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JANUARY 2008-DECEMBER 2008 TEST DATA

Test of English as a Foreign Language™

This edition of the *TOEFL Test and Score Data Summary* contains data on the performance of examinees who took the TOEFL Internet-based test (TOEFL[®] iBT) or the TOEFL paper-based test (TOEFL PBT) between January and December 2008.

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The TOEFL Program — A national council on the testing of English as a foreign language was formed in 1962; its members were representatives of more than 30 private organizations and government agencies concerned with the English-language proficiency of nonnative speakers of English who wished to study at colleges and universities in the United States. The council supported the development of the TOEFL test for use starting in 1963–64. Financed by grants from the Ford and Danforth Foundations, the TOEFL program was first administered by the Modern Language Association. In 1965, the College Board[®] and Educational Testing Service[®] (ETS[®]) assumed joint responsibility for the program. Because many who take the TOEFL test are potential graduate students, a cooperative arrangement for the operation of the program was entered into by ETS, the College Board, and the Graduate Record Examinations[®] Board in 1973. Under this arrangement, ETS is responsible for administering the TOEFL program with guidance from the TOEFL Board.

The TOEFL Board is comprised of 16 members. Some are affiliated with such institutions and agencies as undergraduate and graduate schools, community colleges, nonprofit educational exchange organizations, and other public and private agencies with an interest in international education. Other members are specialists in the field of English as a foreign or second language.

Development of the Test — The test originally contained five sections. As a result of extensive research, a threesection test was developed and introduced in 1976. In July 1995, the test item format was modified somewhat within the same three-section structure. In recent years, various constituencies called for a new TOEFL test that would (1) be more reflective of communicative competence models; (2) include more constructed-response tasks and direct measures of writing and speaking; (3) include tasks that integrate the language modalities tested; and (4) provide more information than the paperbased TOEFL test (TOEFL PBT) about the ability of international students to use English in an academic environment. Accordingly, the TOEFL Board initiated a broad effort under which language testing will evolve in the twenty-first century. The introduction of the computer-based TOEFL test (TOEFL CBT) in 1998 was the first incremental step in this broad test-improvement effort.

The next step was the introduction of an Internetbased version of the TOEFL test (TOEFL iBT) in September 2005. The test was first launched in the United States, and was gradually rolled out worldwide during 2005 and 2006. TOEFL iBT assesses all four language skills (reading, listening, speaking, and writing) that are important for effective communication. TOEFL iBT emphasizes integrated skills and provides better information to institutions about students' ability to communicate in an academic setting and their readiness for academic coursework.

As TOEFL iBT was introduced in an area, TOEFL CBT was discontinued after a period of overlap to ensure a smooth transition to TOEFL iBT. The final administration of TOEFL CBT was held in September 2006. TOEFL PBT will continue to be offered on a limited basis to support the TOEFL testing network in areas where TOEFL iBT is not available. The TOEFL Test and Score Data Summary contains information about TOEFL iBT and TOEFL PBT test takers.





TOEFL iBT was introduced in the United States in September 2005 and was gradually introduced worldwide during 2005 and 2006. TOEFL iBT was developed in response to a request by institutions to provide a

test that would measure nonnative speakers' ability to communicate in English in an academic setting.

TOEFL iBT:

- Measures the ability to communicate by combining, or integrating, all four language skills – Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing
- Is 100% academically-focused, measuring the kind of English used in academic settings
- Provides fair and objective scoring
- Provides valid and reliable information to support score users in making effective decisions regarding a person's English-language proficiency

Test takers have up to four hours to complete the test, and all four sections are taken on the same day. The Reading section measures the ability to understand academic reading material, and the Listening section measures the ability to understand spoken English as it is used in colleges and universities. The Speaking section consists of six tasks that measure the ability to speak English in an academic setting. The Writing section consists of two tasks that measure the ability to write in a way that is appropriate for college and university coursework. Some questions in the Speaking and Writing sections require the test takers to combine, or integrate, information from more than one source. For example, test takers are asked to read a passage, listen to a short lecture about a topic, and then speak or write in response. These integrated tasks are designed to simulate the academic experience.

Internet delivery enables ETS to deliver the test at official test centers in more locations. There are currently more than 4,000 TOEFL iBT test centers worldwide, and the number continues to grow. Speaking and writing tasks are scored by multiple, rigorously trained raters who provide unbiased, objective evaluations of the responses via the ETS Online Scoring Network.

Test Preparation — Everyone registered to take the TOEFL test receives test preparation materials free of charge. Examinees who register to take TOEFL iBT receive a link to a TOEFL iBT Sampler when the registration is complete. The Sampler includes questions from all four sections of TOEFL iBT. The Reading and Listening sections are interactive and sample responses are provided for the Writing and Speaking questions.

Other test preparation products, including sample test questions, are available for free and for purchase. For more information about TOEFL iBT and related products, please visit the TOEFL website at *www.ets.org/toefl*.

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The data presented in the tables below are based on examinees who took the TOEFL iBT between January 2008 and December 2008.

Table 1 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2008 and December 2008.

The percentile ranks for section and total scale scores are shown in **Table 2** for the total group. In **Tables 3–6**, examinees have been classified by their reason for taking the test (information supplied by them at the test center).

Table 1. Observed Minimum and Maximum TOEFL iBT Section and Total Scores

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Reading	0	30
2. Listening	0	30
3. Speaking	0	30
4. Writing	0	30
Total	0	120

Table 2. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores —Total Group

Table 3. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores —Graduate-Level Students*

