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# Foreword

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The TOEIC Test – Test of English for International Communication – a standardised test giving reliable results, measures proficiency in international business English, at intermediate and advanced levels. It provides an accurate measurement of the English capabilities of non-native speakers. The TOEIC test measures and certifies listening, reading and grammar proficiency in international business English.

## **The TOEIC tests:**

- Help businesses build a more effective workforce. There is, nowadays, a high demand from leading global corporations for employees to communicate effectively in English. That is, employees must be able to communicate across borders and cultures with co-workers and clients.
- Allow employers to make hiring decisions, promotions, transfers depending on job seekers' qualifications and English language proficiency.
- Enable universities to better prepare students for the international workplace.

In brief, organizations and job seekers around the world trust TOEIC scores to help them get ahead of the competition.

TOEIC is a very challenging examination, and unfortunately, many students find it hard to achieve the score they need. One reason for this is that the TOEIC questions use many challenging words, so students need a considerable number of business vocabulary items. The other reason is that TOEIC questions challenge students in a very logical manner. Many students are not comfortable with this type of thinking, which can make the test very challenging.

The maximum score on TOEIC is 990 points. A reasonable score is above 700 points, a good score is anything above 800 points, and a great score is anything above 900 points.

Being aware of the practical demand of learners, we have designed the series TOEIC RC and LC – 730 and 860 whose questions are taken from the most recent TOEIC tests with the aim of helping those who want to achieve the score of approximately 700 – 900 points. This series of books is hopefully a very beneficial and rewarding material for class use with the assistance of an instructor or for self-study.

## **Tips to help you prepare for the TOEIC tests:**

- **Listen to music** – Music helps you acquire the rhythm and stress patterns of spoken English.
- **Listen to the radio and watch TV and films** – This helps you pick up the language, and does not bore you either!
- **Use the language** – Set aside half an hour each day to communicate only in English. If you can't do this face to face, send regular e-mail messages.
- **Read** – Reading is the best way to improve your vocabulary. Read newspapers, magazines, websites, novels, and non-fiction books. Choose something that genuinely interests you and isn't too challenging.
- **Write** – Try keeping a daily journal where you can practise using new words and expressions. This helps reinforce sentence structures and vocabulary.

There are no shortcuts – the only way to get a high score is by working hard, practising constantly and patiently to improve your English abilities.

May you soon achieve your desired goal!

*Jim Lee*

# TOEIC Test Format

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There are two separate TOEIC tests: traditional Listening and Reading test and additional Writing and Speaking test. These two types of TOEIC test are administered independently and thus you need to register, pay fee for them separately and get separate test score reports. Check with your employer/company or your university/college what type of TOEIC score report they want (Listening and Reading only or both tests) before taking the test. Also check with the test site if they offer Writing and Speaking test. Technology requires you to have all 4 English language skills for workplace success.

## **TOEIC Listening and Reading Test**

The TOEIC Listening and Reading test is a paper-and-pencil, multiple-choice assessment. There are 2 timed sections of 100 questions each.

### **Section I: Listening**

Listening skills are required for face-to-face communication, meetings, videoconferencing, teleconferencing, podcasts and telephone conversations.

Test takers listen to a variety of questions and short conversations recorded in English, then answer questions based on what they have heard (100 items in total).

- Part 1: Photographs
- Part 2: Question & Response
- Part 3: Short Conversations
- Part 4: Short Talks

### **Section II: Reading**

Reading skills are required for e-mail, written reports, newsletters, letters, memos, PowerPoint presentations and other forms of business communication.

Test takers read a variety of materials and answer 100 items in total at their own pace.

- Part 5: Incomplete Sentences
- Part 6: Text Completion
- Part 7: Reading Comprehension

### **Test Length**

The test takes approximately 2½ hours, with:

- 45 minutes for Section I
- 75 minutes for Section II
- score scale: 5 – 495 for each section (10 – 990 for both)
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### A STEP

#### Possible answers

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### B STEP

#### Recognising incorrect options

You will hear and write down five statements which include both correct and incorrect options.

You should practise to be able to identify all possible correct options and leave out the incorrect ones to enhance your ability of choosing the right answers when taking your actual test later.



## PART 2 QUESTION & RESPONSE Studying Types of Questions

### A STEP

#### Typical questions and possible answers

In this section, you will first hear typical questions and possible answers that are frequently seen in the TOEIC tests. Then, listen to the question raised and choose all possible answers by putting a tick in the corresponding boxes given.

### B STEP

#### Practice

Two questions together with the three options respectively are given for you to practise selecting the correct options in this part of the TOEIC tests.

