

# TOEFL Preparation

## Section 1: Overview

### Is this course for me?

- Ideal for students who want to prepare thoroughly for the TOEFL test and achieve their best possible score.
- Improve your overall academic English proficiency to be better equipped for studies at a US college or university.

### Key Facts

Available in

- Boston
- Los Angeles
- New York

Start dates:

- Every Monday (please check our [school calendar](#) for exceptions)

Entry level:

- Intermediate (Kings Level 5)

Age:

- 16+

Duration:

- Minimum 2 weeks

Class size:

- Maximum 15

Lessons per week:

- 31 lessons per week total (23.25 hours). 20 lessons (15 hours) TOEFL Skills and Strategies + 7 lessons (5.25 hours) online targeted practice + 4 sessions (3 hours) guided study

### Included in the price:

- 31 lessons per week (23.25 hours)
- Welcome Information Pack
- Access to multi-format course materials
- Placement test on arrival, weekly progress tests and regular homework
- Use of Computer Learning Centre
- Free Wi-fi at school
- Full access to Kings social programme, with at least two free activities per week
- Full access to join Kings' school clubs and societies
- Optional weekly lecture programme
- End-of-course certificate (90% or higher attendance required)

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"I needed an English level to apply to my future school, so I chose to take the TOEFL preparation course at Kings. I needed to reach at least 80 points and I got 94!"

## Section 2: Course structure and content

- **20 lessons (15 hours) per week of TOEFL Skills and Strategies**
- **7 lessons (5.25 hours) online targeted practice sessions**
- **4 lessons (3 hours) guided study**

The TOEFL Preparation course is the standard TOEFL test preparation option at Kings.

Key features are:

- Students will improve their overall English language proficiency and academic vocabulary and enhance performance on academic tasks in all sections of the exam
- Prepare for success at US colleges and universities
- Taught by experienced instructors with a track record of success
- Teachers help students achieve the maximum TOEFL score by creating an individual study plan and by providing regular feedback
- Classes may be supplemented by additional reading to strengthen vocabulary and comprehension skills
- Access full-length practice tests to get comfortable with the exam's online format and timing
- Access thousands of online practice exercises in the computer lab on site with the assistance of a teacher

### 1. Context Embedded

- The TOEFL Preparation course is based on a communicative approach to learning and focuses on meaningful communication skills. This motivates students to read, listen, speak, and write.
- A variety of different topics are used to teach test taking strategies and keep the classroom content engaging.

## 2. Multimedia Support

- This course uses interactive multimedia such as news videos, audio recordings, and presentations to assist students in building background knowledge as well as improving their comprehension of academic content.

## 3. Academic Word List

- Students are introduced to the Academic Word List (AWL) and have opportunities to practice these words which occur in high frequency in academic contexts.
- Studies show that students who master the AWL are more likely to succeed in an academic setting.

## 4. Online Skills Trainer

- Every student takes an online test preparation course in conjunction with his or her regular classroom hours.
- This online component focuses study on the parts of the tests that students often find the most challenging, the speaking and writing portions.
- All practice tests are timed which assists students in getting used to the time pressure of the tests.

## 5. Authentic Practice

- The course content provides daily opportunities to practice for the test using authentic questions and listening and reading materials from actual TOEFL tests.
- Students also regularly practice under exam conditions to develop timed test-taking strategies.
- Students are able to practice speaking with a headset and microphone and are given many timed writing assignments.

## Extra information

- We recommend that students begin training at least four weeks before they take the real exam. Depending on their level, some students may require longer periods of study before taking the TOEFL exam to reach their test goals.
- Students can request additional assistance on specific TOEFL skills during their Guided Study lessons.

## Assessment

- Continuous assessment helps students check their progress towards their goal and see their own improvement on a regular basis.
- Students begin with a diagnostic test and are then measured on a weekly basis with assignments, participation, and assessments.
- They have online access to one full-length test per month during their course and hundreds of practice exercises.
- Students can review their incorrect answers with detailed explanations of the correct answers.

## Section 3: About the TOEFL test

- The TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) assesses students' ability to use and understand university-level English in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

- Taking the TOEFL test opens the door to studying in the US and communicating globally.
- It is widely accepted by more than 10,000 universities and other institutions in over 130 countries as proof of English level.
- The TOEFL test is offered in nearly every country and on more dates yearly than any other language test.
- More than 30 million people from all over the world have taken the TOEFL test to demonstrate their English proficiency for universities, scholarships, and visa applications.
- The average English skill level ranges between Intermediate and Advanced.

## Sample timetable

Please note:

- Sample timetable subject to change
- Placement test, induction, locality walk and ice breaker activities, which take place on the students' first day at Kings, are an essential part of the teaching programme, included in the weekly hours of lessons.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<b>9:00 - 10:30</b>	<b>TOEFL Skills Listening</b> Recognizing signal words <b>Speaking</b> Stating a preference	<b>TOEFL Skills Reading</b> Word families and the academic word list <b>Writing</b> Pre-writing, agreement and disagreement prompts	<b>TOEFL Skills Listening</b> Predicting <b>Speaking</b> Describing a successful person	<b>TOEFL Skills Reading</b> How to paraphrase <b>Writing</b> Discussing both sides of an argument	<b>TOEFL Skills Speaking</b> Topic statement grammar and language check <b>Writing</b> Visual brainstorming techniques
<b>10:30 - 11:00</b>	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
<b>11:00 - 12:30</b>	<b>TOEFL Strategies Listening</b> Note-taking <b>Speaking</b> Scripts for question 1	<b>TOEFL Strategies Reading</b> Campus and Academic vocabulary <b>Writing</b> Outlining	<b>TOEFL Strategies Listening</b> Process of elimination <b>Speaking</b> Scripts for question 2	<b>TOEFL Strategies Reading</b> Paraphrasing strategies <b>Writing</b> Outlining	<b>TOEFL Strategies Speaking</b> Timing <b>Writing</b> Organization
<b>12:30 - 13:30</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>Session 3 (3 flexible hours per week)</b>	<b>Guided Study Session</b>	<b>Guided Study Session</b>	<b>Free time</b>	<b>Free time</b>	<b>Free time</b>

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Session 4 (5.25 flexible hours per week)	Online Practice Session	Online Practice Session	Free time	Online Practice Session	Free time