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
$\begin{array}{c} 30\\ 29\\ 28\\ 27\\ 26\\ 25\\ 24\\ 23\\ 22\\ 21\\ 20\\ 19\\ 18\\ 17\\ 16\\ 15\\ 14\\ 13\\ 11\\ 10\\ 9\\ 8\\ 7\\ 6\\ 5\\ 4\\ 3\\ 2\\ 1\\ 0\end{array}$	96 85 77 65 61 56 40 37 40 37 22 22 20 18 16 14 20 8 7 5 3 1	98 78 72 66 61 53 9 64 23 21 17 15 20 8 6 4 1 8 6 4 1	100 98 97 94 90 ** 83 42 32 22 ** 13 8 6 ** 4 3 2 1 ** 1	98 96 91 85 ** 77 67 ** 57 46 35 ** 15 9 ** 6 3 2 ** 1 1	$\begin{array}{c} 120\\ 116\\ 112\\ 108\\ 104\\ 100\\ 96\\ 92\\ 88\\ 80\\ 76\\ 68\\ 60\\ 56\\ 28\\ 44\\ 40\\ 36\\ 28\\ 24\\ 20\\ 16\\ 12\\ 8\\ 4\\ 0\end{array}$	100 99 91 84 71 64 57 46 51 40 31 22 9 16 13 10 7 5 3 2 1 1
Mean S.D.	19.4 8.7	19.5 8.5	19.3 4.6	20.5 5.2	Mean S.D.	79 24

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
$\begin{array}{c} 30\\ 29\\ 28\\ 27\\ 26\\ 25\\ 24\\ 23\\ 22\\ 21\\ 20\\ 19\\ 18\\ 17\\ 16\\ 15\\ 14\\ 13\\ 12\\ 11\\ 10\\ 9\\ 8\\ 7\\ 6\\ 5\\ 4\\ 3\\ 2\\ 1\\ 0\end{array}$	94 80 71 59 54 50 42 39 36 33 27 23 21 18 15 31 9 8 7 5 4 3 2	96 82 72 59 50 42 35 32 27 22 20 86 42 27 24 20 86 14 31 10 8 7 5 4 2 1	99 98 95 92 87 ** 79 69 58 ** 10 6 4 ** 2 1 1	98 94 88 81 ** 51 40 29 ** 22 15 ** 10 6 ** 1	$\begin{array}{c} 120\\ 116\\ 112\\ 108\\ 104\\ 100\\ 96\\ 92\\ 88\\ 84\\ 80\\ 76\\ 68\\ 60\\ 56\\ 52\\ 48\\ 44\\ 36\\ 32\\ 28\\ 24\\ 20\\ 16\\ 12\\ 8\\ 4\\ 0\end{array}$	100 98 93 87 79 72 64 57 51 45 39 24 20 17 13 11 8 6 4 3 2 1 1
Mean S.D.	20.9 8.2	21.0 8.0	20.0 4.5	21.3 5.0	Mean S.D.	83 22

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
$\begin{array}{c} 30\\ 29\\ 28\\ 27\\ 26\\ 25\\ 24\\ 20\\ 19\\ 18\\ 17\\ 16\\ 14\\ 13\\ 12\\ 11\\ 10\\ 9\\ 8\\ 7\\ 6\\ 5\\ 4\\ 3\\ 2\\ 1\\ 0 \end{array}$	97 88 82 77 72 68 65 61 58 55 52 49 46 43 40 37 35 22 27 25 22 19 17 14 12 9 7 4 1	98 87 78 71 66 61 53 50 47 44 41 38 32 30 28 25 23 21 19 17 15 13 11 9 6 4 1	99 98 96 92 87 ** 80 70 60 ** 50 41 32 23 ** 14 9 6 ** 1 4 3 2 1 ** 1	98 95 91 85 ** 59 49 39 ** 31 23 ** 17 11 ** 7 3 2 ** 1	$\begin{array}{c} 120\\ 116\\ 112\\ 108\\ 104\\ 100\\ 96\\ 92\\ 88\\ 84\\ 80\\ 76\\ 72\\ 68\\ 64\\ 60\\ 56\\ 52\\ 48\\ 44\\ 40\\ 36\\ 32\\ 28\\ 24\\ 20\\ 16\\ 12\\ 8\\ 4\\ 0\end{array}$	100 99 96 90 84 72 66 61 56 51 45 41 36 31 27 23 19 16 12 9 6 4 3 1
Mean S.D.	17.6 9.2	19.2 8.7	19.5 4.9	20.1 5.4	Mean S.D.	76 25

Table 4. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores— Undergraduate-Level Students*

Table 5. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores— Other Students*

Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
$\begin{array}{c} 30\\ 29\\ 28\\ 27\\ 26\\ 25\\ 24\\ 20\\ 19\\ 18\\ 17\\ 16\\ 13\\ 12\\ 11\\ 10\\ 9\\ 8\\ 7\\ 6\\ 5\\ 4\\ 3\\ 2\\ 1\\ 0\end{array}$	97 87 69 65 61 57 53 50 47 44 42 39 37 44 29 27 25 23 20 18 16 14 11 9 7 4 1	98 80 73 68 58 54 51 47 44 41 38 33 31 26 25 22 19 7 15 30 8 5 2 1	100 99 97 95 91 ** 56 46 37 27 ** 18 3 9 ** 7 5 3 2 ** 2 1 1	99 97 92 87 ** 60 50 39 ** 13 ** 9 5 3 ** 20 13 ** 21	$\begin{array}{c} 120\\ 116\\ 112\\ 108\\ 104\\ 100\\ 96\\ 92\\ 88\\ 84\\ 80\\ 76\\ 72\\ 68\\ 64\\ 60\\ 56\\ 52\\ 48\\ 44\\ 40\\ 36\\ 32\\ 28\\ 24\\ 20\\ 16\\ 12\\ 8\\ 4\\ 0\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 100\\ 99\\ 97\\ 92\\ 86\\ 80\\ 73\\ 66\\ 60\\ 55\\ 50\\ 45\\ 40\\ 35\\ 31\\ 27\\ 24\\ 20\\ 18\\ 15\\ 12\\ 9\\ 6\\ 4\\ 2\\ 1\\ 1\\ 1\end{array}$
Mean S.D.	18.3 9.1	18.9 8.9	18.7 5.0	19.7 5.5	Mean S.D.	76 26

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as undergraduate students.

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to schools other than colleges or universities, e.g., secondary schools.

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.

