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PTE ACADEMIC™
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Pearson Test of English Academic

Questions? Answers.

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What is PTE Academic?

Pearson Test of English Academic (PTE Academic) is the leading computer-based, high stakes English language proficiency test used for study abroad and immigration.

Pearson, the world leader in educational publishing, developed PTE Academic in response to feedback from higher education to meet the need for an English language test that more accurately measured the communication skills of international students in an academic environment as securely and efficiently as possible.

Launched in 2009, PTE Academic is the fastest-growing English test on the market, having been rapidly adopted in the US, Canada, UK, NZ, and Australia.

How is PTE Academic different?

PTE Academic was created in response to demand for a more accurate, secure, relevant, and objective test of English.

Accurate

- Lowest SEM (Standard Error of Measurement) compared to other English language tests
- More granular scale compared to other English language tests, allowing for a greater level of score precision

Secure

- State of the art biometrics applied consistently across all test centres, including digital palm-vein authentication
- Randomised test forms
- Paperless testing and results

Relevant

- Only uses authentic, academic content so students are better prepared to use English at your institution
- Highest number of integrated tasks (11/20 different question types are integrated)

Objective

- Machine scored, responses therefore scored objectively and consistently
- Treats regional accents equally so there is no regional variance in standards
- Highest reliability estimate of overall test score (.97) compared to other English language tests

How is PTE Academic structured?

- Single 3 hour test session
- 3 parts: speaking and writing, reading, and listening
- 20 different item types

Drawing from 20 different task types and a constantly-changing item bank of questions, students will need to genuinely demonstrate their English language communicative skills.

Preparing for PTE Academic ensures that students are genuinely improving their English language skills, not just test skills.

PART 1: SPEAKING AND WRITING		
Section	Item type	Time allowed
Section 1	Personal introduction	1 minute
Section 2	Read aloud	30–35 minutes
	Repeat sentence	
	Describe image	
	Re-tell lecture	
Section 3–4	2 x Summarise written text	20 minutes
Section 5	Summarise written text or Write Essay	10 or 20 minutes
Section 6	Write Essay	20 minutes

PART 2: READING		
Section	Item type	Time allowed
Section 1	Multiple-choice, choose single answer	32–41 minutes
	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	
	Re-order paragraphs	
	Reading: Fill in the blanks	
	Reading & Writing: Fill in the blanks	

PART 3: LISTENING		
Section	Item type	Time allowed
Section 1	Summarise spoken text	20–30 minutes
Section 2	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	23–28 minutes
	Fill in the blanks	
	Highlight correct summary	
	Multiple-choice, choose single answer	
	Select missing word	
	Highlight incorrect words	
	Write from dictation	

What can students expect?

- Single 3 hour sitting
- Rapid online results available within 5 business days
- Ability to send unlimited score report assignments
- Flexible test dates in over 50 countries worldwide
- Widely accepted across the USA, Canada, UK, NZ, and Australia

“The whole process is easy. Easy to register, easy to locate the test centre, easy to access your score and you get your scores on time.”

– Daleng Emmanuel Gyang F,
Test Taker, *Nigeria*

“PTE Academic helped me submit my application by having my results in just 24 hours. PTE Academic saved me!”

– Muhammad Nazim Rasheed,
Test Taker, *United Kingdom*

“The test has very good security. The score is judged by the computer so it’s really quick. I can take the test immediately after making an appointment.”

– Zhi Yi Cao,
Test Taker, *China*



*A fast, flexible,
and convenient
process*





Where can students take PTE Academic?

There are PTE Academic test centers in over 50 countries around the world and test sessions are run over 360 days a year. We provide unrivalled security measures consistently across all our test centers including palm vein authentication, paperless testing and results, randomised test forms, secure administration, and data forensics.

Australia	Germany	Kenya	Saudi Arabia
Bangladesh	Ghana	Kuwait	Singapore
Belgium	Greece	Lebanon	South Africa
Brazil	Hong Kong	Libya	South Korea
Bulgaria	India	Malaysia	Spain
Canada	Indonesia	Mexico	Sri Lanka
Chile	Iraq	Nepal	Taiwan
China	Ireland	New Zealand	Thailand
Colombia	Israel	Nigeria	Turkey
Ecuador	Italy	Oman	United Arab Emirates
Egypt	Japan	Philippines	United Kingdom
Ethiopia	Jordan	Puerto Rico	United States
Finland	Kazakhstan	Russia	Vietnam
France			Zimbabwe

Visit www.pearsonpte.com/test-takers/test-centres/ for a complete listing of test centre locations.

How can students prepare?

Our online practice materials are the best practice students can get with fast results. We offer a range of packages to suit preparation needs.

