



# Test and Score Data Summary

for the

## **TOEFL<sup>®</sup> ITP Test**

January–December 2012 Test Data

This edition of the *TOEFL<sup>®</sup> ITP Test and Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of examinees who took a TOEFL ITP test between January and December 2012.

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## The TOEFL® ITP Test



The TOEFL® ITP test measures the English proficiency of test takers whose native language is not English. TOEFL ITP test questions primarily assess understanding of academic language.

Test results can be used to make placement decisions, to monitor progress, and to inform end-of-course decisions. For more details about the uses of the test: [http://www.ets.org/toefl\\_itp/use/](http://www.ets.org/toefl_itp/use/).

The TOEFL ITP test is administered in a paper format with an audio component on a CD. The test includes multiple-choice questions, each with four answer choices.

The test consists of three sections: Listening Comprehension, Structure and Written Expression, and Reading Comprehension.

- The **Listening Comprehension** section measures the ability to understand spoken English in academic settings. Test takers listen to recorded audio materials and answer questions about what they heard. The recordings include language features that are typical of oral delivery. The questions about the recordings ask about the main ideas and important details, and both explicit and implicit information.
- The **Structure and Written Expression** section measures recognition of correct and incorrect sentence structure in standard written English. In the **Structure** part, test takers read a sentence and choose the correct answer choice to produce a grammatically correct sentence. In the **Written Expression** part, they select the underlined word or phrase that is grammatically incorrect. The sentences are on general academic topics.

- The **Reading Comprehension** section measures the ability to understand academic reading passages in English. The topic and complexity of the passages are similar to what is typical of academic textbooks. Test takers read a variety of passages on academic subjects and answer several questions about each passage. The questions ask about information that is stated in or implied in the passage, and about the meaning of specific words used in the passage.

The testing time is approximately two hours. Additional time is needed for test takers to be admitted to the testing room, to enter their identification information on their answer sheets, and to distribute and collect the test materials.

A team of language and assessment specialists develop the materials for the TOEFL ITP test. The test content and specifications of the ITP test are the same as the paper-based TOEFL test (TOEFL PBT). Test specifications, test questions, and test forms are rigorously reviewed, following the ETS Standards for Fairness and Quality. Test questions are carefully checked to ensure that the content is appropriate, according to established ETS procedures.

The TOEFL ITP test does not measure previous knowledge, but rather, the questions can be answered based on the materials presented. The focus is on the test taker's English language proficiency—the overall ability to use English. This proficiency increases gradually over time, and is generally achieved through a combination of practice and study.

Additional information about the TOEFL ITP test can be found at [https://www.ets.org/toefl\\_itp](https://www.ets.org/toefl_itp).



**Table 1** gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2012 through December 2012.

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening Comprehension	31	68
2. Structure and Written Expression	31	68
3. Reading Comprehension	31	67
Total	310	677

**Table 2. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL ITP Section and Total Scores by Gender\***

Group	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scales Score
Male	50.6	47.1	48.5	487
	7.2	8.3	8.2	72
Female	50.7	47.4	48.6	489
	6.9	7.9	7.4	67

\*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.



**Tables 3 and 4** may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL ITP test of a particular student with that of other students from the same native country and with that of students who speak the same language. **ETS, the creator of the TOEFL ITP test, does not endorse the practice of ranking countries on the basis of TOEFL ITP scores, as this is a misuse of the data.** The TOEFL ITP test provides accurate scores at the individual level; it is not appropriate for comparing countries. Numerous factors contribute to these scores: the different numbers of students taking the test in each country, the age that English is introduced into the curriculum, and the number of hours per week of English classes. Moreover, the TOEFL ITP test takers do not represent all English learners in a country; generalizing about a country from this group is not meaningful.

