

How to Form A Successful TOEFL iBT® Study Group

Forming the TOEFL iBT group:

- _An effective study group ideally has of **3-4 members** (no more than 5 max).
- _Your group should meet *at least* once a week and you should decide how long you want your sessions to be.
- _All members should make a serious **commitment** to show up and to do the required preparation prior to any group meeting. If you show up unprepared it *will* impact how effective that session is for the whole group, not to mention what *you* could get out of those sessions.
- _You should choose a group '**leader/facilitator**' (this could be one person or members could take turns) .

Preparing for TOEFL iBT sessions:

You need to decide as a group what you would like to **cover** in a session ([Use The TOEFL iBT Planner](#)) as a main guide The plan will help you thoroughly prepare for the test in **eight Weeks** leading up to test day. Charts are included with each week's objective, tasks to complete and resources to help you complete them, as well as a checklist so you can check off each task as you complete it..

Session structure:

- It is helpful to come up with some kind of **structure** to your sessions to help you keep on track as a group, and to make your time more effective in covering as much material as possible. Here are some suggestions:

_Decide on how long your sessions are going to be, e.g., 2 hours each Tuesday night. In the first ½ hour you could review and discuss the preceding week's concepts. This allows members a chance to voice any confusion, issues or problems they are having with the material, and allows you to share knowledge as a group (often the best way to truly know that you *know* something is when you get the opportunity to teach/explain it to someone else

_The rest of the time you could work on problems/questions. Before starting, decide in which order you want to address the problems or questions.

- You can take turns 'presenting' the problems (some members may have been able to solve/answer the problem/questions and some members may have gotten stuck) and as a group you can address any issues which came up when members had worked on the material individually

_You also can look for practice problems:

http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/TOEFL/pdf/TOEFL_Tips.pdf .

- You should use the last 10 minutes to do a quick review/summary of the session and wrap up by identifying any tasks or responsibilities needing to be addressed prior to the next session.

TOEFL iBT Study Tips:

- 1)TOEFL® Go Anywhere Website (www.TOEFLLGoAnywhere.org)
- 2)TOEFL iBT® Quick Prep (www.ets.org/toefl/quickprep)
- 3) Inside the TOEFL® Test” Video Series (www.ets.org/toefl/video_library/)
- 4)TOEFL® Test Prep Planner (www.ets.org/toefl/planner)
- 5)TOEFL Journey® Program (<http://www.toeflgoanywhere.org/user/toefl-journey>)
- 6)Lexile® Measures from MetaMetrics® (<http://lexile.com/toefl>)
- 8)TOEFL® TV Channel Hosted on YouTube® (www.youtube.com/TOEFLtv)
- 9) TOEFL iBT® Resources: AnOverview for Students” Video
(http://www.ets.org/s/toefl/flash/17494/TOEFL_Resources_Web_Video.htm)
- 10) Have a question? Contact the TOEFL iBT Information Resource Center in Saudi Arabia
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