

# Score interpretation



The Duolingo English Test measures reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. A test taker's proficiency is reported as a holistic score on scale of 160 in 5 point increments. Scores are aligned with the Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR), an international standard of language proficiency. To learn more about the test construction and efficacy visit our [research page](#).

SCALE	CEFR	ABILITIES
10   55	A1/A2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can understand very basic English words and phrases.</li><li>• Can understand straightforward information and express themselves in familiar contexts.</li></ul>
60   85	B1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can understand the main points of concrete speech or writing on routine matters such as work and school.</li><li>• Can describe experiences, ambitions, opinions, and plans, although with some awkwardness or hesitation.</li></ul>
90   115	B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can fulfill most communication goals, even on unfamiliar topics.</li><li>• Can understand the main ideas of both concrete and abstract writing.</li><li>• Can interact with proficient speakers fairly easily.</li></ul>
120   160	C1/C2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can understand a variety of demanding written and spoken language including some specialized language use situations.</li><li>• Can grasp implicit, figurative, pragmatic, and idiomatic language.</li><li>• Can use language flexibly and effectively for most social, academic, and professional purposes.</li></ul>

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## Comparison with TOEFL iBT®



The concordance table below shows how Duolingo English Test scores compare to TOEFL iBT scores. This concordance is based on 2,319 individual test takers who took the Duolingo English Test and reported their recent TOEFL iBT scores. The correlation coefficient is .77, which is considered a strong positive statistical relationship for comparing scores. Learn more about concordance on our [scores page](#).

Duolingo English Test	TOEFL iBT
10-25	0
30	1
35	2-4
40	5-8
45	9-13
50	14-19
55	20-25
60	26-31
65	32-37
70	38-43
75	44-49
80	50-55
85	56-61
90	62-67
95	68-73
100	74-79
105	80-85
110	86-91
115	92-96
120	97-102
125	103-107
130	108-112
135	113-115
140	116-118
145	119
150-160	120

*When making high-stakes decisions, institutions should always also consider other factors like GPA, other test scores, recommendations, or interviews. As a best practice, when setting minimum thresholds, it is useful to set scores flexibly and conduct periodic reviews of score requirements.*

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## Comparison with IELTS® Academic



The concordance table below shows how Duolingo English Test scores compare to the IELTS® Academic scores. This concordance is based on 991 individual test takers who took the Duolingo English Test and reported their recent IELTS® Academic scores. The correlation coefficient is .78, which is considered a strong positive statistical relationship for comparing scores. Learn more about on our [scores page](#).

Duolingo English Test	IELTS
10	1.5
15	2
20-25	2.5
30-40	3
45-50	3.5
55-60	4
65-70	4.5
75-80	5
85-90	5.5
95-100	6
105-110	6.5
115-120	7
125-130	7.5
135-140	8
145-150	8.5
155-160	9

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