		ONLINE SAMPLE QUESTIONS	SCORED PRACTICE TEST		SAVE \$5.99!	SAVE \$21.98!
		PTE ACADEMIC SAMPLE QUESTIONS WITH HINTS, TIPS & CORRECTIONS	PTE ACADEMIC 3-HOUR SCORED EXAM		SILVER TEST PREPARATION KIT	GOLD TEST PREPARATION KIT
			VERSION 1	VERSION 2		
		\$9.99	\$35.99		\$39.99	\$59.99
SAMPLE QUESTIONS	Practice 70 timed sample questions	✓			✓	✓
	Quick view of all 20 question types	✓			✓	✓
	Review your answers with model answers	✓			✓	✓
	Get general hints and tips for PTE Academic	✓			✓	✓
	Get hints and tips for each question type	✓			✓	✓
SCORED PRACTICE TESTS	Full, timed PTE Academic practice exam online		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Familiarise yourself – PTE Academic test format		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Mock score – results across all skills		✓	✓	✓	✓
	Second scored practice test – have you improved?					✓

* PTE Academic sample questions and Scored Practice Tests can be used within 90 days from the date of purchase. All prices shown are in US Dollars.

Visit www.pearsonpte.com/test-takers/preparation for a complete listing of preparation resources.



How do I recognise PTE Academic?

1. Complete our online Institution Recognition Form at www.pearsonpte.com/institutions/accept/.
2. The PTE Academic support team will be in touch shortly with log-in information and instructions for accessing the Score Report Website (SRW).
3. Update your own admissions webpages and materials to reflect that PTE Academic is now an accepted English language proficiency test.
4. Check the Score Report Website (SRW) to access student test scores.

Your institution will be promoted to the PTE Academic test taker community via our website and social media channels once you have recognised the test.

Who else recognises PTE Academic?

PTE Academic is accepted by thousands of universities, formal recognising bodies and organisations worldwide. Some of the many that accept PTE Academic include:

National Taiwan University
University of Melbourne
SDA Bocconi School of Management
Swedish Council for Higher Education
Engineering Education Australia
University of Surrey
The University of Auckland
Nagoya University of Commerce & Business
Shanghai Jiao Tong University
University of British Columbia
Columbia University
University of Chicago
King's College London
Harvard University
Frankfurt School of Finance and Management
ESADE Business School, Spain
Australian Department
California State University, Los Angeles
New York Film Academy
King Saud University
Brunel University
Yale University
Istanbul University
St Petersburg State University
University of Helsinki

How do I interpret the score report?

PTE Academic is scored against the Global Scale of English, a granular scale from 10-90.

The PTE Academic Score Report includes the test taker's overall score, communicative skills scores and enabling skills scores.

1. The overall score reflects the student's overall English language ability and is based on performance throughout the test.
2. Communicative skills scores (listening, reading, speaking and writing) are based on all test items that assess these skills, either as a single skill or together with other skills.
3. Enabling skills scores (grammar, oral fluency, pronunciation, spelling, vocabulary and written discourse) are based on all test items assessing one or more of these skills.

Pearson University
Business
Management

Test-Taker: Example
2300078 808-1-99

PTE Academic Institution Score Report

Example Test-Taker

Test Taker ID: PLT000024249

Date of Birth: 06 January 1980

Country of Citizenship: United Kingdom

Country of Residence: United Kingdom

Gender: Male

Email Address: pitsupport@pearson.com

Registration ID: 232006787

Test Date: 13 September 2011


Test Centre Country: United States

Test Centre ID: 48623

First-Time Test Taker: Yes

Report Issue Date: 16 September 2011

Scores Valid Until: 13 September 2013



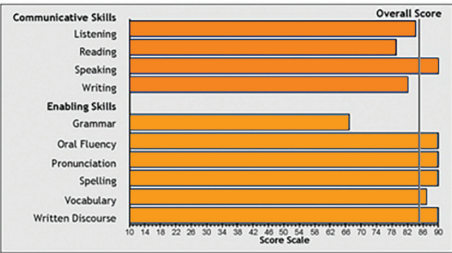
1 Overall Score: 85

The Overall Score for the PTE Academic is based on the test taker's performance on all items in the test. The scores for Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills are based on the test taker's performance on only those items that pertain to these skills specifically. As many items contribute to more than one Communicative or Enabling Skill, the Overall Score cannot be computed directly from the Communicative Skill scores or from the Enabling Skill scores. The graph below indicates this test taker's Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills relative to his or her Overall Score.

When comparing the Overall Score and the scores for Communicative Skills and Enabling Skills, please be aware that there is some imprecision in all measurement, depending on a variety of factors. For more information on interpreting PTE Academic scores, please refer to *Interpreting the PTE Academic Score Report* which is available at www.pearsonpte.com/pteacademic/scores.

2 Skills Profile

Category	Skill	Score
Communicative Skills	Listening	84
	Reading	79
	Speaking	90
	Writing	82
Enabling Skills	Grammar	67
	Oral Fluency	90
	Pronunciation	90
	Spelling	90
	Vocabulary	87
	Written Discourse	90



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National University of Singapore

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of Immigration and Border Protection

University of New South Wales

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)

Nanyang Technological University

Reims Management School

Central European University

Rotterdam School of Management

University of Nottingham

University of Manchester

Cairo University

University of Cape Town

McGill University

Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

Université Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne

INSEAD (Singapore & Fontainebleau)

European Business School

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How do I set my score?

