

## What is PTE Academic?

**PTE Academic** (Pearson Test of English Academic) is a computer-based language test that offers candidates the fastest, fairest and most flexible way of proving their English language proficiency for immigration and student visas.

As an education or migration agent, **PTE Academic** offers you a new and more efficient way of helping your clients achieve their goals.

## How is PTE Academic Structured?

**PTE Academic** is a single 3 hour test, comprising:

Part	Content	Time allowed
<b>Intro</b>	Introduction	1 minute
<b>Part 1</b>	Speaking and writing	77 – 93 minutes
<b>Part 2</b>	Reading	32 – 41 minutes
<b>Optional scheduled break</b>		10 minutes
<b>Part 3</b>	Listening	45 – 57 minutes

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**PTE Academic** is designed to help test takers achieve their goals sooner.

### FAST & FLEXIBLE

- Schedule **PTE Academic** up to twenty-four hours in advance.
- Completed in a convenient single three-hour test session.
- Results are typically available within five business days.
- Testing globally over 360 days of the year, in over 200 test centers around the world.

### FAIR & SECURE

- No more frustration: Highly accurate marking makes test scores consistent.
- No bias: The test is scored by computer so it doesn't matter where test takers come from or what they look like, **PTE Academic** only tests their English skills.
- Palm-vein scanning, randomized test forms and data forensics ensure test score validity.

### RECOGNIZED & ACCEPTED

- Accepted for study applications by thousands of institutions worldwide, including:
- 100% of Australian, New Zealand, and Irish universities.
- 96% of UK universities.
- A growing number of universities in the USA and Canada.
- Universities in Europe and Asia delivering courses in English.
- Approved by the Australian and New Zealand Governments for all student visa and migration applications, and accepted by an increasing number of professional bodies.


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### UNLIMITED SCORE REFERRALS

- Candidates can send their scores to an unlimited number of institutions without additional fees via their secure online account.

## Question Types

**PTE Academic** consists of three main parts and there are 20 different question types. The test is an integrated skills test, each question type assessing one language skill or a combination of language skills. Question types are task-based, representing the range of functions and situations that students will encounter in an English speaking environment. The table below shows the test structure, question types and time allowed.

Part of Test	Question Type	Time Allowed
<b>Part 1:</b> <b>Speaking &amp; Writing</b> 	Personal introduction	1 minute
	Read aloud	30 - 35 minutes
	Repeat sentence	
	Describe image	
	Re-tell lecture	
	Answer short question	20 minutes
	2 x Summarize written text	10 or 20 minutes
	Summarize written text or Write Essay	20 minutes
Write Essay		
<b>Part 2: Reading</b> 	Multiple-choice, choose single answer	32-41 minutes
	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	
	Re-order paragraphs	
	Reading: Fill in the blanks	
	Reading & Writing: Fill in the blanks	
<b>Optional scheduled break</b>		10 minutes
<b>Part 3:</b> <b>Listening</b> 	Summarize spoken text	20-30 minutes
	Multiple-choice, choose multiple answers	23-28 minutes
	Fill in the blanks	
	Highlight correct summary	
	Multiple-choice, choose single answer	
	Select missing word	
	Highlight incorrect words	
	Write from dictation	

Item Type	Task	Skills assessed	Prompt length	Time to answer	No. of Items
Read Aloud	A text appears on screen, Read the text aloud	Reading and Speaking	Text up to 60 words	Varies by item, depending on the length of text.	6-7
Repeat Sentence	After listening to a recording of a sentence, repeat the sentence	Listening and Speaking	3-9 seconds	15 seconds	10-12
Describe Image	An image appears on screen. Describe the image in detail.	Speaking	N/A	40 seconds	6-7
Retell Lecture	After listening to or writing a lecture, re-tell the lecture in your own words	Listening and Speaking	up to 90 seconds	40 seconds	3-4
Answer Short Question	After listening to a question, answer with a single word or a few words	Listening and Speaking	3-9 seconds	10 seconds	10-12
Summarize Written Text	After reading the text, write a one sentence summary of the passage	Reading and Writing	Text up to 300 words	10 Mins	2-3
Write Essay	Write a 200-300 words essay on a given topic	Writing	2-3 sentences	20 Mins	1-2
Multiple-choice, choose single answer	After reading a text, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the text by selecting one response	Reading	Text up to 110 words	<b>One Single Timed Section 32-41 Minutes</b>	2-3
Multiple-choice, choose multiple answer	After reading a text, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the text by selecting more than one response	Reading	Text up to 300 words		2-3
Re-order paragraph	Several text boxes appear on screen in a random order. Put the text boxes in the correct order	Reading	Text up to 150 words		2-3
Reading: Fill in the blanks	A text appears on screen with several gaps. Drag words from the text box below to fill the gaps	Reading	Text up to 80 words		4-5
Reading and writing: Fill in the blanks	A text appears on screen with several gaps. Fill in each gap from a drop-down list of response options	Reading and Writing	Text up to 300 words		5-6

