

PTE Academic Task Types

Part 1 Speaking and Writing

Speaking (total time 30-35 minutes)

Task Type	Task Description	Communicative Skills Tested
Read aloud	A text appears on the screen. Read the text aloud.	Speaking and Reading
Repeat sentence	After listening to a sentence, repeat the sentence.	Speaking and Listening
Describe image	An image appears on the screen. Describe the image in detail.	Speaking
Re-tell lecture	After listening to or watching a lecture, re-tell the lecture in your own words.	Speaking and Listening
Answer short question	After listening to a question, answer with a single word or a few words.	Speaking and Listening

Writing (total time 50-60 minutes)

Summarise written text	After reading a passage, write a one-sentence summary of the passage.	Writing and Reading
Write essay	Write an essay of 200-300 words on a given topic.	Writing

Part 2 Reading

(total time 32-41 minutes)

Task Type	Task Description	Communicative Skills Tested
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
Multiple answers	After reading a text, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the text by selecting more than one response.	Reading
Re-order paragraph	Several text boxes appear on screen in a random order. Put the text boxes in the correct order.	Reading
Reading: Fill in the blanks	A text appears on screen with several gaps. Drag words from the box below to fill the gaps.	Reading
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

Part 3 Listening

(total time 45-57 minutes)

Task Type	Task Description	Communicative Skills Tested
Summarise spoken text	After listening to a recording, write a 50-70 word summary.	Listening and Writing
Multiple choice, choose multiple answers	After listening to a recording, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the recording.	Listening
Fill in the blanks	A transcript of a recording appears on the screen with several gaps. After listening to the recording, type the missing word in each gap.	Listening and Writing
Highlight the correct summary	After listening to a recording, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the recording.	Listening
Multiple choice, choose single answer	After listening to a recording, answer a multiple-choice question on the content or tone of the recording.	Listening
Select missing word	After listening to a recording, select the missing word that completes the recording from a list of options.	Listening
Highlight incorrect words	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
Write a dictation	After listening to a recording of a sentence, type the sentence.	Listening and Writing