

Understanding the New TOEFL iBT  
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What hasn't changed

What has changed

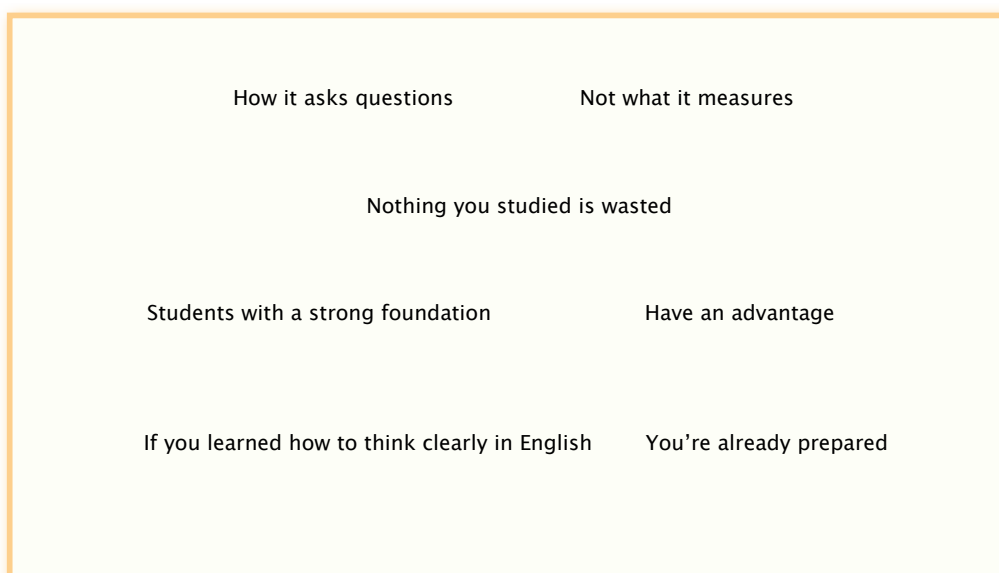
New scoring system

How to think about the new test

S 1 Hello again, Michael here. It seems that the TOEFL iBT test has been updated as of January this year. I know you must be a bit worried about the new test format, but I assure you that you will feel much better after seeing what hasn't changed, what has changed, the new TOEFL iBT scoring system and how I'd like you to think about the new test.



S 2 Before we look at what changed on the TOEFL, let's look at what stayed the same. I want to firmly promise you that the original TOEFL skills you have developed in this course up to this moment, still matter. Nothing you learned, no skill you acquired was wasted. Even better, your TOEFL level English skills are now even more visible.



S 3      The new TOEFL test changed how it asks questions, not what it measures. As I said in the previous slide, nothing you studied was wasted. Students with a strong foundation now have an advantage, I would say a very big advantage. The length of this course and all the tasks we have practiced have prepared you big time for these changes. If you learned how to think clearly in English, and respond in real time, you're already prepared.

What skills has TEOFL study given you?

Inference

Organization

Clarity

Precision

Recovery after mistakes

S 4      What skills has your TOEFL study given you? Well, by now I maintain they have given you competence and confidence in inference, organization, clarity, precision and speed of recovery after making mistakes both on the test and in your daily English use.