## Optional Break

Item Type	Task	Skills assessed	Prompt length	Time to answer	No. of Items
<b>Summarize Spoken Text</b>	After listening to a recording, write a 50-70 words summary	Listening and Writing	60-90 sec	<b>20-30 Mins</b>	2-3
<b>Multiple-choice, choose multiple answer</b>	After listening to a recording, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the recording by selecting more than one response	Listening	40-90 sec	<b>23-28 Minutes</b>	2-3
<b>Fill in the blanks</b>	A transcript of recording appears on screen with several gaps. After listening to a recording, type the missing word in each gap	Listening and Writing	30-60 sec		2-3
<b>Highlight correct summary</b>	After listening to a recording, select the paragraph that best summarizes the recording	Listening and Reading	30-90 sec		2-3
<b>Multiple-choice, choose multiple answer</b>	After listening to a recording, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the recording by selecting one response	Listening	30-60 sec		2-3
<b>Select missing word</b>	After listening to a recording, select the missing word that completes the recording from a list of options	Listening	20-70 sec		2-3
<b>Highlight incorrect words</b>	The transcript of a recording appears on screen. While listening to the recording, identify the words in the transcript that differ from what is said	Listening and Reading	15-50 sec		2-3
<b>Write from dictation</b>	After listening to a recording of a sentence, type the sentence	Listening and Writing	3-5 sec		3-4

## Part 1: Speaking & Writing (77 – 93 Minutes)

In Part 1 you will be tested on your speaking and writing skills. The time given to this section is 77-93 minutes.

To assess speaking, your skills will be tested by your ability to produce spoken English in an academic environment.

The writing section will require you to write responses in academic English using correct grammar and spelling.

### Speaking: 1.1 Personal introduction

The personal introduction is an opportunity for you to give your selected institutions some information about yourself. You will have 25 seconds to read the prompt and prepare your response, and then 30 seconds to record your response. This item is not scored, but will be sent together with your score report to the institutions selected by you. You are only able to record your answer once.

### Speaking: 1.2 Read aloud

In this section, you are given a text (up to 60 words) and are asked to **read the text aloud**. You do 6-7 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWAuA\\_kMAkY&feature=g-upl](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWAuA_kMAkY&feature=g-upl)

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-speaking-writing/read-aloud/>

### Speaking: 1.3 Repeat sentence

In this section, you hear a sentence. You are asked to **repeat the sentence** exactly as you heard it. You do 10-12 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arhWbOTXp2Q&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-speaking-writing/repeat-sentence/>

### Speaking: 1.4 Describe image

In this section, you are given an image. You are asked to **describe in detail what the image** is showing. You do 6-7 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZkodEwtrmRE&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-speaking-writing/describe-image/>

### Speaking: 1.5 Re-tell lecture

In this section, you hear a lecture. You are asked to **retell the lecture in your own words**. You do 3-4 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6jPSFKCeJQ&NR=1&feature=endscreen>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-speaking-writing/re-tell-lecture/>

### Speaking: 1.6 Answer short question

In this section, you are asked a question, **the answer to which is a word or few words**. You do 10-12 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbp7cgzFfv8&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-speaking-writing/answer-short-question/>

### Writing: 1.7 Summarize written text

In these sections, you read a text. You are then asked to **summarize the text** in one or two sentence. You are given ten minutes to write each summary sentence.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yayG7CopEs&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-speaking-writing/summarize-written-text/>

### Writing: 1.8 Essay

In this section, you are given a prompt to read. You are then asked to write an essay (200-300 words). You are given twenty minutes to write your essay.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CRscgO9M9QU&NR=1&feature=endscreen>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-speaking-writing/essay/>

## Part 2: Reading (32 – 41 Minutes)

In part 2 you will be tested on your reading skills. This single timed section contains 15-20 independent and integrated skills items, depending on the combination of items in a given test. Different response formats, including multiple-choice, re-order paragraphs, and fill in the blanks, are designed to test your ability to read, write and listen to information provided in English. Because PTE Academic is an integrated skill test, one item type in this part of the test also assesses writing skills.

