INTRODUCTION TO TOEIC

Session 3

What is TOEIC?

The TOEIC (Test of English for International Communication) test is an English-language proficiency test for people whose native language is not English. It measures the everyday English skills of people working in an international environment. The scores indicate how well people can communicate in English with others in business, commerce, and industry. The test does not require specialized knowledge or vocabulary beyond that of a person who uses English in everyday work activities.

The use of TOEIC Score

The TOEIC score is used by a variety of organizations to measure how well you might do in workplace and real-life situations where you are required to communicate in English effectively. Many universities and institutions of higher education require students to take the TOEIC test prior to graduation. Employers worldwide use this test to determine who can communicate effectively in English across borders and cultures with co-workers and clients. Small businesses, multinational corporations and government agencies use TOEIC scores as a management tool to make personnel decisions that include hiring, promoting and assigning overseas projects.

- 1. TOEIC Listening and Reading Test (Paper-pencil based)
- 2. TOEIC Speaking and Writing Test (computer based)
- 3. TOEIC Bridge Test

TOEIC Listening and Reading Test (Paper-pencil based)

| Sections | Parts | Questions (former format / updated format) | Score |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------|
| Listening (45 minutes) | 1. Photographs | 10 / 6 | 5 - 495 |
| | 2. Question-response | 30 / 25 | |
| | 3. Conversations | 30 / 39 | |
| | 4. Talks | 30 | |
| Reading (75 minutes) | 5. Incomplete sentences | 40 / 30 | 5 - 495 |
| | 6. Text Completion | 12 / 16 | |
| | 7. Reading Comprehension | 48 / 54 | |
| | | | Total Score |
| | | | 10 - 990 |

TOEIC Speaking and Writing Test (computer based)

| Sections | Task | Questions | Score |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|-------|
| Speaking (+/- 20 minutes) | 1. Read a text aloud | 1-2 | 0-200 |
| | 2. Describe a picture | 3 | |
| | 3. Respond to questions | 4-6 | |
| | 4. Respond to questions using information provided | 7-9 | |
| | 5. Propose a solution | 10 | |
| | 6. Express an opinion | 11 | |
| Writing (+/- 60 minutes) | 1. Write a sentence based on a picture | 1-5 | 0-200 |
| | 2. Respond to a written request | 6-7 | |
| | 3. Write an opinion essay | 8 | |

The TOEIC Speaking and Writing tests can be taken separately. However, when taken together with the TOEIC Listening and Reading test, they complement each other and provide a reliable measurement of all four English-language communication skills.

Types of TOEIC Tests TOEIC Bridge Test

The TOEIC Bridge test was developed especially for beginning to lower-intermediate learners of English, so the TOEIC Bridge test is not as difficult as the TOEIC test.

| Sections | Parts | Questions | Score | |
|--------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|--|
| Listening | Photographs | 15 | | |
| | Question-Response | 20 | 10-90 | |
| (25 minutes) | Short conversation and talks | 15 | | |
| Reading | Incomplete sentences | 30 | 10-90 | |
| (35 minutes) | Reading comprehension | 20 | | |
| | | | Total Score | |
| | | | 20-180 | |