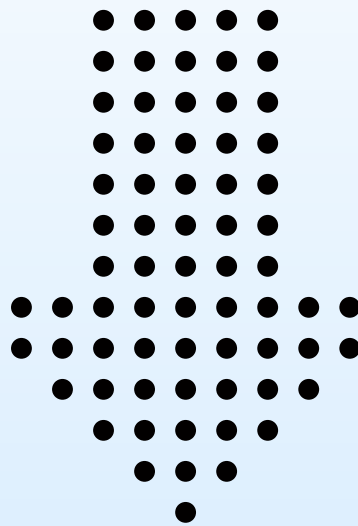




PTE SCORING GUIDE



1. Introduction to PTE

The [Pearson Test of English \(PTE Academic\)](#) is a computer-based English proficiency test used for study abroad admissions, work permits, and immigration applications. PTE uses AI-powered scoring to ensure a fair and unbiased evaluation of English skills.

2. Overview of the PTE Scoring System

There will be between 70 and 91 items on each test, covering 20 various kinds of questions. The PTE has a minimum score of 10 points and a maximum score of 90.

The total score as well as the communication skills scores—listening, reading, writing, and speaking—are displayed in the score report. Each skill has a score that ranges from 10 to 90.

The total score is not the average of all the components, even if each one's score influences the outcome. Rather, it will consider a number of variables, representing your overall level of English competence.

Notably, the test will evaluate your writing disclosure, spelling, grammar, vocabulary, oral fluency, and pronunciation. Nevertheless, the report does not show the grades for these abilities.

- The overall PTE score ranges from 10 to 90.
- Scores are divided into two categories:
 - a. **Communicative Skills** (**Speaking, Writing, Reading, Listening**)
 - b. **Enabling Skills** (Grammar, Oral Fluency, Pronunciation, Spelling, Vocabulary, Written Discourse)

The final PTE score is calculated based on a weighted system, meaning that performance in one skill can impact another.

PTE Speaking and Writing

Question Type	Number Of Items	Scoring Method	How It's Scored
Read Aloud	6 – 7	Partial credit	5 points at maximum if you read the provided text precisely in the correct order. Your points will be reduced if you change, omit, or add any word to the text.
Repeat Sentence	10 – 12	Partial credit	3 points at maximum for repeating all the words of the given sentence in the right order. 2 points for repeating at least 50% of the sentence correctly. 1 point if you can repeat less than 50% of the sentence precisely. 0 points for almost nothing in the recorded answer. Adding, replacing, or omitting any word will negatively affect your score.
Describe Image	3 – 4	Partial credit	5 points at maximum for describing all the components displayed in the image and explaining how they relate, what might happen next, and coming up with a conclusion. 4 points for analyzing the meanings and connections between all major elements and making a conclusion. 3 points for explaining the implications of most of the important components and drawing a conclusion.

			2 points if you only describe one major aspect and make a conclusion about it while showing a basic understanding of the picture. 1 point for dealing with some basic elements without clarifying their relations or implications. 0 points for mentioning several fragmented components without clear relationships.
Retell Lecture	1 – 2	Partial credit	5 points for summarizing all elements of the lecture, including all characters and actions, explaining their connections, forecasting potential development, and jumping to a conclusion. 4 points for mentioning all key characters, actions, and events, describing their relations, and making a conclusion. 3 points for retelling most elements, clarifying their relationships, and drawing a conclusion. 2 points for dealing with one main component, deciphering its meaning, and coming to a conclusion while showing an overall understanding of the lecture. 1 point for describing several basic aspects without interpreting their implications or relations. 0 points if you barely describe anything or just mention some points that lack cohesion.

Answer Short Question	5 – 6	Correct / Incorrect	1 point for every correct answer with an appropriate word(s). 0 point for responding with a wrong word(s).
Summarize Written Text	1 – 2	Partial credit	2 points if you can mention all critical aspects in the summary. 1 point for missing 1 or 2 elements in the summary. 0 points for missing or misrepresenting the major aspects.
Write Essay	1 – 2	Partial credit	3 points for addressing all issues in the prompt, providing well-organized ideas and supporting details, and using the correct language. 2 points for dealing with the main aspect but missing one minor issue. 1 point for sticking to the right topic but missing the main issue or at least 2 minor points. 0 point for not addressing the main issue.

