Introducing
PTE Academic

The fastest growing test for English language proficiency

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Agenda

1. Introducing Pearson and Pearson Test of English – Academic (PTE-A)
2. Test format
3. Scoring and results
4. Test preparation
PTE Academic
How is PTE Academic different from other tests?

More convenient
- Simple online booking, up to 24 hours in advance
- Testing over 360 days per year
- Single 3-hour test

Enhanced Security
- Delivered at Pearson run test centres
- Completely digital end-to-end test providing greater accuracy and security

Faster results
- Fast results, 80% in 2 business days
Institutions need ...

1 Growth
Support the increased recruitment of international students, including from new markets.
To accelerate recruitment cycles.

2 Trust
Greater confidence that English test scores are based on the student’s actual work, given the growth of sophisticated proxy tests worldwide.
To reduced potential reputational damage created by accepting fraudulent students from high risk markets.

3 Reliability
Accurate representations of a student’s ability.
Confidence that test scores are consistently marked, regardless of where tests were taken.
Ensure applicants have the right level of English to succeed in their studies.

4 Retention
To identify students able to complete tasks expected of them while studying.
Confidence that scores reflect the combinations of language skills successful students need.
Institutions need ...

1. Growth
   Fast Accessible
   Testing over 360 days a year in more than 50 countries.
   Book up to 24 hours in advance with 80% of results available within 2 days.

2. Trust
   Secure
   Advanced multi layer security measures, that surpass competitor tests, provides institutions with confidence in test results.

3. Reliability
   Accurate
   Computer based marking ensures all test takers are scored impartially and accurately.
   The greater precision and accuracy of PTE Academic means you can trust the English ability of your students.

4. Retention
   Relevant Objective
   Uses genuine academic content and integrated tasks testing more than one language skill. This better reflects the use of language and skills students need at university.
How we do it

PTE Academic test is built on four underlying principles

1. Secure
   Advanced security measures provide candidates with confidence in their test results

2. Objective
   Machine scoring eliminates examiner bias to ensure fairness in standards for all test takers

3. Relevant
   Highest number of integrated skill tasks which reflect the reality of how people communicate everyday

4. Accurate
   Lower Standard Error of Measurement than competitors
Secure

Cheating is unfair and undermines the efforts of the honest majority.

- Range of digital measures within the test centres including palm vein scanning, digital signatures, photo and multiple security camera invigilation.
- Tests are randomised so test takers can not copy from each other.
- Tests are marked centrally by computer free of human interference.
- Results are accessed by students and sent to institutions by the secure Score Report Website.
- Paperless results including a photo prevent fraud.
Objective
Assessment is not the same as judgment.

- Machine scoring means responses are scored **objectively and consistently** with no regional variances in standards.
- Assesses English skills in **more ways** than any other test so students will be more likely to cope.
- Where your students come from or what they look like will not impact scores - you will not miss out on good students because of unreliable scores.
- Treats regional **accents equally**.
Relevant

Assessments should provide test takers with the confidence to succeed.

- **Genuine academic content** so your students are better prepared to use English at your institution.
- **Integrated tasks** that test more than one language skill reflecting the combinations of skills students need.
- Including **international and non-native English** making the test more appropriate test for modern global universities.
Accurate

The purpose of assessment is to precisely capture a test taker’s true level of ability.

- PTE Academic is the most accurate test of academic English with the smallest Standard Error of Measurement (SEM).
- Each test uses a different reporting scale with only IELTS using bands that are less precise than a numerical scale.
- Within a single IELTS half band there can be up to seven PTE Academic score points.
In large scale student surveys, 3 of the top 5 reasons for choosing the test were AI related.

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<td>Fast results</td>
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<td><strong>Unbiased results (results not affected by human examiner’s opinions)</strong></td>
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<td>Able to take the entire test in one session</td>
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<td><strong>Fully automated scoring by a computer</strong></td>
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<td>Frequent test date availability</td>
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<td>Test is widely accepted by the universities/organizations I was interested in</td>
<td>31%</td>
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<td>Able to book a test online</td>
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<td>Conveniently located test centres</td>
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<td>Availability of a test preparation course online</td>
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<td>Getting the required score won’t be difficult</td>
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<td>Availability of a test preparation course with an educational institution</td>
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<td>The amount and relevance of detail provided with scores</td>
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<td>Test centre environment</td>
<td>6%</td>
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<td>Interesting test questions and content</td>
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Assessment of Speaking Skills

**Development**
- Transcribing
- Rating
- System is “trained” to predict human ratings

**Validation**
- Expert human ratings
- Very highly correlated
- Machine scores
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75-90 Words/Min
5.8 Phones/Sec

waveform
spectrum
words
segmentation
Performance comparison against native speakers

3.026 seconds
Native speaker

5.502 seconds
Learner
Trusted around the world
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- Accepted by universities in Asia
- Accepted by 100% of Australian universities, most professional associations and for all student or migration visas
- Accepted by 100% of New Zealand universities and for all student or migration visas
- Accepted by 90% of Canadian universities
- Accepted by 100% of Irish universities
- Accepted by 98% of UK universities
- Accepted by European education bodies and many institutions teaching English
- Accepted by major universities in the UAE
- Accepted by International Scholarships Programs e.g. IIE, Fulbright.