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Scale Score	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
$\begin{array}{c} 30\\ 29\\ 28\\ 27\\ 26\\ 25\\ 24\\ 23\\ 22\\ 21\\ 20\\ 19\\ 18\\ 17\\ 16\\ 15\\ 14\\ 13\\ 12\\ 11\\ 10\\ 9\\ 8\\ 7\\ 6\\ 5\\ 4\\ 3\\ 2\\ 1\\ 0\\ \end{array}$	97 87 79 72 65 59 55 49 41 37 34 37 25 20 18 16 14 12 10 9 8 6 5 4 3 2 1	98 86 67 60 53 48 35 31 28 25 20 18 14 13 11 9 8 7 6 4 3 2 1	99 98 96 94 88 ** 78 62 47 ** 35 25 18 12 ** 7 4 3 ** 2 1 1 1	99 96 92 86 ** 53 41 29 ** 21 15 ** 11 6 ** 4 2 2 ** 1 1 ** 1	$\begin{array}{c} 120\\ 116\\ 112\\ 108\\ 104\\ 100\\ 96\\ 92\\ 88\\ 84\\ 80\\ 76\\ 72\\ 68\\ 64\\ 60\\ 56\\ 52\\ 48\\ 44\\ 40\\ 36\\ 32\\ 28\\ 24\\ 20\\ 16\\ 12\\ 8\\ 4\\ 0\end{array}$	100 99 97 92 85 76 66 57 49 42 35 30 25 20 17 14 11 9 7 6 4 3 2 1 1
Mean S.D.	20.4 7.8	21.4 7.5	20.8 4.1	20.9 4.9	Mean S.D.	84 21

Table 6. Percentile Ranks for TOEFL iBT Scores— Applicants for Professional License*

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were taking TOEFL to become licensed to practice their professions in the United States or Canada.

**Indicates a non-existent scale score for Speaking and Writing.

Tables 7 and 8 present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between January and December 2008.

Group	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Total Group*	19.9	19.6	19.1	20.5	79
	8.7	8.6	4.6	5.3	24
Graduate Level**	21.6	21.3	19.8	21.5	84
	8.0	7.9	4.4	5.0	22
Undergraduate Level**	17.9	19.3	19.3	20.1	77
	9.3	8.8	4.8	5.5	25
Other Students**	19.1	19.3	18.7	20.0	77
	9.0	8.8	4.9	5.5	25
Applicants for	21.2	21.9	20.7	21.1	85
Professional License**	7.5	7.3	3.9	4.8	20

Table 7. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL iBT Section and Total Scores, Males*

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

Group	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Total Group*	19.2	19.6	19.8	20.7	79
	8.7	8.4	4.6	5.1	23
Graduate Level**	20.3	21.1	20.6	21.4	83
	8.3	7.9	4.5	4.9	22
Undergraduate Level**	17.5	19.4	20.0	20.4	77
	9.1	8.6	5.0	5.3	25
Other Students**	17.7	18.8	19.1	19.8	76
	9.1	8.8	5.1	5.5	25
Applicants for	19.9	21.4	21.1	20.9	83
Professional License**	8.0	7.4	4.1	4.9	21

Table 8. Means and Standard Deviations for TOEFL iBT Section and Total Scores, Females*

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

Tables 9 and 10 may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL iBT of a particular student with that of other students from the same native country and with that of students who speak the same language. It is important to point out that the data do not permit the generalization that there are fundamental differences in the ability of the various national and language groups to learn English or in the level of English proficiency they can attain. The tables are based simply on the performance of those examinees native to particular countries and languages who happened to take TOEFL iBT.

Native Language	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Native Language	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
Afrikaans Akan Akan Albanian Arabic Arabic Arabic Armenian Asasamese Aymara Bashkir Basque Belorussian Bemba Beengali Berber Bikol Bosnian Bulgarian Burmese Catalan Cebuano Chichewa (Nyanja) Chichewa (N	21 18 16 15 14 18 21 17 24 21 11 22 18 21 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22	22 20 19 18 21 25 18 22 20 22 19 23 17 24 22 18 22 20 22 19 23 17 24 22 18 * 22 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 * 26 27 27 9 22 6 17 9 * 26 27 19 23 27 27 9 22 6 17 9 * 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 * 26 27 19 23 17 4 22 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 26 17 9 26 17 9 * 26 17 9 26 19 27 19 26 17 9 26 19 2 18 8 17 26 17 9 26 19 2 18 8 17 26 19 2 26 19 2 18 8 10 2 2 19 26 17 9 26 19 2 26 19 2 2 18 19 26 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 2 26 19 20 * 19 26 26 19 2 26 19 20 * 19 26 26 19 20 * 19 26 26 19 2 26 19 20 * 19 26 26 19 20 * 19 26 26 2 * 19 26 26 27 27 27 9 26 26 19 26 26 27 27 19 26 26 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27 27	22 21 21 20 19 21 22 21 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 22	22 21 20 19 18 21 22 17 20 22 22	88 79 76 69 81 77 75 90 90 78 87 75 88 77 88 97 88 77 88 97 88 77 88 97 88 97 88 97 88 97 88 97 88 97 88 97 88 97 76 90 90 100 102 98 88 57 76 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 90 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 97 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 97 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 97 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 97 90 90 102 97 88 97 76 97 97 97 88 97 77 88 97 77 88 97 78 87 77 88 97 78 88 97 78 88 97 78 87 77 87 77 88 97 77 88 97 78 87 77 87 77 88 97 77 88 97 77 88 97 77 88 97 78 87 77 88 97 77 88 97 77 88 97 78 88 97 77 87 77 7	Kurdish Kurdish Kurukh Kurukh Kusaiean Lao Latvian Lingala Lithuanian Luba-Lulua Luo Macedonian Madurese Malaya Malay Ma	16 * 11 19 19 19 19 19 19 17 22 23 23 15 17 12 24 15 17 12 24 15 17 12 24 15 17 20 22 17 23 23 15 17 17 24 15 17 20 22 19 21 21 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20	17 * 12 24 * 23 * 20 22 18 18 23 24 * 24 * 18 * 18 23 24 * 24 * 18 * 18 23 22 * 19 24 * 23 * 22 * 18 * 18 23 22 * 18 * 18 23 * 24 * 23 * 20 22 * 18 * 18 * 23 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 18 * 13 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 18 * 13 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 18 * 13 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 19 * 22 * 21 * 19 * 22 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 21 * 19 * 22 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 21 * 19 * 22 * 24 * 23 * 22 * 21 * 23 * 22 * 24 * 20 * 21 * 19 * 22 * 24 * 20 * 21 * 20 * 20 * 21 * 20 * 20 * 20 * 20 * 20 * 20 * 20 * 20	19 * 17 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 22 2	19 * 16 22 22 21 19 21 23 24 * 24 * 20 * 19 18 20 24 * 22 21 19 18 20 24 * 22 21 19 23 24 * 20 * 22 21 23 24 * 20 21 23 24 * 20 21 23 24 * 22 21 23 24 * 22 21 23 24 * 22 21 23 24 * 22 21 23 24 * 22 21 23 24 * 22 21 23 24 * 22 21 23 24 * 22 21 23 24 * 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 21 22 23 22 23 24 * 22 23 24 * 21 22 23 24 * 21 22 23 24 * 21 22 23 24 * 21 22 23 24 * 21 22 23 24 * 21 21 22 23 24 * 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21 21	70***567 8*66**33 844 735 894**74**72 622 744 945 92***78 864 879 889 899 817 798**772 772 7798 877 690 847 879 6701***80 79 887 6701***80 79 887 6701***80 79 887 6701***80 79 80 879 80 79 80 80 79 80 80 79 80 80 79 80 80 79 80 80 79 80 80 79 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80