PTE Reading

Question Types	Number Of Items	Scoring Method	How It's Scored
Multiple-Choice Single Answer	1 – 2	Correct/incorrect	1 point for each correct response. 0 points for each incorrect answer.
Multiple-Choice Multiple Answers	1 – 2	Partial credit	1 point for every correct answer. -1 point for every wrong answer. You might get 0 points in total for this part.
Reorder Paragraph	2 – 3	Partial credit	1 point for every two sentences in the correct order. There is no mark for only 1 correct box.
Fill in the Blanks (Reading)	4 – 5	Partial credit	1 point if you fill 1 blank correctly.
Fill in the Blanks (Reading & Writing)	5 – 6	Partial credit	1 point for every correctly filled blank.

PTE Listening

Question Type	Number of Items	Scoring Method	How It's Scored
Summarize Spoken Text	1 – 2	Partial credit	2 points for summarizing all critical aspects using the correct language. 1 point for a fair summary but missing 1 or 2 elements. 0 points if you fail to cover the key aspects.
Multiple-Choice Multiple Answer	1 – 2	Partial credit	1 point for every correct answer. -1 point for each wrong answer.
Fill in the Blanks	2 – 3	Partial credit	1 point for each correctly filled blank with a precise spelling.
Highlight Correct Summary	1 – 2	Correct/incorrect	1 point for each correct response. 0 points for each incorrect answer.
Multiple-Choice Single Answer	1 – 2	Correct/incorrect	1 point for every correct answer. 0 points for every wrong answer.
Selecting Missing Word	1 – 2	Correct/incorrect	1 point for each correct response. 0 points for every incorrect answer.
Highlight Incorrect Word	2 – 3	Partial credit	1 point if you can correctly highlight a word that's different from the audio. - 1 point if you highlight the wrong word.
Write from Dictation	3 – 4	Partial credit	1 point for every correct word with an accurate spelling. 0 points for incorrect ones.

Enabling Skills

These skills contribute to the overall language proficiency assessment and are measured indirectly through the communicative skills tasks.

A. Grammar

Grammar assesses the correct use of sentence structures, verb tenses, subject-verb agreement, and punctuation.

Tips for Improvement:

- Use correct tenses and sentence structures.
- Avoid fragments and run-on sentences.
- Practice writing and speaking using proper grammar.

B. Oral Fluency

Oral fluency measures the ability to speak smoothly without hesitation or unnatural pauses.

Tips for Improvement:

- Speak at a natural pace without rushing.
- Avoid fillers like "um" and "uh."
- Practice speaking on different topics spontaneously.

C. Pronunciation

Pronunciation evaluates how clearly and accurately words are spoken.

Tips for Improvement:

- Focus on correct syllable stress and word endings.
- Listen to native speakers and mimic their pronunciation.
- Use pronunciation tools and online dictionaries with audio.

D. Spelling

Spelling is assessed in writing tasks, ensuring correct word formation.

Tips for Improvement:

- Learn common spelling rules and exceptions.
- Proofread written responses before submitting.
- Use spelling-check tools for practice.

E. Vocabulary

Vocabulary assesses the range and appropriateness of words used in responses.

Tips for Improvement:

- Learn new words daily and use them in context.
- Read academic texts, articles, and books to expand vocabulary.
- Use synonyms and varied expressions in writing and speaking.

F. Written Discourse

Written discourse evaluates how well ideas are organized and connected in written responses.

Tips for Improvement:

- Use linking words like "however," "therefore," and "moreover."
- Ensure logical flow between paragraphs.
- Keep sentences clear and concise.

PTE Score Chart

PTE Score	CEFR Level	English Proficiency Level
85-90	C2	Expert
76-84	C1	Advanced
59-75	B2	Upper-Intermediate
43-58	B1	Intermediate
30-42	A2	Elementary
10-29	A1	Beginner

PTE Score Comparison with IELTS & TOEFL

PTE Score	IELTS Equivalent	TOEFL Equivalent
85 - 90	9.0	118 - 120
76 - 84	8.0 - 8.5	110 - 117
59 - 75	6.5 - 7.5	79 - 109
50 - 58	6.0	60 - 78
42 - 49	5.5	46 - 59
30 - 41	4.5 - 5.0	32 - 45

Conclusion

The PTE Academic test is an excellent choice for students and professionals looking to prove their English proficiency for higher education or immigration purposes. Understanding the scoring system and preparing effectively can help achieve your target score.

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