For a complete listing: pearsonpte.com/accepts
Testing globally

Testing on Demand

- Only PTE Academic can organise testing on demand
- Ask for additional test sessions to assist your recruitment needs
Testing regionally

Select Location*

Germany

You have chosen - Germany

Testing is provided in the following cities:

    Berlin
    Frankfurt

Price

Standard Price - USD$231.34
Late Booking Price - USD$289.18

Book Now
# PTE Academic compared [1/2]

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<td><strong>Booking &amp; registration</strong></td>
<td>- Online or by phone up to 24 hours in advance.</td>
<td>- Online, by mail or in person. Many centers close registration some time before the test.</td>
<td>- Online, by mail or by phone. Register up to 7 days prior to test date. Late registration closes 4 days prior to test date and has a late fee.</td>
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<td><strong>Test availability</strong></td>
<td>- Over 360 days of the year • Up to 5+ days per week, multiple times per day.</td>
<td>- 48 fixed test sessions per year.</td>
<td>- On fixed dates, over 50 times per year.</td>
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<td><strong>Locations</strong></td>
<td>- Worldwide</td>
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<td><strong>Duration</strong></td>
<td>- Single 3 hour session</td>
<td>- Around 3 hours but can be delivered over 2 sessions</td>
<td>- Test totals 4 hours</td>
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<td>• Paper based test with interviews marked by examiners.</td>
<td>• Administered on a computer. Automated and human scoring.</td>
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<td><strong>Results available</strong></td>
<td>• 5 business days or less (typically).</td>
<td>• 13 days.</td>
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<td><strong>Accessing &amp; submitting results</strong></td>
<td>• Results available via secure score report website. • Free, unlimited number or score assignments. • 2 year score validity.</td>
<td>• Scores can be assigned to 5 institutions free, before taking the test. Additional US$20 fee for each additional report ordered. • 2 year score validity.</td>
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<td><strong>Score comparison</strong></td>
<td>• Scored on a granular scale from 10 - 90.</td>
<td>• Scored on a 9 point band scale.</td>
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The test format
# Structure

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| **Part 1: Speaking & Writing** | *Read aloud*  
*Repeat sentence*  
*Describe image*  
*Re-tell lecture*  
*Answer short question*  
*Summarize written text (one sentence)*  
*Summarize written text (paragraph)*  
*Essay* | 77-93 |
| **Part 2: Reading** | *Multiple choice questions (x2)*  
*Re-order paragraphs*  
*Fill in the blanks (x2)* | 32-41 |
| **Optional Scheduled Break** |  | 10 minutes |
| **Part 3: Listening** | *Summarize spoken text*  
*Multiple choice x2*  
*Fill the blanks*  
*Highlight the correct summary*  
*Select missing word*  
*Highlight incorrect words*  
*Write from dictation* | 45-57 |
Example question: describe image

Look at the map below. In 25 seconds, please speak into the microphone and describe in detail what the map is showing. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.

- Distribution of gorillas
- Only small areas - center continent
- West Lowland - large area - control western cost area
- Mid and East lowland - G - S smaller areas - central eastern region
Example question: retell lecture

You will hear a lecture. After listening to the lecture, in 10 seconds, please speak into the microphone and retell what you have just heard from the lecture in your own words. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.
Example question: re-order paragraphs

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Aspirin is a remarkable drug. Despite the fact that it is over 100 years old and is one of the simplest of the synthetic drugs in its structure, the number of research papers published during its lifetime suggests that very little is understood about it.

Research into the properties of aspirin is continuing to reveal its versatility and effectiveness as a drug. This is especially remarkable when one considers both the age of the drug and the simplicity of its chemical structure compared to other drugs.

Aspirin is the oldest and one of the most effective synthetic drugs in medicine. It has a number of advantages, chief of which are its cheapness to manufacture and, most importantly, its effectiveness in the treatment of a wide range of illnesses.

Aspirin is a very sophisticated drug, which is remarkable given that it is one of the three oldest synthetic drugs available. Despite its age, it is still a relatively controversial drug, and has been the subject of a number of medical arguments, particularly since the 1990s.
You will have 20 minutes to plan, write and revise an essay about the topic below. Your response will be judged on how well you develop a position, organize your ideas, present supporting details, and control the elements of standard written English. You should write 200-300 words.

It is as important for school children to study music, art and sport as it is for them to become literate and numerate. How far do you agree with this statement? Support your point of view with reasons and/or examples from your own experience.
Scores and results
More detailed results

**PTE Academic is scored**
- Against the Global Scale of English (GSE).
- A granular 10 - 90 point scale allowing a more precise measurement ability.
- Aligned the CEFR, TOEFL and IELTS.

**The PTE Academic Score Report includes:**
- Overall Score
- 4 Communication Skills
- 6 Enabling Skills: unique to PTE Academic
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/pteadademic/scores.

Skills Profile

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<td>Speaking</td>
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<td>Writing</td>
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<td>Written Discourse</td>
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Alignment to CEFR

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Alignment of PTE Academic scores to the CEF
Preparation

The Official Guide to PTE Academic
- Over 200 practice questions
- Analysis of sample responses
- Test-taking tips

Practice Tests Plus for PTE Academic
- Test takers can see if they are ready for PTE Academic
- Authentic practice
- Comprehensive guidance and strategies

Scored Practice Tests
- 3 hour mock test with indicative score
- Test takers will know if they are ready for the test

Free preparation resources
- Downloadable test tips
- Example videos
Questions?

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