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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Part I
About EF EPI-s

1. What is EF EPI-s?

EF EPI-s is a partnership program for universities and schools. As your partner in education, EF endeavors to test your students' English level and to rank it according to national and global results. EF EPI-s consists of a testing platform for students worldwide, paired with results reports and certificates.

2. Why is it called EF EPI-s?

The EF EPI-s name comes from EF's groundbreaking research report The EF English Proficiency Index (EF EPI) that has measures the English skills of five million adults over the course of 6 years in 60 countries. EF EPI-s – EF English Proficiency Index for Schools – aims to include students' results in this research and create its own entity within the report showing student skills in countries around the world.

3. When will the first EF EPI-s report be available?

The first report based on students' testing results will be released on the 3d of November 2015. You will see it on our website www.ef.com/epi.

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About EFSET

1. What is the EF Standard English Test?

The EF Standard English Test (EFSET) is a free, online English test designed to meet the same high technical standards as the best standardized tests in the field, such as the Cambridge English FCE, TOEFL or IELTS.

The EFSET is a 50-minute test, comprised of a 25-minute listening section and a 25-minute reading section.

With the EF Standard English Test, we set out to challenge the status quo to build a testing solution that not only provides accurate measurement, but is also free, simple to use, and always accessible.

2. How reliable and accurate is the EFSET?

The EFSET was built to the same standards of reliability and accuracy as the best standardized English tests like the Cambridge English FCE, TOEFL or IELTS:

- All test content was pretested over many years on hundreds of thousands of international population of English language learners, at all Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR) levels. These test results were intensively analyzed for statistical reliability.

- The standard error of measurement—a way of predicting how similar scores would be for test takers who took different forms of the test at different times —is comparably low.

- The standards for each CEFR level were determined by a formal standard setting study. University of North Carolina Professor Ric Luecht conducted two studies that show that the EFSET correlates positively with TOEFL and IELTS, and that the EFSET is as accurate as TOEFL and IELTS. These correlation studies and the EFSET Academic Report are available for download at www.efset.org.

3. Who built this test?

EF Education First with a team of language testing experts created the EFSET. Our team has extensive experience building other standardized language assessment, including TOEFL, IELTS, TOEIC and other exams, at organizations such as Educational Testing Service (ETS), The College Board and Cambridge English Language Assessment.

Chief among these experts have been UCLA Professor Lyle Bachman, the initial design consultant; University of North Carolina Professor Ric Luecht and Professor John Willse, the psychometric consultants and data scientists; and Dr. Mari Pearlman, former Senior Vice President at ETS, the lead test development and operations consultant.

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4. The EFSET is adaptive—what does that mean?

The EFSET is an adaptive test, which means that the test content is adjusted in real time to measure the test taker's ability as precisely as possible. The first task of each reading and listening section is at the A2 level. Based on students' performance on this first task, easier or more difficult tasks are presented next.

5. What kind of score reporting will students and teachers receive?

Students will receive their reading, listening, and combined EF score, CEFR level, and TOEFL and IELTS equivalent scores as soon as they finish the test. The EFSET measures all CEFR levels, from A1 (beginner) to C2 (proficient).

Teachers will receive a report of their students' individual and average scores.

CEFR	EF Score	TOEFL iBT	IELTS
A1 Beginner	1 - 30	NA	NA
A2 Elementary	31 - 40	NA	NA
B1 Intermediate	41 - 50	57 - 86	4.0 - 5.0
B2 Upper Intermediate	51 - 60	87 - 109	5.5 - 6.0
C1 Advanced	61 - 70	110 - 120	6.5 - 7.5
C2 Proficient	71 - 100	NA	8.0 - 9.0