



## Test Comparison Guide

Differences between the DET, IELTS, TOEFL and PTE for English language testing trainers and counselors



### Overview

Tests		IELTS™	*toefl	 Pearson   PTE
Cost	\$70	\$200-300	\$200-300	\$200-300
Duration	About 1 hour	2 hours 45 minutes	2 hours 30 minutes	2 hours
Registration	No fixed test dates or times. No prior registration required.	Test dates and times are fixed. Registration must be done in advance.	Test dates and times are fixed. Registration must be done in advance.	Test dates and times are fixed. Registration must be done in advance.
Accessibility	The test can be taken at home or any other location with a stable connection. Test takers may find it less stressful as they can take the test in a place where they feel relaxed and comfortable.	The test can only be taken at specified test centers.	The test can be taken at home or at specified test centers.	The test can be taken at specified test centers. The 'at-home' version of the test is not accepted for visas in some countries.
Results	2 days	Up to 2 weeks	8 days	Between 2-5 days
Sharing scores	Scores can be sent to an unlimited number of schools, for free. Students do not need to select the schools they'll share scores with, in advance.	Scores can be sent to 5 schools for free. Additional score reports can be shared for a cost of INR 250 per additional university.	Scores can be sent to 4 schools for free. Additional score reports can be shared for a cost of around INR 2,000 per additional university.	Scores can be sent to an unlimited number of schools, for free.
Practice	The practice test available on the DET website can be taken on a desktop or mobile phone an unlimited number of times, for free.	Limited free practice materials	The practice test available on the TOEFL website can be taken an unlimited number of times, for free.	Limited free practice materials
Skills assessed	Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing	Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing	Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing	Speaking, Listening, Reading, Writing
Sections	2 (mixed language skills + speaking and writing samples)	4 (reading + listening + writing + speaking)	4 (reading + listening + writing + speaking)	3 (speaking & writing + reading + listening)



## Speaking

Tests		IELTS™	*toefl	 Pearson   PTE
Format	<p>There are 2 formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to an audio, visual or written prompt</li> <li>Respond to questions in a simulated interview with an animated character</li> </ul>	<p>There is an interview in 3 parts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General questions on familiar topics</li> <li>Extended speaking in response to a topic</li> <li>Discussion with the examiner</li> </ul>	<p>There are 2 formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent question that asks for an opinion</li> <li>Integrated question where the test taker speaks in response to a prompt that involves both reading and listening</li> </ul>	<p>There are multiple different question formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read Aloud</li> <li>Repeat Sentence</li> <li>Describe Image</li> <li>Re-tell Lecture</li> <li>Answer Short Question</li> </ul>
Timing	Up to 11 minutes	11-14 minutes	16 minutes	30 minutes

## Writing




Tests		IELTS™	*toefl	 Pearson   PTE
Format	<p>2 question formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respond to a visual or written prompt</li> <li>Summarize the Conversation</li> </ul>	<p>2 question formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report or Letter</li> <li>Discursive essay</li> </ul>	<p>2 question formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrated writing task</li> <li>Writing for an Academic Discussion task</li> </ul>	<p>2 question formats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary task</li> <li>Essay</li> </ul>
Timing	Up to 19 minutes	60 minutes	30 minutes	30 minutes
Time per question	Maximum 5 minutes per question	20 minutes for Task 1 and 40 minutes for Task 2	20 minutes for Integrated writing and 10 minutes for Academic Discussion	10 minutes for Summary Task 1 and 20 minutes for Essay

## Reading

Tests		IELTS™	*toefl	 Pearson   PTE
Question types	<p>8 question types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read and Select</li> <li>Fill in the Blanks</li> <li>Read and Complete</li> <li>Complete the Sentences</li> <li>Complete the Passage</li> <li>Highlight the Answer</li> <li>Identify the Idea</li> <li>Title the Passage</li> </ul>	<p>14 question types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Matching Headings</li> <li>Matching Features</li> <li>Matching Paragraph</li> <li>True/False/Not Given</li> <li>Multiple Choice</li> <li>Sentence Completion</li> <li>Short Answer</li> <li>Diagram Completion</li> <li>Match Sentence Endings</li> <li>Flow-chart Completion</li> <li>Table Completion</li> <li>Summary Completion</li> <li>Choose a Title</li> <li>List of Options</li> </ul>	<p>7 question types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vocabulary</li> <li>Rhetorical Purpose</li> <li>Factual Information</li> <li>Negative Factual Information</li> <li>Sentence Simplification</li> <li>Insert Text</li> <li>Prose Summary</li> </ul>	<p>5 question types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fill in the Blanks</li> <li>Multiple Choice</li> <li>Multiple Answer</li> <li>Re-order Paragraphs</li> <li>Single Answer</li> </ul>

<b>Timing</b>	<b>Up to 38.5 minutes</b>	60 minutes	35 minutes	30 minutes
<b>Length</b>	<b>Passages are less than 150 words long.</b>	Passages are around 700 - 1000 words long.	Passages are around 700 words long.	Passages are up to 300 words long.

## Listening

Tests		<b>IELTS™</b>		
<b>Question types</b>	<b>3 question types:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen and Complete</li> <li>• Listen and Respond</li> <li>• Listen and Type</li> </ul>	10 question types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matching</li> <li>• Multiple Choice</li> <li>• Note Completion</li> <li>• Form Completion</li> <li>• Table Completion</li> <li>• Sentence Completion</li> <li>• Summary Completion</li> <li>• Short Answer Questions</li> <li>• Map &amp; Plan Labeling</li> <li>• Diagram &amp; Fow Chart Completion</li> </ul>	7 question types <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gist-Content and Gist-Purpose</li> <li>• Detail</li> <li>• Function</li> <li>• Attitude</li> <li>• Organization</li> <li>• Connecting Content</li> <li>• Inference</li> </ul>	8 question types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summarize Spoken Text</li> <li>• Multiple Choice, Multiple Answers</li> <li>• Fill in the Blanks</li> <li>• Highlight Correct Summary</li> <li>• Multiple Choice, Single Answer</li> <li>• Select Missing Word</li> <li>• Highlight Incorrect Words</li> <li>• Write from Dictation</li> </ul>
<b>Timing</b>	<b>Up to 22 minutes</b>	40 minutes	36 minutes	30-43 minutes
<b>Length of audio</b>	<b>5-30 seconds</b>	3-4 minutes	3-5 minutes	60-90 seconds

