



Resource Guide for TOEFL iBT PREPARATION

STRATEGIES	SUGGESTIONS & RESOURCES
<p>1. Familiarize yourself with the test and available resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the test and test registration requirements Self assess using a practice test such as test #1, Barron's TOEFL iBT <p>Resources <i>Barron's how to prepare for the TOEFL iBT: test of English as a foreign language Internet-based test</i> by Sharpe, P. (PE1128 .S545 2006) ETS Practice Materials: Note needs registration/purchase. http://toeflpractice.ets.org ETS TOEFL iBT Practice Tips http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/TOEFL/pdf/TOEFL_Tips.pdf TOEFL iBT registration for HK. http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/ipe/toefl/index.html</p>
<p>2. Plan your study approach</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make a study plan to target improving your weaker areas as well as extending your strengths. Carry out your plan. One month is a minimum reasonable study period <p>Resources <i>The official guide to the new TOEFL iBT</i> by ETS (PE1128 .O39 2007) <i>A Michigan guide: one-hour practice tests for the TOEFL iBT</i> by L. J. Zwier, Lynn Stafford-Yilmaz (PE1128 .M4859 2007)</p>
<p>3. Practise – use the exercises. Retest and reassess yourself</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use the ETS online practice material if registered http://toeflpractice.ets.org Review the introductory material if it is challenging Try Kaplan's material if you are doing well so far <p>Resources <i>Longman introductory course for the TOEFL test: iBT</i> by Deborah Phillips (PE1128 .P445 2007) <i>Inside the TOEFL iBT: strategies and practice to help you score higher.</i> Prepared by the professionals at Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions (PE1128 .I565 2006) <i>TOEFL iBT with CD-ROM</i> by N Y: Kaplan Pub., 2008-09 (PE1128 .T64 2007) Free sample questions http://www.ets.org/toefl/ibt/prepare/sample_questions</p>
<p>4. Be grade conscious</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most universities in North America have a minimum requirement of 20/30 for each section Use Barron's TOEFL iBT and The Official Guide to bring your results to this level <p>Resources <i>TOEFL iBT: the English scores you need!</i> (PE1128 .T635 2006)</p>
<p>5. Speaking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve good results consider a strategic approach & develop a format Use sample answers given in all test preparation books Develop an outline answer especially for the first 2 speaking tasks Note task #5 is also very predictable Take notes especially for tasks #3, 4, 5 & 6 Task #6 is usually a summary. The listening is usually challenging. Note key words



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	<p>in the first 2 sentences and final sentences especially</p> <p>Resources <i>Cracking the TOEFL iBT</i> by the Princeton Review team (PE1128.3 .C74)</p>
6. Listening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To achieve good results use Kaplan’s materials Increase your listening and note taking practice Use VOA Special English to increase your exposure to American English – use audio plus transcripts In general note taking must capture more than the shown for success in TOEFL iBT <p>Resources http://www.voanews.com/specialenglish/index.cfm For note-taking tips: http://www.goodlucktoefl.com/2-3-1-TOEFL_notetaking.html</p>
7. Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are 2 writing tasks The Independent Writing task is a straightforward essay on a topic of general knowledge/interest similar to the second writing task in IELTS Learn the format of the questions and prepare a possible outline approach You should practice writing against the clock The integrated writing task is harder to do well. It involves reading and listening to academic texts then writing about the relationship between the texts. It is a note taking challenge <p>Resources <i>Cracking the TOEFL iBT</i> by the Princeton Review team (PE1128.3 .C74) and other test preparation texts to help focus your skills for this task Practice the topics http://www.ets.org/Media/Products/Criterion/topics/topics.htm</p>
8. Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You should already be familiar with reading comprehension tests All the TOEFL reading texts are on subjects of academic interest at an approximate 1-year General Education level <p>Resources <i>Pass key to the TOEFL iBT: test of English as a foreign language: internet-based test</i> by Pamela J. Sharpe (PE1128 .S523 2006) <i>NorthStar Building skills for the TOEFL iBT, advanced</i> by Linda Robinson Fellag. (PE1128 .F42425 2006) <i>Essential words for the TOEFL</i> by Steven J. Matthiesen (PE1128 .M3544 2007) Use the practice exercises in Kaplan, <i>Cracking the TOEFL iBT</i> and Barron’s to build up your reading speed / comprehension success The resource links on the ILC website also suggest useful reading improvement material</p>

ILC workshops: The ILC holds regular workshops and practice sessions for TOEFL