Table 9. TOEFL iBT Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Native Language²

Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain languages may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published. 2

Table 10. TOEFL iBT Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country²

Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
	_	_		-		Montserrat	*	*	*	*	*
Angola	12	15	19	17	63	Netherlands Antilles	16	21	23	22	82
	13 19	12 21	16 23	17 23	58 85	Nicaragua Panama	20 19	21 22	21 21	21 21	83 83
	13	14	23 18	23 17	62	Paraguay	19	21	20	21	82
	14	15	19	17	65	Peru Puerto Rico	20 21	21 23	21 21	21 22	84 87
	15 13	16 17	19 20	19 19	69 69	Saint Kitts and Nevis	*	*	*	*	*
Central African Republic	*	* 12	*	* 16	* 56	Saint Lucia Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	*	*	*	*	*
Chad Comoros	10 *	12	18 *	16	50 *	Suriname	*	*	*	*	*
	12	13	18	17	60	Trinidad and Tobago Turks and Caicos Islands	*	*	*	*	*
	15 15	15 14	19 17	18 17	68 63	United States	20	22	22	22	85
Djibouti	*	*	*	*	*	Uruguay Venezuela	25 20	26 22	22 21	23 21	96 83
	13 20	16 22	19 21	17 21	65 83	Virgin Islands (British)	20	*	∠ I *	∠ I *	*
Ethiopia	16	18	20	19	72	Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*	*
	16 13	17 15	19 19	18 19	70 66	ASIA					
Ghana	18	19	21	21	78	Afghanistan	12	16	21	19	69
Guinea Guinea-Bissau	14 *	16 *	19 *	18 *	67 *	Azerbaijan Bangladesh	17 19	18 20	20 21	20 22	75 82
	17	19	20	20	77	Bhutan	18	21	23	23	85
Lesotho	* 12	* 16	* 20	* 18	* 65	Brunei Darussalam Cambodia	* 14	* 15	* 18	* 19	* 65
	12	17	20 19	20	65 74	China	20	18	18	20	76
Malawi	*	*	*	*	*	Christmas Island	*	*	*	*	*
	11 11	11 15	16 20	15 17	52 64	Cocos (Keeling) Islands Hong Kong	18	20	20	22	80
	24	23	22	25	94	India	21	22	22	22	87
Mayotte Mozambique	13	14	19	19	65	Indonesia Japan	19 16	20 16	19 16	21 18	79 66
Namibia	*	*	*	*	*	Kazakhstan	16	19	20	19	74
	16 19	16 19	18 20	18 21	68 79	Korea, Dem. People's Republic of Korea, Republic of	17 20	17 19	18 18	19 20	72 78
Reunion	20	19	20	20	79	Kyrgyzstan	18	20	20	20	79
Rwanda Sao Tome and Principe	14 *	15 *	19 *	19 *	68 *	Lao, People's Democratic Republic Macau	12 15	12 16	17 17	17 19	59 66
Senegal	13	13	18	17	61	Malaysia	22	23	20	23	88
Seychelles Sierra Leone	14	16	21	, 19	71	Maldives Mongolia	17	19	18	19	72
Somalia	12	17	20	18	67	Myanmar	14	16	18	19	68
South Africa Swaziland	23	25 *	25 *	25 *	98 *	Nepal Pakistan	17 20	18 22	19 23	20 23	74 87
Tanzania, United Republic of	14	16	20	19	70	Philippines	21	22	22	23	88
	13 18	14 19	18 19	18 19	63 75	Singapore Sri Lanka	25 19	26 21	24 21	26 22	100 83
Uganda	18	19	22	22	80	Taiwan (Republic of China)	18	18	18	19	73
Western Sahara Zambia	* 15	* 20	* 22	* 21	* 78	Tajikistan Thailand	13 17	16 18	20 18	18 19	67 72
	20	20	23	23	88	Timor-Leste	*	*	*	*	*
AMERICAN						Turkmenistan Uzbekistan	17 15	20 18	21 20	20 19	79 73
Anguilla	*	*	*	*	*	Viet Nam	17	16	17	20	70
Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	* 23	* 94						
Argentina Aruba	24	25 *	22 *	23	94 *	Aland Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Bahamas	*	*	*	*	*	Albania	17	19	21	20	77
Barbados Belize	*	*	*	*	*	Andorra Armenia	18	21	21	21	80
	19	21	21	21	82	Austria	24	26	25	25	100
	22 21	22 24	21 23	21 23	86 91	Belarus Belgium	21 25	23 25	22 24	22 24	88 98
Cayman Islands	*	*	*	*	*	Bosnia and Herzegovina	18	22	22	21	83
	22 20	23 21	20 20	21 20	86 81	Bulgaria Croatia	21 22	23 25	21 23	22 22	88 92
Costa Rica	23	25	23	23	94	Cyprus	17	20	20	21	78
Cuba Dominica	19 *	19 *	20 *	19 *	77 *	Czech Republic Denmark	22 24	23 27	22 26	22 25	90 102
Dominican Republic	18	20	21	20	80	Estonia	23	25	23	24	95
	20 20	22 22	21 22	21 22	84 86	Faroe Islands Finland	18 23	25 26	23 23	23 24	89 97
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	*	*	*	*	*	France	23	23	21	22	88
French Guiana Grenada	*	*	*	*	*	Georgia Germany	18 23	21 26	21 24	20 24	80 97
Guadeloupe	18	19	20	20	78	Greece	22	23	21	22	87
Guatemala Guyana	18 *	21	21	20	80 *	Greenland Hungary	* 21	* 24	* 22	* 23	* 89
Haiti	12	14	18	17	61	Iceland	22	26	23	24	95
	19 10	22 21	22 23	21 22	84 83	Ireland	* 24	* 21	* 20	* 21	* 85
Jamaica Martinique	19 *	∠ I *	∠3 *	*	03 *	Italy Kosovo, Republic of	15	18	21	20	73
Mexico	21	22	21	21	85	Latvia	20	24	22	22	88

