

Expanding Opportunity through Education and Training

TOEFL iBT

SELF-STUDY WEBSITE RESOURCES (prepared by Amideast, KSA)

General

<u>ETS</u> – the Educational Testing Service, is the official company that writes and administers the TOEFL iBT. On this site you can register for the test. You should start with a <u>video on free</u> resources.

The <u>TOEFL Go Anywhere</u> is a search database that shows the universities that accept TOEFL scores, as well as general test information.

Learn about the four sections of the test through ETS' useful video series found on <u>Youtube</u> (TOEFL TV).

Practice free reading, writing, speaking, and listening questions by <u>downloading real official</u> <u>practice questions</u>. Other useful resources are available at the ETS site, for a fee.

The Official ETS TOEFL Tips can be <u>downloaded here</u>. And here: <u>http://www.ets.org/c/17722/index.html</u>

A list of <u>test-taking strategies</u> for each part of the TOEFL iBT can be found here.

This is free TOEFL iBT test site: <u>http://www.testden.com/challenge/free-toefl.asp</u>

Writing

A list of previously used <u>TOEFL iBT independent writing topics.</u>

<u>Jason Renshaw's site</u> has 'TOEFL Writing Mentor' program with 25 detailed tutorials covering both the integrated and independent tasks in the writing section.

ETS lists a number of ways to improve your English writing skills, at <u>low</u> and <u>intermediate</u> levels.

Speaking

Jason Renshaw's website provides a 'TOEFL Speaking Mentor' with practice questions and useful strategies for each speaking type question. All free.

English 1-on-1 has <u>TOEFL speaking practice</u> questions, including sample answers and written transcripts.

Some <u>integrated speaking practice questions</u> can be found at English Club. You can read a passage, listen to a lecture, then listen to a sample spoken response.



Listening

<u>Ted talks</u> are a weekly series of short interesting lectures from business, the arts, and science. Each video has a transcript with which you can read as you listen. Some talks have Arabic transcripts to check your comprehension.

ABC's program "<u>What Would You Do</u>?" presents short videos about making good choices. Some topics may be inappropriate for some viewers, though most episodes provide good practice for integrated TOEFL tasks, involving listening, then responding in speaking or writing.

Practice listening to university <u>lectures at Open Culture</u>. They have award-winning lecture courses from many famous universities. All are free.

In the United States, National Public Radio, or NPR, is a solid website with daily national and international stories. You can listen to any story at their weekday program <u>All Things</u> <u>Considered</u>.

Reading and Vocabulary

Reading a daily newspaper online is very useful. Consider the <u>Arab News</u> or <u>Saudi Gazette</u>. Both contain well-written articles on current national and international issues.

The Voice of America (VOA) has a special "<u>Learning English</u>" site that contains current news stories you can read and listen to.

<u>Breaking News English</u> uses current news stories for you to practice reading, guessing words from context, and improving your vocabulary.

Quizlet is a site that provides review and definitions on <u>vocabulary words</u> you may see on the TOEFL Reading section. They have free flashcards with definitions, and also have a great Scatter review game and quizzes to practice your knowledge quickly.

ETS offers suggestions on improving English reading for the TOEFL at different levels: <u>low</u> and <u>advanced</u>.

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