

Understanding Scores

TOEFL Junior Standard

The information in this section will provide an explanation of the scores. For this reason, it is helpful to keep this Handbook and refer to it once the scores have been received. Please refer to Appendix E for the Test Score Descriptors.

TOEFL Junior Standard scores include three section scores and a total score and are determined by the number of questions a test taker has answered correctly. Some of the questions in the test may not count toward the section or total scores. Of the questions that count, each correct answer counts equally toward the score for that section. The number of correct responses on each section is converted to a scaled score that ranges from 200 to 300 in increments of 5. The total scaled score is a sum of the three section scores, and, therefore, ranges from 600–900 points in increments of 5.

Scores from the three different sections should not be directly compared to each other because the measures are scaled independently.

Test Section	Score Range
Listening Comprehension	200–300
Language Form and Meaning	200–300
Reading Comprehension	200–300
Total Score	600–900

Overall Score Levels

The following table shows the TOEFL Junior Standard test overall score levels, total scale scores, overall performance descriptors and Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) typical profiles. The table was based on a research study published in 2015 and was refined in 2021, after analysis of the scores of all test takers between 2016 and 2018.

Performance descriptors represent performance in middle schools using English for instruction and show what a typical test taker at that level can do. The CEFR profile indicates the CEFR section-level scores a typical test taker would achieve on their overall TOEFL Junior score level. Because the overall score level is based on the total scale score achieved in the three test sections, the typical CEFR profile might not always apply to each individual test taker. For this reason, the CEFR level of each test section appears separately on the front page of the score report.

Overall Score Level	Total Scale Score	Overall Performance Descriptor	CEFR Profile
5 Superior	865–900	Consistently demonstrates comprehension of complex written and spoken materials, drawing on knowledge of complex language structures and vocabulary.	B2 for all sections
4 Accomplished	785–860	Often demonstrates comprehension of complex written and spoken materials, drawing on knowledge of complex language structures and vocabulary.	B1 for all sections
3 Expanding	730–780	Demonstrates comprehension of some complex written and spoken materials and most basic materials, drawing on knowledge of basic language structures and vocabulary.	Mostly B1 for all sections, but occasionally A2
2 Progressing	625–725	Occasionally demonstrates comprehension of basic written and spoken materials, drawing on knowledge of basic language structures and vocabulary.	Mostly A2 for all sections, but occasionally A1 for Reading and Listening
1 Emerging	600–620	Can comprehend some very basic written and spoken texts, drawing on knowledge of basic language structures and vocabulary, but needs to further develop these language skills and comprehension abilities.	Mostly A1 for Listening and Reading; mostly A2 for Language, Form and Meaning

Common European Framework of Reference

The Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) is an international scale that describes language skills at different levels of proficiency (e.g., how well someone can speak English). The TOEFL Junior scores have been mapped for each test section and for the entire test to the CEFR to help see a test taker's level on a global scale to get a better understanding of what test taker scores mean. For more information about the CEFR levels, visit the Resource page at www.ets.org/toefl/junior/resources.

Sections	CEFR Below A2	CEFR Level A2	CEFR Level B1	CEFR Level B2
Listening Comprehension	Under 210	210–240	245–285	290–300
Language Form and Meaning	Under 210	210–245	250–275	280–300
Reading Comprehension	Under 210	210–240	245–285	290–300

Lexile® Measure

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