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Table 10 (continued)

Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total	Geographic Region and Native Country	Reading	Listening	Speaking	Writing	Total
EUROPE (cont'd)											
Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*	*	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	14	17	20	18	68
Lithuania	20	23	22	22	87	Morocco	16	18	20	19	73
Luxembourg	23	25	23	24	94	Oman Delectione Territories	11	15	18	17	61 68
Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic o	of 19	22	22	21	84	Palestine Territories	13 11	17	19	18	60 60
Malta	*	*	*	*	*	Qatar Saudi Arabia	11	15 16	18 18	16 16	60 61
Moldova, Republic of	20	21	22	22	84	Sudan	14	18	20	18	70
Monaco	21	20	20	21	82	Syrian Arab Republic	14	19	20	19	70
Montenegro	17	22	21	21	81	United Arab Emirates	13	19	20 18	19	73 64
Netherlands	25	27	25	25	102	West Bank	16	16	20	20	72
Norway	21	25	24	24	94	Yemen	12	16	19	17	64
Poland	20	23	22	22	87	Temen	12	10	15	17	04
Portugal	24	26	23	23	97	PACIFIC REGION					
Romania	23	25	23	23	94	American Samoa	*	*	*	*	*
Russian Federation	20	22	21	21	84	Australia	22	24	24	23	93
San Marino	*	*	*	*	*	British Indian Ocean Territory	22 *	24 *	24 *	23	93 *
Serbia	20	23	22	21	86	Fiii	*	*	*	*	*
Slovakia	21	23	22	23	89	French Polynesia	22	23	21	22	88
Slovenia	24	26	24	24	98	Guam	*	*	*	*	*
Spain	23	23	21	22	89	Kiribati	*	*	*	*	*
Sweden	20	25	24	23	92 97	Marshall Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Switzerland	24	26	23	24		Micronesia, Federated States of	*	*	*	*	*
Turkey Ukraine	19 20	19 22	19 22	20	77 85	Nauru	*	*	*	*	*
	20	22	22	21 24	85 95	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*	*
United Kingdom	22	25	24	24	95	New Zealand	*	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AI	FRICA					Niue	*	*	*	*	*
		10	10	10	74	Norfolk Island	*	*	*	*	*
Algeria	15	18 19	19 21	18 19	71	Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Bahrain	13 18	20	21	20	71 79	Palau	*	*	*	*	*
Egypt Gaza Strip	18	20	21	20	/9	Papua New Guinea	*	*	*	*	*
Iran, Islamic Republic of	19	19	20	20	78	Samoa	*	*	*	*	*
Iran, Islamic Republic of	19	19	20	20 19	70 71	Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*	*
Israel	22	26	20	23	95	Tonga	*	*	*	*	*
Jordan	16	19	24	19	95 74	Vanuatu	*	*	*	*	*
Kuwait	10	19	20 19	19	63						
Lebanon	18	21	21	21	81						

² Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain countries may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.





The paper-based version of the TOEFL test (TOEFL PBT) continues to be administered on specific dates in some countries, particularly in areas where accessibility to the Internet-based test (TOEFL iBT) is a concern. Each form of TOEFL PBT consists of three separately timed sections; the questions in each section are multiple-

choice, with four possible answers or options per question. All responses are gridded on answer sheets that are scored by computer. There is also a 30-minute essay, The Test of Written English (TWE), given at each administration.

- Section 1 of the test, Listening Comprehension, measures the ability to understand English as it is spoken in North America. The oral features of the language are stressed, and the problems tested include vocabulary and idiomatic expression as well as special grammatical constructions frequently used in spoken English. The stimulus material and oral questions are recorded in standard North American English; the response options are printed in the test books.
- Section 2, Structure and Written Expression, measures recognition of selected structural and grammatical points in standard written English. The language tested is formal, rather than conversational. The topics of the sentences are of a general academic nature so that individuals in specific fields of study or from specific national or linguistic groups have no particular advantage.
- Section 3, Reading Comprehension, measures the ability to read and understand short passages that are similar in topic and style to those that students are likely to encounter in North American colleges and universities. Examinees read a variety of short passages on academic subjects and answer several questions about each passage. The questions test information that is stated in or implied by the passage, as well as knowledge of some of the specific words as they are used in the passage.

The total test time is approximately two and one-half hours; however, approximately three and one-half hours are needed for a test administration to admit examinees to the testing room, to allow them to enter identifying information on their answer sheets, and to distribute and collect the test materials.

Language specialists prepare the material for the TOEFL test. The TOEFL Committee of Examiners establishes overall guidelines for the test content and specifications. All item specifications, questions, and final test forms are reviewed for cultural and racial bias and content appropriateness, according to established ETS procedures.

For test date information, see the *Information and Registration Bulletin* for TOEFL PBT and TSE testing, or visit the TOEFL website at *www.ets.org/toefl*.

Test Preparation — Examinees registered to take TOEFL PBT receive TOEFL *Practice Tests*, Volume 1, which includes two complete PBT tests. In addition,



sample questions are downloadable from the TOEFL website. There is no fee for these practice materials.

Other TOEFL test preparation products are available for purchase. For more information about these products and ordering information, please visit the TOEFL website at *www.ets.org/toefl*.



In 2008 TOEFL PBT was administered six times at preestablished testing centers throughout the world. The data presented below are based on candidates who took the paper-based TOEFL test between January and December 2008.

