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Introduction

his essential guide to the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) exam is perfect for studying on the go and tackling the exact kinds of questions tested on your upcoming official exam. Information is presented in an easy-to-follow, straightforward manner so you can find what you need, learn the information, and move on—it's that simple.

Each chapter covers the essential facts and practice you need to get prepared for your exam, as well as tips on where to go to for more detailed practice and further information. Whether you need to review all parts of the TOEFL exam or just skip ahead to the sections where you need extra practice and review, *TOEFL Exam Essentials* has just what you need for focused, targeted practice.

- Chapter 1: About the TOEFL exam—signing up for the test, study schedules, how to prepare with this book
- Chapter 2: Listening skills—lesson and practice
- Chapter 3: Structure skills—lesson and practice
- Chapter 4: Reading comprehension skills—lesson and practice
- Chapter 5: Writing skills—lesson and practice

Good luck!

Chapter 1

How to Use This Book to Get a Top Score

fyou are planning to take the TOEFL exam, you are not alone. Worldwide more than 700,000 people will likely take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) this year. Native speakers of 145 different languages—representing more than 220 countries and regions—take the TOEFL exam annually. And, over 4,500 colleges, universities, programs, and agencies in the United States and Canada will use the TOEFL exam to evaluate applicants who are not native speakers of English. This important test measures your ability to read, write, and understand English so you can succeed in a college classroom or professional program.

To prepare for the TOEFL exam, unlike other standardized tests, you can't just memorize a list of vocabulary words or math formulas and expect to do well on the exam. You need to understand conversations and other spoken English, know grammar rules, understand and process what you read, and be able to