### Reading: 2.1 Multiple choice, single answer

In this section, you read a text (up to 110 words). You are then given a multiple-choice question with three to five answer options. You choose the one correct answer option. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUx9ssfkhXE&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-reading/multiple-choice-single-answer/>

### Reading: 2.2 Multiple choice, multiple answer

In this section, you read a text (up to 300 words). You are then given a multiple-choice question with three to five answer options. You choose the one correct answer option. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YjVqzHCsUx4&NR=1&feature=endscreen>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-reading/multiple-choice-multiple-answer/>

### Reading: 2.3 Re-order paragraphs

In this section, you are given a text (up to 150 words) divided into paragraphs. The paragraphs are in the wrong order. You have to drag and drop the paragraphs into the correct order. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=7PIZuWLN4Nw&feature=endscreen>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-reading/re-order-paragraphs/>

### Reading: 2.4 Fill in the Blanks

In this section, you read a text (up to 80 words) which has blanks in it. You drag words from a box and drop each text. You do 4-5 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=quVl2x5PoMs&feature=endscreen>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-reading/fill-in-the-blanks/>

### Reading: 2.5 Reading & Writing Fill in the blanks

In this section, you read a text (up to 300 words) which has blanks in it. You click on each blank and a drop down list appears. You choose the correct word from each list to complete the text. You do 5-6 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=n-dKFPhRQ4I&feature=endscreen>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-reading/reading-and-writing-fill-in-the-blanks/>

## Part 3: Listening (45 – 57 Minutes)

Part 3 consists of questions that are based on audio or video clips which begin to play automatically. You hear each audio or video clip only once so listen carefully. You are allowed to take notes.

For each question you have the opportunity to adjust the volume. While the audio clip is playing, move the control bar to the right to increase the volume or to the left to decrease the volume.

### Listening: 3.1 Summarize spoken text

In this section, you listen to a short lecture. You are then asked to write a summary of that lecture (50-70 words) for a fellow student who was not present in the lecture. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-GjTXvCMWQ&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-listening/summarize-spoken-text/>

### Listening: 3.2 Multiple choice, multiple answer

In this section, you listen to a recording on an academic subject. You are then given a multiple choice question with five to seven answer options. You choose all the correct answer options. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0eBIM70pns&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-listening/multiple-choice-multiple-answer/>

### Listening & Writing: 3.3 Fill in the blanks

In this section, you listen to a recording while you read a transcription of that recording. The transcription has up to five blanks in it. As you listen, you type in the missing words you hear. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpelFXg1jAQ&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-listening/fill-in-the-blanks/>

### Listening: 3.4 Highlight correct summary

In this section, you listen to a recording. You read three to five paragraphs and select the paragraph which is the best summary of the recording. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gRUTX1M6ZuE&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-listening/highlight-correct-summary/>

### Listening: 3.5 Multiple choice, single answer

In this section, you listen to a recording on an academic subject. You are then given a multiple choice question with three to five answer options. You choose the correct answer option. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzOvaw0bAMg&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-listening/multiple-choice-single-answer/>

### Listening: 3.6 Select missing word

In this section, you listen to a recording on an academic subject. You are then given a multiple choice question with three to five answer options. You choose the correct answer option. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzOvaw0bAMg&feature=g-upl>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-listening/select-missing-word/>

### Listening: 3.7 Highlight incorrect words

In this section, you listen to a recording while you read a transcription of that recording. The transcription contains up to seven deliberate errors. You click on the words in the transcription which do not match the recording. You do 2-3 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=skZPq5ORv8U&feature=endscreen>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-listening/highlight-incorrect-words/>

### Listening: 3.8 Write from dictation

In this section, you hear a sentence. You are then asked to write the sentence exactly as you heard it. You do 3-4 of these items, depending on the combination of items in your test.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?NR=1&v=ZuK7g15D8-U&feature=endscreen>

<https://pearsonpte.com/the-test/format/english-listening/write-from-dictation/>