Table 11 gives actual ranges of observed scores for the period from January 2008 through December 2008. The percentile ranks for section and total scale scores are shown in **Table 12** for the total group. In **Tables 13–16**, examinees are classified by their reason for taking the test (information supplied by them at the test center).

Table 11. Observed Minimum and Maximum Paper-Based TOEFL Section and Total Scores

Section	Min.	Max.
1. Listening Comprehension	31	68
2. Structure and Written Expression	31	68
3. Reading Comprehension	31	67
Total	310	677

Table 12. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores— Total Group

Table 13. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores— Graduate-Level Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Total Percentile Rank
68 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	99 97 94 88 81 73 63 51 40 29 19 11 6 4 2 1 1 1	99 95 90 85 78 70 62 51 42 34 26 18 12 8 5 3 2 1 1	98 95 91 83 76 63 50 38 26 17 10 6 4 2 1 1 1	660 640 620 600 580 540 520 500 480 460 440 420 400 380 360 340 320	99 96 91 84 75 64 52 39 28 18 11 6 3 2 1
Mean S.D.	53.8 6.7	53.3 7.9	53.8 6.3	Mean S.D.	536 62

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Total Percentile Rank
68 66	99 97	99 95	98	660	99
64	97 94	95 90	98 95	640	99 96
62	89	85	89	620	91
60	82	77	81	600	83
58	74	68	72	580	74
56	64	59	58	560	62
54	52	48	44	540	49
52	40	39	32	520	36
50	29	30	21	500	24
48	19	23	13	480	15
46	11	15	8	460	9
44	6	10	4	440	5
42	3	6	3	420	9 5 3 1
40	2	4	2	400	1
38	1	2 1	1	380	
36	1	1	1	360	
34 32				340 320	
Mean	53.7	53.9	54.6	Mean	541
S.D.	6.5	7.6	6.0	S.D.	59

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as graduate students.

Table 14. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank
68 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	99 96 92 85 77 68 58 47 37 27 18 10 6 3 2 1 1 1	99 94 89 84 78 70 63 53 44 36 28 20 14 9 5 3 2 1 1	98 96 92 86 79 68 56 44 32 22 13 8 5 3 2 1 1	660 640 620 600 580 540 520 500 480 460 440 420 400 380 360 340 320	99 95 90 82 74 64 53 42 30 20 12 7 4 2 1
Mean S.D.	54.4 6.8	53.2 8.1	52.9 6.4	Mean S.D.	535 64

Table 15. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores
-Other Students*

Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank			
68 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	99 97 94 90 83 77 69 60 49 30 19 13 7 4 2	99 96 94 91 86 78 72 64 56 48 41 32 24 17 12 7 3 3 2	99 97 93 86 80 71 61 49 38 29 20 13 8 5 3 2 2 2 1	660 640 620 580 560 540 520 500 480 460 440 420 400 380 360 340 320	99 96 93 87 80 73 64 52 41 33 24 13 7 4 2 1			
Mean S.D.	52.3 7.2	50.5 8.5	51.9 7.1	Mean S.D.	515 68			

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to colleges or universities as undergraduate students.

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were applying for admission to schools other than colleges or universities, e.g., secondary schools.

-Applicants for Professional License"								
Scale Score	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score	Percentile Rank			
68 66 64 62 60 58 56 54 52 50 48 46 44 42 40 38 36 34 32	100 98 96 92 86 77 64 48 33 22 14 8 4 3 2 1 1 1	100 98 95 92 87 80 72 61 51 42 31 21 13 9 5 4 2 2 1	99 98 95 90 84 74 58 40 26 15 9 6 4 2 2 1 1	660 640 620 580 560 540 520 500 480 460 440 420 400 380 360 340 320	100 98 95 91 84 75 59 42 25 15 9 6 4 2 1			
Mean S.D.	54.0 5.8	51.7 7.3	52.9 5.6	Mean S.D.	529 53			

Table 16. Percentile Ranks for Paper-Based TOEFL Scores -Applicants for Professional License*

*Based on examinees who indicated that they were taking TOEFL to become licensed to practice their professions in the United States or Canada.

Tables 17 and 18 present means and standard deviations of section and total scores separately for male and female examinees tested between January and December 2008.

Group	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score
Total Group*	53.4	53.4	53.9	536
	6.7	7.9	6.3	62
Graduate Level**	53.3	54.1	54.8	541
	6.5	7.6	6.0	59
Undergraduate Level**	54.0	52.9	52.8	532
	6.9	8.2	6.5	65
Other Students**	52.5	51.0	52.3	519
	7.3	8.6	7.4	70
Applicants for	53.8	51.0	53.0	526
Professional License**	5.7	7.0	5.3	51

Table 17. Means and	Standard Deviations	for Paper-Based	TOEFL Section an	d Total Scores, Males*

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

Group	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Scale Score
Total Group*	54.3	53.3	53.6	537
	6.6	7.8	6.1	61
Graduate Level**	54.3	53.7	54.3	541
	6.4	7.5	5.9	58
Undergraduate Level**	54.9	53.5	53.1	538
	6.6	8.0	6.2	63
Other Students**	52.2	49.9	51.3	511
	7.2	8.4	6.7	66
Applicants for	54.3	52.4	53.0	532
Professional License**	5.8	7.6	5.8	55

Table 18. Means and Standard Deviations for Paper-Based TOEFL Section and Total Scores, Females*

*Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership.

**Based on examinees who responded to a question about gender group membership and also indicated a main reason for taking the TOEFL test.

Tables 19 and 20 may be useful in comparing the performance on the TOEFL PBT test of a particular student with that of other students from the same native country and with that of students who speak the same language. It is important to point out that the data do not permit the generalization that there are fundamental differences in the ability of the various national and language groups to learn English or in the level of English proficiency they can attain. The tables are based simply on the performance of those examinees native to particular countries and languages who happened to take the paper-based TOEFL test.

