

Maximize Your *TOEFL*® Preparation Time — Without Spending a Euro

Preparing to take an English test can be a big deal, especially for those who have an intended score in mind. Constraints on time and energy can add even more pressure — it seems that just when you need to dedicate more time to studying, you have less time than ever before due to finishing up classes, applying to schools and trying to fit in time with family and friends.

Understanding these constraints and sympathizing with the pressure that students are under, ETS offers an abundance of easy-to-use resources to help you maximize your *TOEFL*® prep time and focus your efforts where you can make the most difference. And you can do so without adding another constraint — financial resources. ETS offers more (and better) free resources to help students prepare for the *TOEFL* test. Resources focus on helping students learn where your skills gaps are and how to fill them, as well as the format of the test and the types of questions you will come across.

An Abundance of Free Resources

The first place to visit is www.TOEFLGoAnywhere.org. This site gives a great overview of all of the resources that ETS provides. From here, students can access test prep tools and tips, such as free, unlimited access to past *TOEFL iBT*® questions from all four sections of the test. You can also access fun activities, such as “The Great Grammar Challenge,” and additional study tips through the *TOEFL* TV channel. The site is a good resource for you to learn about studying abroad, understand your “study personality” and access planning tools.

After you’ve checked out *TOEFLGoAnywhere*, the next priorities are to visit and follow the [TOEFL Facebook](#)® page and download the [TOEFL Go!](#)® Global Official app. These are two easy ways for you to incorporate learning into your everyday activities so you can accumulate knowledge without adding a big time commitment. The *TOEFL* Program’s Facebook page offers tips and advice, motivational messages, and videos in English. The app, which offers free access to sample questions and insider tips, is available through the Apple® App Store and Google® Play.

The Insider’s Guide

While incorporating small learnings throughout the day is beneficial, ETS offers a much more comprehensive online study course, called [TOEFL® Test Preparation: The Insider’s Guide](#), available at www.edX.org. It’s free, and it’s absolutely wonderful because it’s taught by ETS experts who actually work on the development of the *TOEFL* test. Through the course, participants can:

- learn how to improve their English skills and understand what they can do to achieve their best *TOEFL* score
- become familiar with the format of the test
- watch videos, review sample questions and take short quizzes
- receive pretest speaking and writing scores
- interact with *TOEFL* test developers
- access discussion boards to chat with peers from all over the world

For more information about all of the free resources available to you, visit www.ets.org/toefl or contact toeflgermany@etsglobal.org.