

Below is a complete description of the type of questions asked during a PTE test and how each question is marked.

PTE Speaking and Writing Section Scores

This guide will spotlight the 2021 PTE breakdown of marks, together with the type of questions, time given, number of queries, scores, and the capabilities that are measured for PTE scores.

Type of Questions	Time allowed	Scoring	Communicative skills, enabling skills, and other traits scored
Read aloud	30-35 minutes	Partial credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and speaking Oral fluency • Pronunciation Content
Repeat sentence		Partial credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and speaking Oral fluency • Pronunciation Content
Describe image		Partial credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking Oral fluency • Pronunciation Content
Re-tell lecture		Partial credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and speaking Oral fluency • Pronunciation • Content
Answer short question		Correct/ incorrect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and speaking Vocabulary
Summarize written text	20-30 minutes	Partial credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and writing Grammar • Vocabulary Content • Form
Write essay	20-40 minutes	Partial credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Grammar • Vocabulary • Spelling, written discourse Content • Development, structure and coherence • Form, general linguistic range

PTE Reading Section Scores

The table below outlines the most recent scores for the PTE reading exam.

Types of Question	Time allowed	Scoring	Communicative skills, enabling skills, and other traits scored
Multiple-choice answer	32-41 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct/ incorrect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading
Multiple-choice answers		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial credit for each correct response. • Points deducted for incorrect options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading
Re-order paragraphs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial credit for each correctly ordered • Adjacent pair 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading
Reading: Fill in the blanks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial credit for each correct blank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading
Reading and writing: Fill in the blanks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial credit for each completed blank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and writing

PTE Listening Section Scores

The table below outlines the most recent scores for the PTE reading exam.

Type of Questions	Time allowed	Scoring	Communicative skills, enabling skills, and other traits scored
Summarise spoken text	20-30 minutes	Partial credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and writing grammar • Vocabulary • Spelling content • Form
Multiple-choice answers	23-28 minutes	Points deducted for incorrect options chosen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening
Fill in the blanks		Partial credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and writing
Highlight correct summary		Correct/ incorrect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and reading
Multiple-choice, choose single answer		Correct/ incorrect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening
Select missing word		Correct/ incorrect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening
Highlight incorrect words		Partial credit for each word. Negative points for incorrect options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and reading
Write from dictation		Partial credit for correctly spelled word	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listening and writing

IELTS comparison

PTE Academic	23	29	36	46	56	66	76	84	89	N/A
IELTS	← 4.5 →	← 5.0 →	← 5.5 →	← 6.0 →	← 6.5 →	← 7.0 →	← 7.5 →	← 8.0 →	← 8.5 →	← 9.0

TOEFL comparison

PTE Academic	38	42	46	50	53	59	64	68	72	78	84
TOEFL iBT	40-44	54-56	65-66	74-75	79-80	87-88	94	99-100	105	113	120