	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Notice Language	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
Native Language					Native Language				
Afrikaans Akan	58	61	57	587	Lao Latvian	*	*	*	*
Albanian	*	*	*	*	Lingala	44	46	48	461
Amharic	55	55	54	548	Lithuanian	59	55	55	563
Arabic	53	50	51	513	Luba-Lulua	*	*	*	*
Armenian	57	58	53	561	Luo	*	*	*	*
Assamese	*	*	*	*	Macedonian	*	*	*	*
Azerbaijani	51	52	53	520	Madurese	*	*	*	*
3ambara 3ashkir	*	*	*	*	Malagasy	52	53	54	528
Basque	*	*	*	*	Malay Malayalam	57 55	54 54	57 55	561
Belarusian	58	56	56	566	Maltese	55	54	55	548
Bemba	*	*	*	*	Mandingo	*	*	*	*
Bengali	56	53	53	541	Marathi	*	*	*	*
Berber	*	*	*	*	Marshallese	54	50	47	505
Bikol	*	*	*	*	Mende	*	*	*	*
Bosnian	58	54	55	556	Minangkabau	*	*	*	*
Bulgarian	*	*	*	*	Mongolian	*	*	*	*
Burmese	52	54	53	532	Mossi	48	54	52	514
Catalan	*	*	*	*	Nauru	*	*	*	*
Cebuano Chichewa	54	58	55	557	Nepali	51	52	52	515
Chinese	54 54	58 54	55	543	Norwegian Nyanja	62	60 *	59	603
Chuvash	*	*	*	*	Oriya	*	*	*	*
Croatian	*	*	*	*	Oromo	51	54	53	525
Szech	*	*	*	*	Palauan	55	54	51	532
Danish	63	61	60	613	Pohnpeian	*	*	*	*
Dutch	59	57	55	572	Polish	58	54	54	553
Dyula	*	*	*	*	Portuguese	57	55	56	558
Efik	*	*	*	*	Punjabi	*	*	*	*
nglish	56	58	54	562	Pushto	50	52	49	504
stonian					Romanian	59	58	57	581
Ewe	48	51	50	496	Russian	56	55	54	552
arsi	53	53	54	530	Samoan				
Fijian Finnish	63	60	59	608	Santali Serbian	56	49	50	520
French	53	53	55	537	Shona	50	49 61	50	520
Fulah	48	51	49	491	Sindhi	*	*	*	*
Ga	*	*	*	*	Sinhalese	56	52	53	534
Galician	*	*	*	*	Slovak	*	*	*	*
Ganda	*	*	*	*	Slovenian	61	58	58	590
Georgian	55	57	55	556	Somali	*	*	*	*
German	59	57	55	572	Spanish	56	54	55	550
Greek	56	54	54	545	Sundanese	*	*	*	*
Guarani	*	*	*	*	Swahili	53	56	53	540
Gujarati	56	51	53	534	Swedish	62	58	57	592
Gwichin	*	*	*	*	Tagalog	57	56	55	560
lausa lebrew	62	59	58	597	Tajik Tamil	52 54	50 52	50 53	509 530
Hiligaynon	02 *	59	oc *	597	Tatar	04 *	52		530
lindi	57	56	56	563	Telugu	55	53	53	538
lungarian	*	*	*	*	Thai	50	49	51	501
celandic	64	60	60	613	Tibetan	*	*	*	*
gbo	52	57	54	542	Tigrinya	54	58	54	554
oko	*	*	*	*	Tongan	*	*	*	*
ndonesian	55	52	54	537	Turkish	51	51	52	513
nupiaq	*	*	*	*	Turkmen	52	51	50	509
talian	56	57	58	574	Twi	56	57	53	551
apanese	54	53	54	539 *	Uighur	E-7	- E 4	50	* E 47
avanese Kannada	*	*	*	*	Ukrainian Urdu	57 56	54 55	53 54	547 552
Kanuri	*	*	*	*	Uzbek	*	55	54 *	552
ashmiri	*	*	*	*	Vietnamese	53	55	54	539
Kazakh	54	53	53	531	Wolof		*	*	559
Chmer	*	*	*	*	Xhosa	*	*	*	*
Kikuyu	*	*	*	*	Yapese	52	48	48	493
Kinyarwanda	47	53	52	505	Yiddish	*	*	*	*
Konkani	*	*	*	*	Yoruba	52	55	53	532
Korean	53	53	55	536	Yupik	*	*	*	*
Kurdish	50	49	50	496	Zhuang	*	*	*	*
Kurukh	*	*	*	*	Zulu	*	*	*	*

Table 19. Paper-Based TOEFL Total and Section Score Means¹ — All Examinees Classified by Native Language²

¹ Because of the unreliability of statistics based on small samples, means are not reported for some native language subgroups.

² Because of changes in region and/or country boundaries, certain languages may have been added or deleted since the previous table was published.

Table 20. Paper-Based TOEFL Total and Section Score Means1All Examinees Classified by Geographic Region and Native Country2

