



Frequently asked questions

1 How should I use this product as part of my preparation for the test?

The *Question Bank* is designed to help you try task types from the test with authentic content under timed conditions.

2 How long will I have access to the Question Bank?

Access to the *PTE Academic Question Bank* expires 6 months after the access code is activated.

3 How many practice questions are there in the Question Bank?

The *PTE Academic Question Bank* includes 300 new and authentic questions, across all of the task types in the test.

4 What kind of practice will I find in the Question Bank?

The *Question Bank* covers the four main skills tested in the *PTE Academic* test: speaking, reading, listening and writing. Each skill area in the bank has practice tasks for each of the 20 task types to help you practise with content similar to what you will see in the real test. In the Speaking folder, you will also find one *Personal introduction* task, which will help you practise introducing yourself under timed conditions.

5 Are these questions repeated in other PTE Academic preparation?

No, these tasks were written exclusively for the *PTE Academic Question Bank* and cannot be found in any other test prep product or the test.

6 Why is there a different number of questions for each task type?

In the *PTE Academic* test you won't do the same number of questions for each task type. You will have to do more questions of some task types than others (see page 9 of the *Official Guide to PTE Academic* for more information). In the *Question Bank* you get approximately the same number of questions for each task type that you would get if you did the test 4 times.

7 How many times can I do each question?

There is no limit to the number of times you can attempt each task. You can access your digital materials and practise the tasks at any point during the 6-month validity of your product.

8 What happens when I click on the 'Finish' button?

Clicking on this button will end your practice in that question. Any answers you have chosen or spoken/written responses you have made will not be saved. You can go back and do the same question again by choosing it from the task menu, but you will need to start again.

9 How do I check my answers in the bank?

The tasks in the bank are not scored. For tasks where the answer is correct or incorrect, you can check your answer by clicking the *Check answer* button.

For task types that involve speaking or writing, you either get a sample answer to listen to (speaking) or a written answer to read (writing). The sample answers in the bank are correct test taker's responses from B1 to C1 levels (43–85 GSE) of English.

10 How should I use the sample answers?

The sample answers for speaking and writing questions are designed to give you an idea of what a good answer is. The best way to use the sample answers is to finish your own response to speaking and writing questions, before checking the sample answer. You can then compare it to your own response.

11 What is the purpose of the 'Tips' button and when is the right time to use it?

The *Tips* button opens a text box with some advice that you may find useful when practising. You can click on it whenever you want to. If you don't know how to start a task, read the tip first. When you become more confident, you can use the *Tip* button if the answer you give is not correct – it may help you improve your answer next time you do this type of task.

12 What is the difference between the 'Check answer' button and the 'Check sample answer' button?

The *Check answer* button enables you to check if the answer you chose is correct or incorrect. You'll see it in the tasks where the answer can only be correct or incorrect (e.g. *Reading: Multiple choice, choose single answer*).

You'll find the *Check sample answer* button in tasks where you are asked to write your own response in a special writing box (e.g. *Writing: Summarize written text*). When you click on it, a text box with a correct response written by another test taker will appear on your screen.

13 *How do I compare my answer with the sample answer in speaking tasks and when is the best time to do it?*

In each speaking task, you'll see an extra audio player box labelled *SAMPLE ANSWER* under the audio recorder box at the bottom of the screen. When you record your response, the *Play* icon in this audio player is activated and you can listen to the correct sample answer by clicking on it. You can listen to and compare your own answer with the sample answer as many times as you want to before you leave the task.

14 *How do I compare my answer with the sample answer in writing tasks and when is the best time to do it?*

In each writing task, you'll see the *Check sample answer* button at the bottom of the screen. Write your response first and then click on this button to read a correct response written by another test taker. It's a good idea to compare the two texts before you leave this task.

15 *Can I pause a video or audio recording when I feel it's too difficult for me?*

All video and audio recordings in this *Question Bank* play automatically and can't be paused or rewound and played again. You can do the same task once again, though, if you need to, by leaving it and starting again from the main menu. To practise for the *PTE Academic* test, you need to do all the tasks under the same timed conditions as during the live test.

16 *Why doesn't my microphone work?*

When you enter a speaking task, your internet browser will ask you for permission to use your microphone. You need to allow access to the microphone for your answers to be recorded.