

Frequently Asked Questions about
Michael Buckhoff's The 7 Step System
to Pass the TOEFL iBT

Access: When I join your 7 Step System, can I access the lessons in different parts randomly? Can I manage my time to finish the system? I mean, can I work hard and go faster on necessary parts to save time and money? Because, you know, I don't have much money.

Yes, you can. Once you join The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT, you will have immediate access to all 300 + TOEFL lessons. Therefore, you can work on whichever lessons you want, wherever you want (so long as you have a good Internet connection), and whenever you want.

Credit Card: I do not have a credit card, or Pay Pal is not accepted in my country. How can I subscribe to The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT?

If you cannot use Pay Pal, you can pay me by [Western Union](#). If you use Western Union, the minimum requirement is that you pay up front for 3 months of my TOEFL service. The cost is \$115.00. Here is my contact information in case you should decide to wire me \$115.00: Michael Buckhoff / 13509 Buena Vista Drive / Hesperia, California 92344. Once you wire your payment, E-mail me the MTCN or pin number that Western Union gave you so that I can receive your payment. After I receive your payment, I will create your username, password, and enrollment key to [The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT](#).

Delivery: How will you teach me your TOEFL lessons?

All lessons are viewed online and are produced as PDF files and videos. Some videos use adobe flash format, whereas others will require you to use a free Quick Time plug-in. You will need a reliable, high-speed Internet connection to view these videos. When I score your TOEFL pronunciation, speaking, and writing practice tests, I will provide feedback in one of the following ways: written, video, or audio.

Duration: How long does your course last?

There is no specific length to the 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT. Use it as long as you need it. How long you use the service will depend on your TOEFL goals and desired level of academic proficiency. For example, students with TOEFL scores between 40-80 points will generally use my TOEFL service for about 3 months, and students with TOEFL scores higher than 80 will usually use this service for 1-2 months.

How: How do I use The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT? Do you have a course outline that I can follow while I am a subscriber to your TOEFL service?

Yes, I do. Click on the following link to learn how to use my service while you are one of my students: <http://www.bettertoefl.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/STEALH-Moodle-Syllabus.pdf>

Experience: What are your professional qualifications and teaching experience?

I have a BA in Spanish from Brigham Young University and an MA in English Composition/TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) plus 18 years of experience teaching ESL (including TOEFL preparation), and first-year and upper division composition and linguistics classes. Currently, I am employed at California State University, San Bernardino, where I teach under the auspices of the English Department and the College of Extended Learning.

Feedback: How will you provide feedback when I am a student?

All of my vocabulary lessons are self-study, so you will have an answer key to check your answers after you have completed a lesson. In addition, in the case of the listening, grammar, and reading practice tests, your practice tests will be automatically scored by my web site so that you can immediately check your progress. However, in the case of my pronunciation, writing, and speaking practice tests, a TOEFL iBT specialist will evaluate, score, and recommend lessons (I have more than 300 of them!) to help you speak more clearly and coherently and to help you advance your academic writing proficiency. The feedback on your pronunciation and independent and integrated speaking and writing practice tests will typically be in the form of written, video, or audio comments. Finally, any TOEFL or course-related questions that you may ask will be answered by E-mail again in the form of written, video, or audio comments.

It usually takes one of our TOEFL iBT specialists 1-3 days to evaluate and contact you regarding any pronunciation, speaking, and writing practice tests that you have submitted at The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT.

Guarantee: Do you have a money-back guarantee if I do not pass the TOEFL iBT?

No, I do not. First of all, there is no official "passing" mark on the TOEFL iBT. For example, some of my students want 61, others desire 81, and even others want to score higher than 100. Second of all, reaching your desired TOEFL score is largely dependent on your study habits, motivation, and intellect. All of these factors are mostly beyond my control as a language instructor. However, as long as you are a subscriber to The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT, I will score any pronunciation, speaking, or writing practice tests that you submit, and I will do everything I can to help you reach your target TOEFL score.

Join: How do I join your service? Where do I make my payment?

To become my newest subscriber to The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT, click on the following link: [CLICK HERE](#)

Lessons: Can you show me some of your lessons so I can see if I like your teaching style? You say that you have 330 TOEFL lessons, right? Can I see one of them for myself?

Sure [CLICK HERE](#) to view a pdf file of TOEFL Writing Lesson 4: "How to Make your Writing More Coherent." This will give you an idea of how I teach and organize my lessons.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a video of TOEFL Speaking Lesson 2: "Free Choice Independent Speaking Task"

Payment: What happens after I make a Pay Pal payment for The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT? When will I be able to start your TOEFL service?