**Table 3. TOEFL ITP Total and Section Score Means<sup>1</sup> — All Examinees Classified by Native Language**

Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean
Afrikaans	*	*	*	*	Luo	*	*	*	*
Akan	*	*	*	*	Luxembourgish	*	*	*	*
Albanian	44	42	42	425	Macedonian	52	52	53	524
Amharic	51	47	47	480	Madurese	50	47	49	487
Arabic	48	44	44	454	Malagasy	*	*	*	*
Armenian	51	49	47	490	Malay	54	50	52	517
Assamese	46	46	44	455	Malayalam	49	47	47	478
Azerbaijani	52	47	45	481	Maltese	*	*	*	*
Bambara	*	*	*	*	Mandingo	*	*	*	*
Basque	*	*	*	*	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Belarusian	*	*	*	*	Mende	*	*	*	*
Bemba	*	*	*	*	Minangkabau	*	*	*	*
Bengali	51	48	49	494	Mongolian	51	45	46	473
Berber	49	48	47	480	Mossi	*	*	*	*
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Nepali	50	46	48	479
Bosnian	*	*	*	*	Norwegian	63	60	60	610
Bulgarian	57	54	52	542	Nyanja	*	*	*	*
Burmese	48	42	42	442	Oriya	*	*	*	*
Catalan	51	52	53	522	Oromo	*	*	*	*
Cebuano	*	*	*	*	Palauan	*	*	*	*
Chichewa	*	*	*	*	Polish	55	51	53	530
Chinese	50	46	47	476	Portuguese	53	48	51	510
Croatian	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	52	54	53	531
Czech	*	*	*	*	Pushto	50	48	47	481
Danish	61	58	57	586	Romanian	57	55	55	555
Dutch	61	58	58	590	Russian	53	49	50	507
Dyula	*	*	*	*	Samoan	*	*	*	*
Efik	*	*	*	*	Santali	*	*	*	*
Estonian	*	*	*	*	Serbian	*	*	*	*
Ewe	*	*	*	*	Shona	*	*	*	*
Farsi	50	46	45	473	Sindhi	51	51	50	506
Fijian	*	*	*	*	Sinhalese	*	*	*	*
Finnish	*	*	*	*	Slovak	*	*	*	*
French	55	54	56	547	Slovenian	*	*	*	*
Fulah	*	*	*	*	Somali	51	44	44	463
Ga	*	*	*	*	Spanish	52	49	51	506
Galician	*	*	*	*	Sundanese	*	*	*	*
Georgian	*	*	*	*	Swahili	55	54	52	536
German	59	55	55	560	Swedish	60	56	55	569
Greek	*	*	*	*	Tagalog	57	54	53	546
Gujarati	48	48	49	485	Tajik	*	*	*	*
Hausa	50	46	46	473	Tamil	53	50	51	514
Hebrew	*	*	*	*	Tatar	*	*	*	*
Hiligaynon	*	*	*	*	Telugu	53	51	51	517
Hindi	56	54	52	540	Thai	51	45	47	475
Hungarian	57	55	55	555	Tibetan	*	*	*	*
Icelandic	*	*	*	*	Tigrinya	*	*	*	*
Igbo	56	54	53	547	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Iloko	*	*	*	*	Turkish	51	49	48	491
Indonesian	54	50	52	521	Turkmen	49	42	43	446
Italian	53	53	54	533	Twi	*	*	*	*
Japanese	47	45	45	460	Ukrainian	54	51	51	522
Javanese	49	47	48	478	Urdu	55	55	53	546
Kannada	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	*	*	*	*
Kanuri	54	53	55	538	Vietnamese	50	47	47	480
Kashmiri	*	*	*	*	Wolof	*	*	*	*
Kazakh	50	46	46	475	Xhosa	*	*	*	*
Khmer	49	47	47	478	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	53	51	51	518
Kinyarwanda	51	50	47	497	Yupik	*	*	*	*
Konkani	*	*	*	*					
Korean	50	46	48	482					
Kosraean	*	*	*	*					
Kurdish	50	46	47	476					
Kurukh	*	*	*	*					
Lao	*	*	*	*					
Latvian	58	54	55	559					
Lingala	*	*	*	*					
Lithuanian	55	52	51	529					
Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*					

<sup>1</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some language subgroups.

