A) (B) ⊙ (D)

After test day

Test scores

TOEFL Junior test scores are determined by the number of questions the test taker answered correctly. There is no penalty for wrong answers. The number of correct responses in each section is converted to a number and reported on a scale of 200-300 points. The total score is a sum of the three section scores, and ranges from 600-900 points.

Scoring is performed to ETS standards for quality and fairness. The number of correct answers is adjusted according to the difficulty level of the questions to calculate the final reported score. Therefore, the same number of correct responses on different forms of the test will not necessarily result in the same reported score.

Section	Scaled Scores
Listening Comprehension	200-300
Language Form and Meaning	200-300
Reading Comprehension	200-300
Total score	600-900

Score reports

Each TOEFL Junior score report provides:

- both section and total scores to help parents, students and teachers understand the test taker's performance.
- a description of the English-language abilities typical of test takers who score around a specific scaled score level to identify strengths and areas for improvement.
- section scores mapped to score levels of the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) to help understand what the test taker's scores mean
- a Lexile[®] measure to help find books at the test taker's English reading level

Lexile[®] measure

English reading ability is a rewarding skill, but it takes practice to improve. The TOEFL Junior test provides Lexile measures with each student's score report to help them find the right books for them. Lexile measures are the standard for matching readers with appropriate texts. Millions of English language learners and teachers worldwide use Lexile measures to improve reading in English and track progress over time. With Lexile measures, readers at every age and proficiency level can find the right books to read and improve. The service is free and easy to use. For more information, visit www.lexile.com/toefljunior.