

## **The content of the TOEFL iBT test**

The computer-based TOEFL test has four sections. The first two sections of the test - Listening and Structure - are computer-adaptive, meaning that you will receive test questions targeted to your performance level.

In these two sections, your first question will be of average difficulty. The question you get next will be one that best fits your performance and the design of the test. In the Listening and Structure sections, you will be able to change your answer as often as you like until you have made your final choice, confirmed your answer, and moved on to the next one.

Once you move on to the next question, you will NOT be allowed to go back to a previous question. Your answer to each question presented on the screen helps determine the difficulty level of the next question you will be given.

### **READING** (60 minutes)

The reading section measures your ability to read and understand passages in English. You will be tested on your comprehension of major ideas, important information, vocabulary, and relationships among ideas in the passage.

You are allowed to go back and change answers if working on the same reading passage.

### **LISTENING** (40-50 minutes)

The listening section measures your ability to understand conversations and lectures in English. You will be tested on your understanding of general ideas and supporting details of the conversations and lectures. You will also be asked to identify a speaker's purpose in making a particular statement, and a speaker's attitude toward a particular topic.

You are allowed to take notes and use those notes to answer questions.

### **SPEAKING** (20 minutes)

The speaking section assesses your ability to speak in English on a variety of topics. There are six questions in this section. All the questions are about topics that are appropriate for international students. You do not need any special knowledge of any subject to respond to the question.

### **WRITING** (50 minutes)

The writing section measures your ability to plan and write responses to questions in essay format. You must be able to select and convey relevant information, organize and support ideas, and demonstrate that you can use English effectively.