



### What is a proficiency exam?

An English proficiency exam determines your ability to communicate efficiently in English as a foreign language.

### What do you need it for?

- The majority of colleges and universities require a proficiency exam as a prerequisite.
- People looking to advance their careers or boost their resume, often take a proficiency exam.
- These exams are even often used as merely validation for what students learn throughout their years of studying. Furthermore, they are **internationally recognized** and accepted, unlike certificates you would receive in any language institute in Brazil.
- Receiving a diploma from a university is validation of what was studied; a proficiency exam plays the same role.

### Out of hundreds of proficiency exams, which are the most popular?

The most famous and accredited English proficiency exams are:

- The Cambridge Exams , CAE® & CPE® (UK)
- The IELTS®, (UK & Australia)
- The TOEFL® (USA)

### What does the TOEFL® exam consist of?

- Four sections: Reading, Listening, Speaking and Writing (each worth 30 points totaling 120)
- It is internet based and takes a maximum of 4 hours



### What are some benefits and maximum scores needed for certain schools?

If you are looking to receive education abroad, study at an Ivy League university, or an elite university in Brazil, certain scores must be achieved in order to reach these goals.

- A minimum of 100/120 points to attend Ivy League universities such as: Harvard (Massachusetts), Princeton (New Jersey), Brown (Rhode Island), Columbia (New York), Penn State (Pennsylvania), Yale (Connecticut), Cornell (New York), Dartmouth (New Hampshire).

- A minimum of 85/120 points to attend state schools in the USA.

- Certain elite Brazilian schools such as: Insper (IBMEC), USP, GV, PUC, and Mackenzie offer certain benefits towards credit hours and international study abroad programs.

\* Proficiency has no connection to any of the schools listed above.

### Why the TOEFL®?

If you analyze the facts and figures of other proficiency exams and compare them to the TOEFL® there is a big difference!

	NUMBER OF COUNTRIES	NUMBER OF UNIVERSITIES	NUMBER OF TESTS TAKEN P/YEAR
CAE®/CPE®	80	1300	100,000
TOEFL®	165	7000	6,200,000
IELTS®	120	2000	1,000,000

\*The figures above are approximations taken from the web addresses below.

### How does Proficiency handle the TOEFL®?

- Proficiency has been a specialist in the TOEFL® for 25 years.
- From level 1-10, we offer concise and objective courses which give the student a comprehensive advantage when dealing with TOEFL®.
- Our prep course highly prepares students to sit for the TOEFL® and achieve excellent results.

For more information about the exams above please visit:

- [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org)
- [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)
- [www.cambridgeesol.org/exams](http://www.cambridgeesol.org/exams)
- [www.britishcouncil.org/armenia-exams-esol-mainsuit](http://www.britishcouncil.org/armenia-exams-esol-mainsuit)