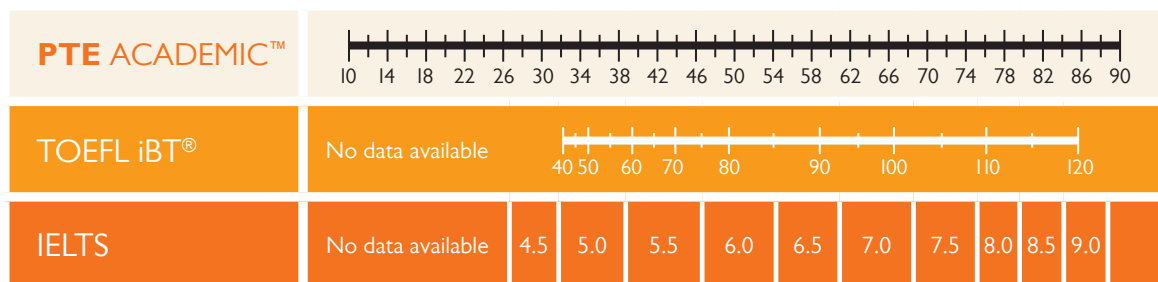
PTE Academic is scored against the Global Scale of English, a granular score scale from 10 – 90 aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference. It is the world’s first truly global English language standard which allows students to measure their progress on their English language journey.

PTE Academic has been field tested using over 10,000 test takers from over 150 countries with 126 native languages.

Since the time of launch, additional information has become available supporting our preliminary concordance estimates, including:

- use of test scores by thousands of tertiary education institutions
- publications by third parties
- additional concordance data gathered via surveys

Estimates of Concordance between PTE Academic, IELTS, and TOEFL iBT®



If you would like guidance on setting your score requirement for PTE Academic, please contact usreco@pearson.com.

Instead of using wide score bands that can be misinterpreted, PTE Academic pinpoints each student's ability.

How do I receive scores?

To ensure you maximise the security of PTE Academic scores, you should never accept paper or PDF copies of the score report.

You have the ability to access score report data in two ways:

- Score Report Website (SRW)
- Automated Script

Our Score Report Website (SRW) lets you:

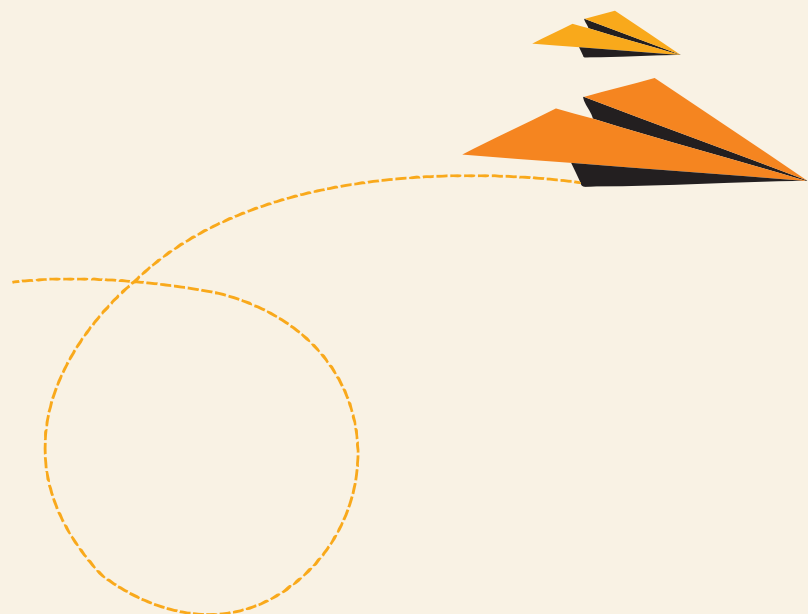
- Access test taker scores assigned to your institution
- Search by time period, name, date of birth, or specific score report through Registration ID
- Print, save or export all data as PDF, CSV, or TXT files
- Listen to the sample audio files recorded by test takers
- View and edit your institution's contact information and user accounts

Visit www.pearsonpte.com/institutions/scores/srw-instructions/ for more information on accessing your scores in the SRW.

Automated Script

If your institution needs to receive scores as raw data that can be imported into another database or system, you can run an automated script.

This downloading method produces the same exact score report information as a TXT or CSV file that can be imported into your institution's relevant system.



The University of Southern California is pleased to recognise PTE Academic as a great way for international applicants to demonstrate their English ability. We are intrigued by the validity of this assessment and value Pearson's commitment to offering an examination that is both secure and accurate. We hope that USC's recognition of PTE Academic will provide interested students with maximum flexibility as they seek to fulfill our application requirements.

– Tim Brunold, Dean of Admissions,
University of Southern California

PTE Academic is a useful tool for ensuring that the international students we admit are able to express themselves easily in spoken and written English so that they can take full advantage of the world-class academic experience that Yale provides.

– Rebekah Westphal, Director,
Undergraduate International Admissions,
Yale University

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