

# TO THE STUDENT

*One-Hour Practice Tests for the TOEFL® iBT* will help prepare you for the Internet-based TOEFL® test. This book includes six mini-tests. Each test takes about one hour. One-hour tests offer meaningful test practice in a manageable amount of time.

In most ways, the mini-tests in this book are like what you must do in the actual TOEFL®. Their content, style, and format are like those on the iBT. Both the TOEFL® iBT and these mini-tests target all four skills: reading, listening, speaking, and writing. Both use concepts from several academic fields such as biology, sociology, history, and anthropology.

Tests 1 and 2 in this book are *slightly easier* than an actual iBT. This will help you to get accustomed to TOEFL®-like questions and, in some ways, the format. It will also give you a chance to warm up your language and test-taking skills. Finally, these easier tests can help you to build stamina in using English. Many test-takers consider the iBT particularly challenging, in part because it is so long (four hours). Preparing with easier, shorter tests can help you train for the real test.

Test 3 in this book is a stepping stone. While it's not quite as easy as Tests 1 and 2, it is still close to an intermediate-level exam. Tests 4, 5, and 6 are at the same level as the actual TOEFL® iBT.

Each mini-test includes its own answer key and a scoring worksheet; all the keys and worksheets are at the back of the book. In most cases, your teacher will fill out the scoring worksheet. In other cases, you can roughly score your own answers or those of another student.

While the mini-tests in this book offer multiple advantages for test preparation, all TOEFL® takers are encouraged to take at least one full-length practice test before taking the actual test. For a full-length TOEFL® iBT, test-takers should refer to *The Michigan Guide to English for Academic Success and Better TOEFL® Test Scores*. Additionally, the publishers of the TOEFL® test offer an online version of the exam that is available at [www.ets.org/toefl/](http://www.ets.org/toefl/).

Whether mini or full-length, practice tests are just one of many ways that test-takers can work toward higher TOEFL® scores. For most TOEFL® takers, scoring well on the test requires years of diligent study. Test-takers can focus their study uniquely on the TOEFL® test by studying English for academic purposes.

English for Academic Purposes emphasizes the skills needed for academic success: conventions of writing academic English, impromptu speaking on substantive topics, reading across academic disciplines, and listening to lectures on a variety of academic subjects.

One excellent resource for academic English skills is *The Michigan Guide to English for Academic Success and Better TOEFL® Test Scores*. The *Guide* contains practice in building the skills for TOEFL® success such as understanding vocabulary from context, listening for pragmatic understanding, taking notes, brainstorming, writing thesis statements, and using transitions in speech.