

# LES ACADEMY

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## MASTERING THE TOEFL: LES ACADEMY'S COMPREHENSIVE TEST PREP PROGRAM

### COURSE SYLLABUS

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### Overview of the Course

Welcome to Mastering the TOEFL: LES Academy's Comprehensive Test Prep Program. In this six-week course, we will explain the TOEFL test and take you through an in-depth look at all four sections of the TOEFL test: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing. Each week you will have the opportunity to learn more about the question types, scoring guidelines and resources to help you prepare for test day. We will give you test preparation tips and practice materials. You should expect to spend 2 to 4 hours per week to get the most out of this course. The course includes video lectures, discussion forums, weekly quizzes, practice tests and recommended readings. ETS instructors and staff will moderate the discussions and provide feedback where possible on a weekly basis. Please note: Passing this course is not a predictor of how well you might perform on the actual TOEFL iBT® test.

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### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Gain a broad understanding of the four sections of the TOEFL test: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing

- Acquire helpful tips to prepare you for the TOEFL test
- Improve your English language skills
- Learn how the TOEFL test is scored
- Learn how to use your TOEFL test scores for employment, school, visas, scholarships
- Find test prep resources for the TOEFL test
- Learn how to register for the TOEFL test

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## **WEEKLY TOPICS**

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### **Week 1 – Welcome to TOEFL Test Preparation: The Insider's Guide**

- 1.1 Welcome
- 1.2 Survey
- 1.3 Course Information and Support
- 1.4 Around the World with the TOEFL Test 1.5 A Look Inside the TOEFL Test
- 1.6 Accommodations and Accessibility
- 1.7 Week 1 Quiz
- 1.8 This Week in Review and Getting Ready for Week 2

### **Week 2 – Reading Section**

- 2.1 Challenges of Reading
- 2.2 About the Reading Section
- 2.3 Factual/Negative Factual Information Questions
- 2.4 Inference and Rhetorical Purpose Questions
- 2.5 Vocabulary Questions
- 2.6 Reference Questions
- 2.7 Sentence Simplification Questions

- 2.8 Insert Text Questions
- 2.9 Prose Summary and Fill in a Table Questions
- 2.10 How the Reading Section is Scored
- 2.11 Reading Practice Test
- 2.12 Practice Activities and Resources
- 2.13 This Week in Review and Getting Ready for Week 3

### **Week 3 – Listening Section**

- 3.1 Challenges of Listening
- 3.2 About the Listening Section
- 3.3 Gist-Content and Gist-Purpose Questions
- 3.4 Detail Questions
- 3.5 Function Questions
- 3.6 Attitude Questions
- 3.7 Organization Questions
- 3.8 Connecting Content Questions
- 3.9 Inference Questions
- 3.10 How the Listening Section is Scored
- 3.11 Listening Practice Test
- 3.12 Practice Activities and Resources
- 3.13 This Week in Review and Getting Ready for Week 4

### **Week 4 – Speaking Section**

- 4.1 Challenges of Speaking
- 4.2 About the Speaking Section
- 4.3 Independent Question 1
- 4.4 Integrated Question 2

- 4.5 Integrated Questions 3 and 4
- 4.6 How the Speaking Section is Scored
- 4.7 Speaking Practice Test
- 4.8 Speaking Practice Responses
- 4.9 Practice Activities and Resources
- 4.10 This Week in Review and Getting Ready for Week 5

### **Week 5 – Writing Section**

- 5.1 Challenges of Writing
- 5.2 About the Writing Section
- 5.3 Integrated Writing Question 1
- 5.4 Independent Writing Question 2
- 5.5 How the Writing Section is Scored
- 5.6 Writing Practice Test
- 5.7 Writing Practice Responses
- 5.8 Practice Activities and Resources
- 5.9 This Week in Review and Final Steps for Week 6

### **Week 6 – About Test Day and Beyond**

- 6.1 Putting It All Together: Preparing for Test Day 6.2 The Test Center
- 6.3 How to Register
- 6.4 Receiving and Sending Scores
- 6.5 Week 6 Quiz
- 6.6 Official TOEFL Prep Resources 6.7 End-of-Course Survey
- 6.8 Share with a Friend
- 6.9 Go Pursue Your Dreams



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