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
AFRICA					St. Lucia	*	*	*	*
Angola	53	51	51	515	St. Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname	59	58	55	572
Benin Botswana	*	*	*	*	Trinidad and Tobago Turks and Caicos Islands	*	*	*	*
Burkina Faso Burundi	47 45	51 50	51 49	500 479	United States of America Uruguay	57 60	55 60	54 60	554 601
Cameroon Cape Verde	51 *	55 *	52 *	526	Venezuela	57 *	55 *	56 *	558 *
Central African Republic Chad	*	*	*	*	Virgin Islands (British) Virgin Islands (U.S.)	*	*	*	*
Comoros Congo	* 45	* 48	* 47	* 465	ASIA				
Congo, The Democratic Republic of Cote d Ivoire	47	50	49	486	Afghanistan Azerbaijan	51 52	51 53	49 53	503 525
Djibouti Eguatorial Guinea	*	*	*	*	Bangladesh	52 56 57	51 57	52 56	531 566
Eritrea	54 55	58 55	55 54	558 547	Bhutan Brunei Darussalam	*	*	*	*
Ethiopia Gabon	*	*	*	*	Cambodia China, People's Republic of	55	55	56	552
Gambia Ghana	54	56	52	540	Hong Kong India	56 56	52 54	52 54	532 547
Guinea Guinea-Bissau	48	53	50 *	501	Indonesia Japan	55 54	52 53	54 54	537 539
Kenya Lesotho	55 *	59 *	55 *	560 *	Kazakhstan Korea, Democratic People's	54 53	54 49	53 53	537 515
Liberia Madagascar	49 52	51 53	48 54	492 529	Republic of Korea, Republic of	53	49 53	55	536
Malawi Mali	54 *	58 *	54 *	555 *	Kyrgyzstan Lao, People's Democratic Republic	56 *	55 *	54	546
Mauritania Mauritius	*	*	*	*	Macau Malaysia	* 58	* 55	* 57	* 565
Mozambique Namibia	*	* *	*	*	Maldíves	*	*	*	*
Niger	* 52	* 57	* 54	* 544	Mongolia Myanmar	52 51	54 52	53 52	532 515
Nigeria Reunion	*	*	*	*	Nepal Pakistan	56	54	54	546
Rwanda Sao Tome and Principe	47 *	53 *	52 *	505 *	Philippines Singapore	57 62	56 60	55 60	562 605
Senegal Seychelles	*	*	*	*	Sri Lanka Taiwan (Republic of China)	55 53	51 51	53 53	531 521
Sierra Leone Somalia	52 *	55 *	51 *	528 *	Tajikistan Thailand	53 50	51 49	51 51	517 500
South Africa Swaziland	60 *	62 *	59 *	605 *	Turkmenistan Uzbekistan	54 54	52 51	51 51	522 521
Tanzania, United Republic of Togo	56 47	56 51	54 51	551 496	Viet Nam	53	55	54	539
Tunisia Uganda	52 *	52	53	522	EUROPE				
Zambia Zimbabwe	55 57	59 61	52 56	555 581	Albania	*	*	*	*
	57	01	50	501	Andorra Armenia	57	58	53	561
	*	*	*	*	Austria Belarus	57	56	55	560
Anguilla Antigua and Barbuda	*	*	*	*	Belgium Bosnia and Herzegovina	58 58	59 53	59 55	588 554
Argentina Aruba	58 60	58 57	59 55	583 570	Bulgaria Croatia	*	*	*	*
Bahamas Barbados	*	*	*	*	Cyprus Czech Republic	53 *	53 *	52 *	528 *
Belize Bermuda	*	*	*	*	Denmark Estonia	63 *	61 *	60 *	613 *
Bolivia Brazil	* 57	* 55	* 57	* 562	Faroe Islands Finland	* 63	* 59	* 59	* 602
Canada Cayman Islands	59	57	57	575	France Georgia	55 55	54 56	56 54	549 550
Chile Colombia	52 55	50 53	53 56	518 543	Germany	59 58	57 56	55 55	567 563
Costa Rica	*	*	*	*	Greece Greenland	*	*	*	*
Cuba Dominica	56 *	53 *	54 *	541	Holy See (Vatican City State) Hungary	*	*	*	*
Dominican Republic Ecuador	59 55	58 54	56 55	576 545	Iceland	64 *	61 *	60 *	613
El Salvador French Guiana	*	*	*	*	Italy Kosovo, Republic of	56 *	57 *	59 *	574 *
Grenada Guadeloupe	*	*	*	*	Latvia Liechtenstein	*	*	*	*
Guatemala Guyana	*	*	*	*	Lithuania Luxembourg	59 *	55 *	55 *	563 *
Haiti Honduras	*	*	*	*	Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of	*	*	*	*
Jamaica Martinigue	*	*	*	*	Malta	*	*	* *	*
Mexico	58	55 *	57 *	565 *	Moldova, Republic of Monaco	*	*	*	*
Montserrat Netherlands Antilles	*	*	*	*	Montenegro Netherlands	*	*	*	*
Nicaragua Panama	*	*	* *	*	Norway Poland	62 58	60 53	59 54	603 551
Paraguay Peru	* 55	54	55	* 547	Portugal Romania	62 60	59 58	60 58	606 585
Puerto Rico	*	*	*	*	Russian Federation	56	55	55	552

Table 20 (continued)

Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean	Geographic Region and Native Country	Section 1 Listening Comprehension	Section 2 Structure and Written Expression	Section 3 Reading Comprehension	Total Score Mean
Serbia Slovakia	56 *	49 *	50 *	520 *	West Bank Yemen	* 54	* 51	* 50	* 517
Slovenia	60	57	57	580		54	51	50	517
Spain Sweden	56 62	55 58	56 57	557 592	PACIFIC REGION				
Switzerland	60	58	57	581	American Samoa	*	*	*	*
Turkey	51 57	51 54	52 54	511 549	Australia	*	*	*	*
Ukraine United Kingdom	*	*	*	549	Cook Islands Fiji	*	*	*	*
0					French Polynesia	*	*	*	*
MIDDLE EAST/NORTH AFRIC	A				Guam Kiribati	*	*	*	*
Algeria	51	51	51 *	511	Marshall Islands	54	50	47	506
Bahrain Egypt	53	51	51	514	Micronesia, Federated States of Nauru	53 *	51	49 *	509
Gaza Strip	54	51	52	524	New Caledonia	*	*	*	*
Iran, Islamic Republic of	53 53	53 50	54 51	531 511	New Zealand	*	*	*	*
Iraq Israel	53 62	50	58	593	Niue Northern Mariana Islands	*	*	*	*
Jordan	53	49	51	509	Palau	55	53	50	531
Kuwait	*	*	*	*	Papua New Guinea	*	*	*	*
Lebanon Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	52	48	50	498	Samoa Solomon Islands	*	*	*	*
Morocco	55	53	54	538	Tonga	*	*	*	*
Oman Palestine Territories	* 53	* 52	* 51	* 520	Tuvalu Vanuatu	*	*	*	*
Qatar	*	*	*	*	Vanuatu				
Saudi Arabia	51 50	46 48	47 49	484 489					
Sudan Svrian Arab Bepublic	50 55	40 52	49 52	469 532					
Syrian Arab Republic United Arab Emirates	54	51	50	517					

Table 21 presents the overall percentile ranks of TWE[®] (*Test of Written English*^{$^{\text{TM}}$) scores. In 2008, the TWE test was administered with TOEFL PBT on all test dates. The TWE test is holistically scored using a criterion-referenced 6-point score scale. Further information can be found in the *Test of Written English Guide*.}

TWE Score	Percentile Rank
6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.0	99 98 92 84 60 35 20 7 4 1
Mean S.D.	3.8 0.9

Table 21. Percentile Ranks for TWE Scores

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