



IELTS and TOEFL Questionnaire
Which is a better match for you?

1. Does your target university accept the IELTS, TOEFL, or both?

Most universities will accept both the IELTS and the TOEFL, but it is a good idea to check.

2. Test information:

	IELTS	TOEFL
Location(s)		
How often is it offered?		
Cost		

3. I would rather work with a:

- a. Computer
- b. Paper and Pencil
- c. I could work with either.

4. I would rather speak to a:

- a. Computer
- b. Person

5. I would find it easier to speak for:

- a. only 45 seconds
- b. a couple minutes and have more time to express myself

6. I am good at summarizing what I have *heard and read*.

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I'm okay, but not great.

7. I am good at taking notes about what I have *heard and read*.

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. I'm okay, but not great.

8. Spelling is a big challenge for me.

- a. Yes
- b. No

9. I have experience with reading graphs, tables, and charts.

- a. No
- b. Yes

10. I can:

- a. Type Quickly
- b. Type Slowly
- C. Type okay

Please see the answer page to find out more information about what your answers mean.



IELTS and TOEFL Questionnaire –Explanation of Answers

Questions 1 and 2 will give you basic information about both tests and how this will directly affect *you*. Use this information to help you decide whether there is a specific test that works better for your location and situation.

Questions 3-10 help determine which test is a better match for your strengths. If you answered **mostly A's**, than you may score higher on the TOEFL, but if you answered **mostly B's**, than you may be more successful taking the IELTS. For questions 3, 6, 7, or 10 if you marked C, then you would probably be fine taking either the TOEFL or the IELTS.

Questions explained

3. The TOEFL is a computer-based test and the IELTS is a paper-based test. If you are better with computers than paper, you may do better on the TOEFL. Alternatively, if you work better with paper and pencil, then you may want to take the IELTS. If you are good with both modes of testing, then either test will work with you.

4. TOEFL is on a computer, so the speaking section is recorded, while the IELTS is with a person so you would be speaking face-to-face with the administrator. Think about which you would prefer and which you think you'd have better success with.

5. On the TOEFL you are given between 45-60 seconds to speak, and, once the time is up, the recording stops. On the IELTS, you are given about 1-2 minutes per question and it is more of a conversation between you and the administrator.

6-7. The TOEFL integrates listening, speaking, reading, and writing more than the IELTS. On the TOEFL speaking and writing sections, you also have to do reading and listening and then you are asked questions based on what you understood. The IELTS does not do this. You do have to read your test questions at the same time as listening on the IELTS listening section, but the writing section is only going to test writing and the speaking section only tests speaking. If you have trouble multi-tasking, maybe the IELTS is a better match for you.

8. Spelling is important for the writing sections of both TOEFL and IELTS, but it is vital for the IELTS reading and listening sections. If you struggle with spelling, perhaps the TOEFL would be a better test for you.

9. On the IELTS writing task 1, you are asked to summarize a graph, table, map, or chart. In contrast, the writing task 1 for TOEFL asks you to listen and read selections and then summarize what you read and heard. Think about which skill you would be better at: examining and summarizing graphs or summarizing listening and reading selections.

10. The TOEFL is 100% on the computer, so if you type very slowly, the IELTS may be a better test for you.