After making your payment, Pay Pal will notify me. Using the E-mail that you gave Pay Pal when you created your account, I will create your username and your password, both of which are the same as your E-mail address. Your enrollment key will be 7stepssystem. 24 hours after making your Pay Pal payment, go to the following web site to begin your studies: <http://stealth.bettertoeflcores.com/login/index.php>

1. Type in your **Pay Pal E-mail address** for your username.
2. Type in your **Pay Pal E-mail address** for your password.
3. Then, click "Login," and you will be directed to a new web page.
4. Type in '**7stepssystem**' as ONE word for your enrolment key.
5. Click "Enrol me."

Practice Tests: How many integrated and independent speaking and writing practice tests do you have to help me improve?

For speaking, currently I have thirty paired-choice and personal preference speaking tasks and twenty integrated speaking tasks. After recording your responses to these speaking tasks at my Voxopop discussion web site, a TOEFL iBT specialist will listen and orally comment on your responses focusing on your delivery, language use, and topic development. In addition, based on your score, the TOEFL iBT specialist will recommend specific lessons that you should review in order to help you improve. For writing, I have ten independent and ten integrated writing practice tests that you can complete directly at [The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT](#). And, in a similar manner to the speaking practice tests, a TOEFL iBT specialist will read, evaluate, and score your written responses and recommend lessons on which you can work so that you can continue to improve.

Price: What is the cost of your service?

The cost of having access to more than 330 lessons and practice tests and to have your pronunciation, speaking, and writing practice tests evaluated and scored by TOEFL iBT specialists is \$35.00 per month, and you can cancel my TOEFL service at your Pay Pal account after the first month. If you decide to continue my TOEFL service, you will be billed \$35.00 for each month that you use my TOEFL service.

Results: What kind of result can I expect after one month of using The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT?

Each student will vary in his or her score improvement, and your TOEFL score improvement is largely dependent on how diligent you are in studying The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT. Based on the hundreds of students who have used my TOEFL service this year, you can probably expect an improvement of about 5-10 points on your overall TOEFL score for each month that you use my service. Consider the case of Sabah, who used my TOEFL service for 3 months. She improved her speaking score on the actual TOEFL iBT from 22 to 26 points and improved her writing section from 22 to 29 points.

Seven Steps: Why do you have seven steps to pass the TOEFL iBT? The TOEFL iBT only consists of four sections.

Even though the TOEFL consists of reading, listening, speaking, and writing sections, I added three additional steps in my course, vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar, which are important for helping you to pass the TOEFL iBT. For example, since TOEFL iBT human raters will grade your speaking tasks on your delivery as well as your grammar and language use and your topic development, I created a pronunciation section of my course to help you improve your vowel and consonant sound production, syllable division and grammatical word endings, word stress, sentence rhythm, intonation, and thought groups and blending.

Speaking and Writing: Can you help me reach 26 and 24 points on the speaking and writing sections of the TOEFL?

Yes, I can, and I have helped many of my online students reach these scores. The key to reaching these desired scores on the speaking and writing sections is to make sure that you complete all lessons and practice tests related to pronunciation, speaking, and writing. In addition, if I see that you have vocabulary and grammar problems, I will also recommend that you complete all of those lessons.

Start Date: When can I start your course? Do I have to subscribe to your course at the beginning of the month?

You can begin The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT today or anytime you want. Furthermore, no, you do not have to begin this TOEFL service at the beginning of the month. Your 30-day billing cycle starts when you subscribe to my TOEFL service. For example, if you joined my service on December 15, 2011, you will NOT be billed again until January 15, 2012. Therefore, if you only want to use my TOEFL service for one month, you should cancel your subscription (using your Pay Pal account) before January 15, 2012. If you want to use my TOEFL service for another month, do nothing and Pay Pal will automatically bill you for each month that you use my TOEFL service. A majority of my students use my TOEFL service for more than 1 month, and many will use my service for at least 3 months.

Subscription: When I click to make a payment, why does it say, "\$35.00 for each month?"

By making a payment for my TOEFL iBT service, you are creating a Pay Pal subscription, which means you are billed \$35 per month as long as you are a subscriber to The 7 Step System to Pass the TOEFL iBT. Using your Pay Pal account, you can cancel your subscription any time you want, but the minimum requirement is that you use my service for 1 month. Your 30-day billing cycle starts on the day you make your first payment. For example, if you started using my TOEFL service on November 12, 2011, you will need to cancel my TOEFL service before December 12, 2011 if you do not want to get billed for an additional month.