

Reading and Listening Tests Overview

Communication Goals

The *TOEFL Primary* Reading and Listening tests measure young learners' abilities to understand written and spoken English that they are learning in their classrooms and that is relevant to their daily lives. Test tasks require students to read or listen to information, instructions, or stories that reflect their experiences at school, home, and other age-appropriate contexts. Test tasks are designed to assess abilities for fulfilling particular communication goals central to young students' English-language proficiency development.

The communication goals assessed in Reading are:

- Identifying people, objects, and actions
- Understanding commonly occurring non-linear written texts (examples: signs, schedules)
- Understanding written directions and procedures
- Understanding short personal correspondence (examples: letters, emails)
- Understanding simple, written stories
- Understanding written informational texts about age-appropriate content-area topics

The communication goals assessed in Listening are:

- Understanding simple descriptions of familiar people and objects
- Understanding spoken directions and procedures (example: teacher directions in a classroom)
- Understanding conversations
- Understanding spoken stories
- Understanding short informational texts related to daily life (example: a voicemail message)
- Understanding expository monologues about age-appropriate content-area topics

Test Structure

The number of questions a student fills in on the answer sheet is the sum of the number of questions and number of examples.

Step 1 Tests

The table below summarizes the structure of the Reading and Listening—Step 1 tests.

Test	Number of Questions	Number of Examples	Number of Questions Answered	Time
Reading	36	3	39	30 minutes
Listening	36	5	41	About 30 minutes

Step 2 Tests

The table below summarizes the structure of the Reading and Listening—Step 2 tests.

Test	Number of Questions	Number of Examples	Number of Questions Answered	Time
Reading	36	1	37	30 minutes
Listening	36	3	39	About 30 minutes