**Table 4. TOEFL ITP Total and Section Score Means<sup>1</sup> — All Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country<sup>2</sup>**

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean
<b>AFRICA</b>					Nicaragua	52	48	50	504
Angola	48	46	48	475	Panama	55	52	53	532
Benin	49	48	47	479	Paraguay	56	50	54	530
Botswana	48	48	50	486	Peru	50	48	50	495
Burkina Faso	50	47	48	481	Puerto Rico	52	45	48	483
Burundi	*	*	*	*	St. Kitts and Nevis	52	48	50	500
Cameroon	51	51	50	509	St. Maarten (Dutch Part)	*	*	*	*
Cape Verde	*	*	*	*	St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	*	*	*	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*
Chad	*	*	*	*	Suriname	*	*	*	*
Comoros	47	43	43	444	Trinidad and Tobago	*	*	*	*
Congo, Democratic Republic of	49	47	46	474	Turks and Caicos Islands	*	*	*	*
Congo, Republic of	47	45	46	461	Uruguay	54	54	55	540
Côte d'Ivoire	48	47	47	473	Venezuela	53	48	50	504
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (British)	*	*	*	*
Eritrea	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*
Equatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	<b>ASIA</b>				
Ethiopia	52	48	48	494	Afghanistan	49	46	44	462
Gabon	49	45	48	473	Azerbaijan	53	48	47	493
Gambia	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh	52	49	50	506
Ghana	*	*	*	*	Bhutan	*	*	*	*
Guinea	*	*	*	*	Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*
Guinea-Bissau	51	48	48	490	Hong Kong	52	45	46	477
Kenya	58	56	54	561	India	54	53	52	528
Lesotho	*	*	*	*	Indonesia	54	50	52	521
Liberia	*	*	*	*	Japan	47	45	45	460
Madagascar	*	*	*	*	Cambodia	51	46	46	478
Malawi	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	50	47	46	476
Mali	50	46	46	473	Korea, Democratic People's	49	46	48	475
Mauritania	*	*	*	*	Republic of	50	46	48	481
Mauritius	*	*	*	*	Korea, Republic of	53	46	47	483
Morocco	50	49	48	492	Kyrgyzstan	55	50	53	527
Mozambique	*	*	*	*	Lao People's Democratic Republic	*	*	*	*
Namibia	*	*	*	*	Macao	49	45	46	467
Niger	53	51	48	507	Malaysia	51	46	47	478
Nigeria	52	50	47	495	Maldives	49	46	46	470
Reunion	*	*	*	*	Mongolia	52	48	48	493
Rwanda	50	49	49	492	Myanmar	53	53	52	526
Sao Tome and Principe	*	*	*	*	Nepal	50	46	47	476
Senegal	45	45	45	451	Pakistan	55	53	51	530
Seychelles	51	47	46	481	China, People's Republic of	51	48	47	487
Sierra Leone	*	*	*	*	Philippines	54	49	50	513
Somalia	48	47	46	467	Singapore	51	44	47	472
South Africa	48	43	43	446	Sri Lanka	48	43	44	448
Swaziland	*	*	*	*	Taiwan (Republic of China)	52	47	46	482
Tanzania, United Republic of	51	50	49	500	Thailand	51	44	47	472
Togo	48	47	46	467	Timor-Leste	*	*	*	*
Tunisia	48	43	43	446	Turkmenistan	48	43	44	448
Uganda	*	*	*	*	Uzbekistan	53	49	49	505
Zambia	*	*	*	*	Vietnam	50	47	47	477
Zimbabwe	*	*	*	*	<b>EUROPE</b>				
<b>AMERICA</b>					Albania	44	42	42	425
Anguilla	*	*	*	*	Armenia	52	50	47	496
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	Austria	*	*	*	*
Argentina	55	51	53	534	Belgium	56	54	55	551
Aruba	*	*	*	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	*	*	*	*
Bahamas	*	*	*	*	Bulgaria	56	54	52	542
Barbados	*	*	*	*	Belarus	53	50	50	510
Belize	*	*	*	*	Croatia	*	*	*	*
Bermuda	48	48	51	492	Cyprus	*	*	*	*
Bolivia	55	51	53	531	Czech Republic	*	*	*	*
Bonaire, Saint Eustatius and Saba	*	*	*	*	Denmark	55	53	52	533
Brazil	54	49	52	517	Estonia	*	*	*	*
Canada	49	49	50	493	Faroe Islands	*	*	*	*
Cayman Islands	*	*	*	*	Finland	*	*	*	*
Chile	54	53	53	535	France	54	53	56	546
Colombia	50	47	51	492	Georgia	*	*	*	*
Costa Rica	56	52	54	542	Germany	59	55	55	562
Cuba	53	49	52	514	Greece	*	*	*	*
Curacao	*	*	*	*	Greenland	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic	54	49	51	513	Hungary	58	57	57	574
Ecuador	51	50	52	512	Ireland	53	50	52	515
El Salvador	55	52	54	535	Italy	53	53	54	533
French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Kosovo, Republic of	*	*	*	*
Grenada	*	*	*	*	Latvia	57	53	55	549
Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	Lithuania	55	52	51	526
Guatemala	54	50	52	523	Luxembourg	56	52	52	533
Guyana	*	*	*	*	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav	*	*	*	*
Haiti	51	48	48	493	Republic of	47	43	45	450
Honduras	53	49	51	512	Malta	52	47	49	493
Martinique	*	*	*	*	Moldova, Republic of	*	*	*	*
Mexico	52	49	51	505					
Montserrat	46	44	44	447					
Netherlands Antilles	50	46	48	476					

