

# TOEFL Preparation Online

This course consists of a variety of exercises that provide practice of the listening, reading and writing skills you will need for the TOEFL exam. The course is divided into four units and 12 syllabus items. There are six syllabus components: listening, reading, grammar, writing development, pronunciation and notes for students.

<b>UNIT 1</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>ID number</b>
0	<b>Short conversations</b>	<b>This syllabus item helps you practice the listening skills you will need for the TOEFL. You listen to a series of short conversations and answer a question about each one.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Listening	Focusing on the interpretation of meaning in listening exercises.
	Notes for students	The conversations in the TOEFL will be much longer than in the exercises here. These exercises are good practice of the question types you will encounter in the TOEFL. Listen carefully and make sure you are happy with this section before moving forward.
1	<b>Texts</b>	<b>This syllabus item helps you practice the skills you need to complete the reading section of the TOEFL. You read a series of texts and answer questions which practice your general understanding and ability to find specific points in a text.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Reading	Understanding general points in a text. Reading for detail.
	Notes for students	In the TOEFL, you will be expected to read three passages and answer a range of questions about these. It is therefore important to practice your reading comprehension skills on as many texts as possible. There are 30 texts in this course, but you should also be reading English newspapers, magazines and web pages. You can bookmark useful web pages using the 'My Web Links' area of your 'My Profile' page.
2	<b>Grammar check 1</b>	<b>Before you take the TOEFL, it is useful to review important grammar points. The questions will test your understanding of these and your ability to use them in written and spoken English.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Grammar support	Check your knowledge of adjectives ending in '-ly'. Check your knowledge of adverbs indicating relative position in time. Check your knowledge of the word order of sentences that include adverbs. Practice the use of adverbial phrases with or without inversion. Check your knowledge of balancing connectors. Practice linking words to connect ideas. Practice comparative adjectives and adverbs. Check your knowledge of 'in spite of', 'despite', 'for all' and 'with all.' Practicing fixed prepositional phrases in relative clauses. Practicing phrasal verbs.
	Notes for students	Remember that there may be other grammar reference units that can help you with these grammar points. Click on the 'Grammar Reference' button in the toolbar within each exercise to see further explanation about the grammar in each exercise. In addition, you can use the 'Grammar Reference' search on the 'My Profile' page to search over 450 grammar reference units.
<b>UNIT 2</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>ID number</b>
3	<b>Long conversations</b>	<b>This syllabus item helps you practice the listening skills you will need for the TOEFL. You listen to a series of long conversations and answer questions about each one.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Listening	Understanding general points and specific details in a long conversation.
	Notes for students	In the TOEFL, you will be asked to listen to two conversations, each 2-3 minutes in length. This syllabus item includes 10 conversations plus multiple-choice questions. Remember to look up any words you don't understand in the Macmillan English Dictionary Online. Downloading podcasts of radio shows in English and checking your understanding of these is also good preparation for this section of the TOEFL.

4	<b>Texts</b>	<b>This syllabus item helps you practice the skills you need to complete the reading section of the TOEFL. You read a series of texts and answer questions which practice your general understanding and ability to find specific points in a text.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Reading	Understanding general points in a text. Reading for detail.
	Notes for students	In the TOEFL, you will be expected to read three passages and answer a range of questions about these. It is therefore important to practice your reading comprehension skills on as many texts as possible. There are 30 texts in this course, but you should also be reading English newspapers, magazines and web pages. You can bookmark useful web pages using the 'My Web Links' area of your 'My Profile' page.
5	<b>Grammar check 2</b>	<b>In the TOEFL, you will be expected to understand the different past tenses and to use these appropriately in your written and spoken English.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Grammar support	Checking your knowledge of the past participle of regular and irregular verbs. Practicing the use of participles. Practicing describing past habits/customs with 'used to.' Practicing 'used to' and the simple past. Practicing the simple past, past progressive and past perfect. Practicing the simple past and present perfect. Practicing the simple past passive. Checking your knowledge of the difference between the use of the past perfect and past perfect progressive.
	Notes for students	Remember that there may be other grammar reference units that can help you with these grammar points. Click on the 'Grammar Reference' button in the toolbar within each exercise to see further explanation about the grammar in each exercise. In addition, you can use the 'Grammar Reference' search on the 'My Profile' page to search over 450 grammar reference units.
<b>UNIT 3</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>ID number</b>
6	<b>Lectures</b>	<b>This syllabus item helps you practice the listening skills you will need for the TOEFL. You listen to lectures and answer questions about them.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Listening	Understanding general points and specific details in a lecture.
	Notes for students	In the TOEFL, you will be asked to listen to four lectures, each 4-6 minutes in length. This syllabus item includes 10 mini-lectures plus multiple-choice questions. Remember to look up any words you don't understand in the Macmillan English Dictionary Online. Downloading podcasts of lectures in English and checking your understanding of these is also good preparation for this section of the TOEFL.
7	<b>Texts</b>	<b>This syllabus item helps you practice the skills you need to complete the reading section of the TOEFL. You read a series of texts and answer questions which practice your general understanding and ability to find specific points in a text.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Reading	Understanding general points in a text. Reading for detail.
	Notes for students	In the TOEFL, you will be expected to read three passages and answer a range of questions about these. It is therefore important to practice your reading comprehension skills on as many texts as possible. There are 30 texts in this course, but you should also be reading English newspapers, magazines and web pages. You can bookmark useful web pages using the 'My Web Links' area of your 'My Profile' page.
8	<b>Grammar check 3</b>	<b>When taking the TOEFL, you will need to understand and use the conditional and future tenses in spoken and written form.</b>
	<b>Syllabus components</b>	<b>Syllabus component description</b>
	Grammar support	Checking your knowledge of the uses and form of the third conditional. Practicing the first, second and third conditionals. Practicing structures used after the verbs 'wish' and 'regret.' Practicing expressing regret with 'wish', 'if only' and conditional clauses. Practicing introductory clauses and fronting. Checking your knowledge of inversion in conditional sentences. Checking your knowledge of all the conditional forms. Practicing a variety of future tenses.
	Notes for students	Remember that there may be other grammar reference units that can help you with these grammar points. Click on the 'Grammar Reference' button in the toolbar within each exercise to see further explanation about the grammar in each exercise. In addition, you can use the 'Grammar Reference' search on the 'My Profile' page to search over 450 grammar reference units.

