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## Welcome

Did you know the *TOEFL iBT*® Home Edition will remain part of the *TOEFL*® portfolio of products? In this edition of the Teacher and Advisor Newsletter, we will share updates about the *TOEFL iBT* Home Edition, as well as some other interesting articles.

If you have colleagues who need to be in the know, share this email and encourage them to [join the TOEFL mailing list](#).

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## Here to Stay: The *TOEFL iBT*® Home Edition

In response to the needs expressed by institutions and test takers, the *TOEFL iBT*® Home Edition will become a continuing part of the *TOEFL*® portfolio. Your students now have the permanent option to test at either a test center or at home, which is 100% convenient. Test centers have reopened across the world, with additional safety procedures, and the [TOEFL iBT Home Edition](#) currently has appointments available through the end of February 2021, with future appointments made available soon.

The TOEFL iBT Home Edition is the real TOEFL iBT test. It is not an indicator, approximation or a practice test.

It has the same features of the TOEFL iBT test taken at a test center with:

- the same content and format
- the same on-screen experience
- the same features, like *MyBest*® scores, and instant scoring of Reading and Listening sections
- the same price and payment options
- the same scoring and score reports

The TOEFL iBT test uses 100% academic English; the same language used at university. And, with its high-quality test design and centralized scoring by trained raters, it is also 100% fair and unbiased, which gives your students — and admissions officers — confidence in their scores. Let your students keep their dreams on track with the TOEFL iBT test.

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## New Distance Learning Lesson Plan Available



Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, teachers have had to adapt to remote classrooms, new technologies and online learning. We see you and the challenges you've faced this year. Access this [Distance Learning Lesson Plan](#) for ideas to aid writing virtual lessons for your English language learners.

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## Not Every Company Can Write a Test Like the *TOEFL iBT®* Test



It is well-known that there are global and local variances in every school and in every classroom. Because of these variances, it's important to have a well-designed high-stakes assessment of English-language proficiency that will be an integral part of the teaching and learning process. The *TOEFL iBT®* test distinguishes itself from homegrown

assessments with its design of framework and purpose, the points of measurement, the tasks needed to assess the abilities, and the domain of the language being measured.

Read the full article in which ETS Research scientists and Assessment Development experts discuss [why the TOEFL iBT test is unique as a high-stakes English proficiency test](#) with its design, content, administration and scoring.

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## Destinations and Test Choice

The *TOEFL iBT*® test can be used to take students to more than just the United States. It is the English-language test that is the most accepted and trusted worldwide. More than 11,000 institutions in over 150 countries accept TOEFL iBT scores — including 100% of universities in key English-speaking destinations like the U.K., Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States and Ireland.

Here are just a few of the admissions officers from top universities in the U.K. and Australia that trust the TOEFL iBT test when selecting applicants:

*"The University of Cambridge accepts the TOEFL iBT test as an English-language qualification."* — Claire Canning, Admissions Officer, University of Cambridge

*"Queen's University Belfast will accept the TOEFL iBT test as evidence of English-language competence for direct admission to undergraduate and postgraduate degree programs."* — Isabel Jennings, Director of Marketing, Recruitment, Communications, and Internationalisation, Queen's University Belfast

*"The University of Sydney accepts the TOEFL iBT as an English-Language qualification."* — Shane Griffin, Executive Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions, University of Sydney

*"As a top-ranked university, Macquarie University welcomes applicants with*

*TOEFL iBT test scores.*" — David Harrison, International Director, Macquarie University

Learn more about [destination countries and the TOEFL iBT test](#).

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## Resource Recap for Teachers, Advisors and Agents

The *TOEFL*® test offers your students a clear advantage. TOEFL test takers have prepared for success and are ready for the demands of an English-speaking classroom. It offers you an advantage as well: a chance to make a real difference in the lives of your students while also advancing your career.

ETS offers a wealth of information to guide your students through their TOEFL journey. Find [our most helpful videos and other resources](#) to get them started.

Kickstart your professional development through our 1-day, virtual program, The *Propell*® Workshop for the *TOEFL iBT*® test. It is designed to help English-language teachers meet the challenges of teaching English to students. Led by ETS-approved facilitators in an interactive setting, the workshop provides instructional techniques and strategies for using the integrated-skills approach to teaching language, and uses examples from the Reading, Listening, Speaking, and Writing sections of the TOEFL iBT test. If you are interested in this workshop, please contact Yasemin Arşın at [yarsin@etsglobal.org](mailto:yarsin@etsglobal.org).

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