



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

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

Introducing the new addition to the TOEFL® Family of Assessments

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.

**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

The goal of the TOEFL Primary tests is to measure students' English 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.



**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

## 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

### 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

### 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 [www.etsglobal.org](http://www.etsglobal.org)** 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 learn more about using the **TOEFL Primary** tests in your classroom, contact your local network office:



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