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**Table 4 (continued)**

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Mean
<b>EUROPE (cont'd)</b>									
Monaco	53	49	51	509	Qatar	49	42	43	448
Montenegro	*	*	*	*	Saudi Arabia	48	41	41	434
Netherlands	61	57	58	586	Sudan	51	47	46	477
Norway	61	59	59	598	Syrian Arab Republic	50	46	45	472
Poland	55	50	52	523	United Arab Emirates	49	44	44	456
Portugal	50	45	46	472	West Bank	49	46	45	467
Romania	58	56	55	559	Yemen	49	47	46	473
Russian Federation	53	49	50	509	<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>				
San Marino	*	*	*	*	American Samoa	*	*	*	*
Serbia	*	*	*	*	Australia	49	48	50	491
Slovakia	*	*	*	*	Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*
Slovenia	*	*	*	*	Cook Islands	*	*	*	*
Spain	55	54	56	550	Fiji	*	*	*	*
Sweden	59	55	55	563	French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	56	52	54	540	Guam	*	*	*	*
Turkey	51	49	48	491	Kiribati	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	58	57	55	567	Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*
Ukraine	55	51	51	527	Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*
Holy See (Vatican City State)	49	45	46	466	Nauru	*	*	*	*
<b>MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRICA</b>					New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
Algeria	51	49	49	495	Papua New Guinea	47	47	49	478
Bahrain	51	45	45	471	New Zealand	50	46	48	479
Egypt	49	48	48	480	Niue	*	*	*	*
Gaza Strip	49	46	45	467	Palau	*	*	*	*
Palestinian Territories	50	44	45	461	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*
Iran, Islamic Republic of	51	47	46	482	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Iraq	49	45	45	461	Tuvalu	*	*	*	*
Israel	46	40	41	422	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*
Jordan	47	43	43	442	Samoa	*	*	*	*
Kuwait	49	43	44	454					
Lebanon	50	50	49	497					
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	47	42	43	443					
Oman	48	43	43	449					
<sup>1</sup> Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some native country subgroups. <sup>2</sup> Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.									

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