

Writing

Sample Test

Writing Test Directions

This is the TOEIC Writing test. This test includes eight questions that measure different aspects of your writing ability. The test lasts approximately one hour.

Question	Task	Evaluation Criteria
1–5	Write a sentence based on a picture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grammar • relevance of the sentences to the pictures
6–7	Respond to a written request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quality and variety of your sentences • vocabulary • organization
8	Write an opinion essay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether your opinion is supported with reasons and/or examples • grammar • vocabulary • organization

For each type of question, you will be given specific directions, including the time allowed for writing.

Questions 1–5: Write a sentence based on a picture

Directions: In this part of the test, you will write ONE sentence that is based on a picture. With each picture, you will be given TWO words or phrases that you must use in your sentence. You can change the forms of the words and you can use the words in any order.

Your sentence will be scored on

- the appropriate use of grammar, and
- the relevance of the sentence to the picture.

In this part, you can move to the next question by clicking on **Next**. If you want to return to a previous question, click on **Back**.

You will have eight minutes to complete this part of the test.



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Questions 6–7: Respond to a written request

Directions: In this part of the test, you will show how well you can write a response to an e-mail.

Your response will be scored on

- the quality and variety of your sentences,
- vocabulary, and
- organization.

You will have 10 minutes to read and answer each e-mail.

Directions: Read the e-mail.

From: Dale City Welcome Committee
To: New Dale City Resident
Subject: Welcome to your new home!
Sent: July 23, 4:32 P.M.

Welcome! We would like to be the first to welcome you to Dale City. We know that there are many things to do when you move, from finding your way around town to setting up your utilities. Please contact us if you need any help at all.

Directions: Respond to the e-mail. Respond as if you have recently moved to a new city. In your e-mail to the committee, make at least TWO requests for information.

(Type your response here.)

Question 8: Write an opinion essay

Directions: In this part of the test, you will write an essay in response to a question that asks you to state, explain, and support your opinion on an issue. Typically, an effective essay will contain a minimum of 300 words.

Your response will be scored on

- whether your opinion is supported with reasons and/or examples,
- grammar,
- vocabulary, and
- organization.

You will have 30 minutes to plan, write, and revise your essay.

<p>Directions: Read the question below. You have 30 minutes to plan, write, and revise your essay. Typically, an effective response will contain a minimum of 300 words.</p>	<p><i>(Type your response here.)</i></p>
<p>There are many ways to find a job: newspaper advertisements, Internet job search websites, and personal recommendations. What do you think is the best way to find a job? Give reasons or examples to support your opinion.</p>	