

PTE Academic:

Fair, accurate and secure proof of students'

English proficiency for international

universities

Presented by Ben Hanneford-Smith



What is PTE?

What is PTE?

Pearson Test of English (PTE) is a **computer-based** language test that provides **the most unbiased and secure** proof of a candidate's English skills for university, professional and migration applications.

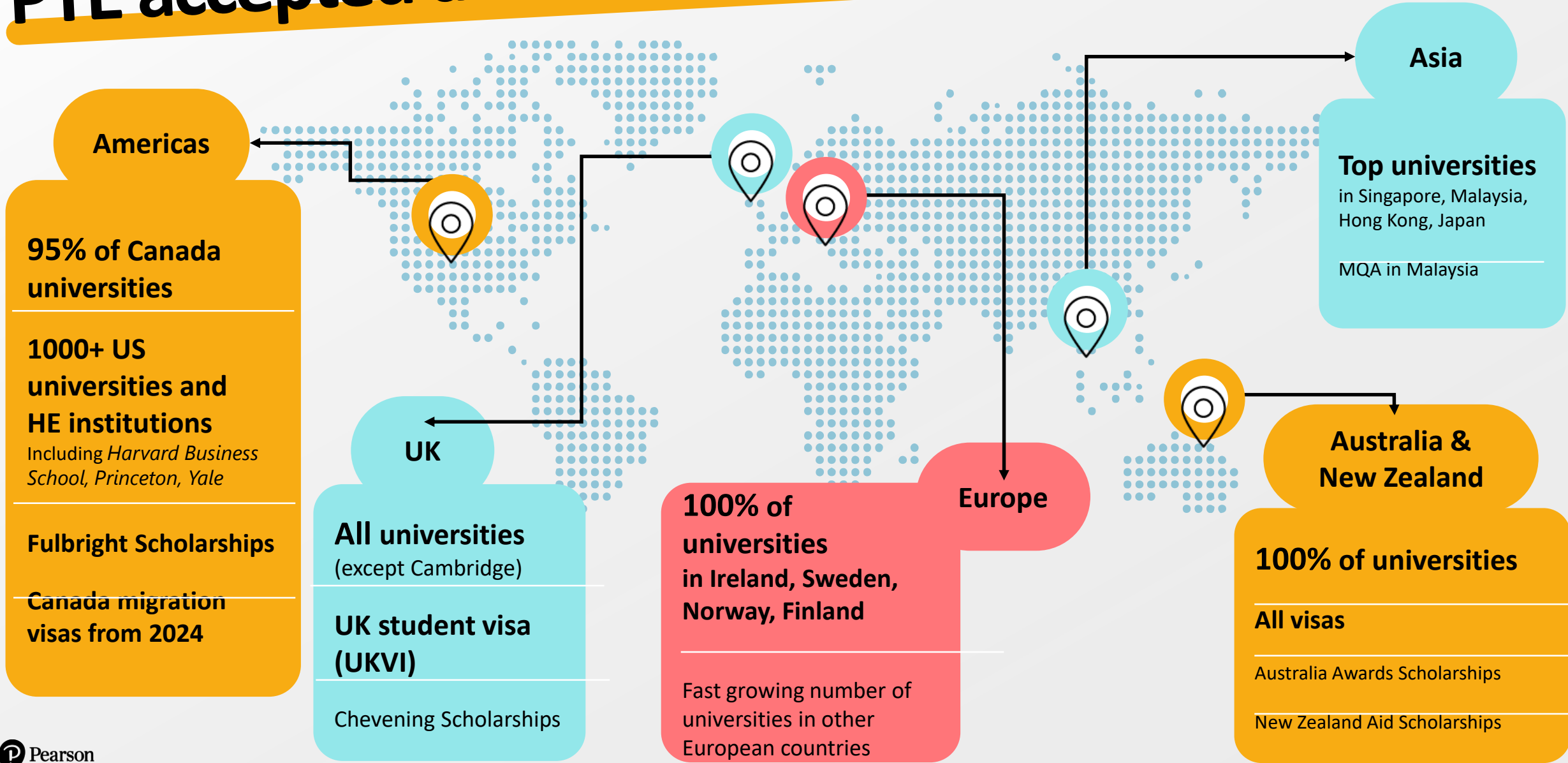


PTE Academic

PTE Academic is one of the most widely accepted tests for admissions to English-taught study programmes around the world and gives institutions an accurate and reliable evaluation of applicants' ability in academic English

**1.1 million
test takers
in 2023**

PTE accepted around the world



Accepted by thousands of institutions in the UK and Europe including:

Find out which institutions
accept our test at
pearsonpte.com



- University of Oxford
- University College London
- University of Manchester
- University of Edinburgh
- King's College London
- London School of Economics
- Imperial College London



- TU Munich (Germany)
- Freie Universität Berlin (Germany)
- University of Bologna (Italy)
- KTH (Sweden)
- Sorbonne University (France)
- Trinity College Dublin (Ireland)
- SDA Bocconi School of Management (Italy)

Trends in international education

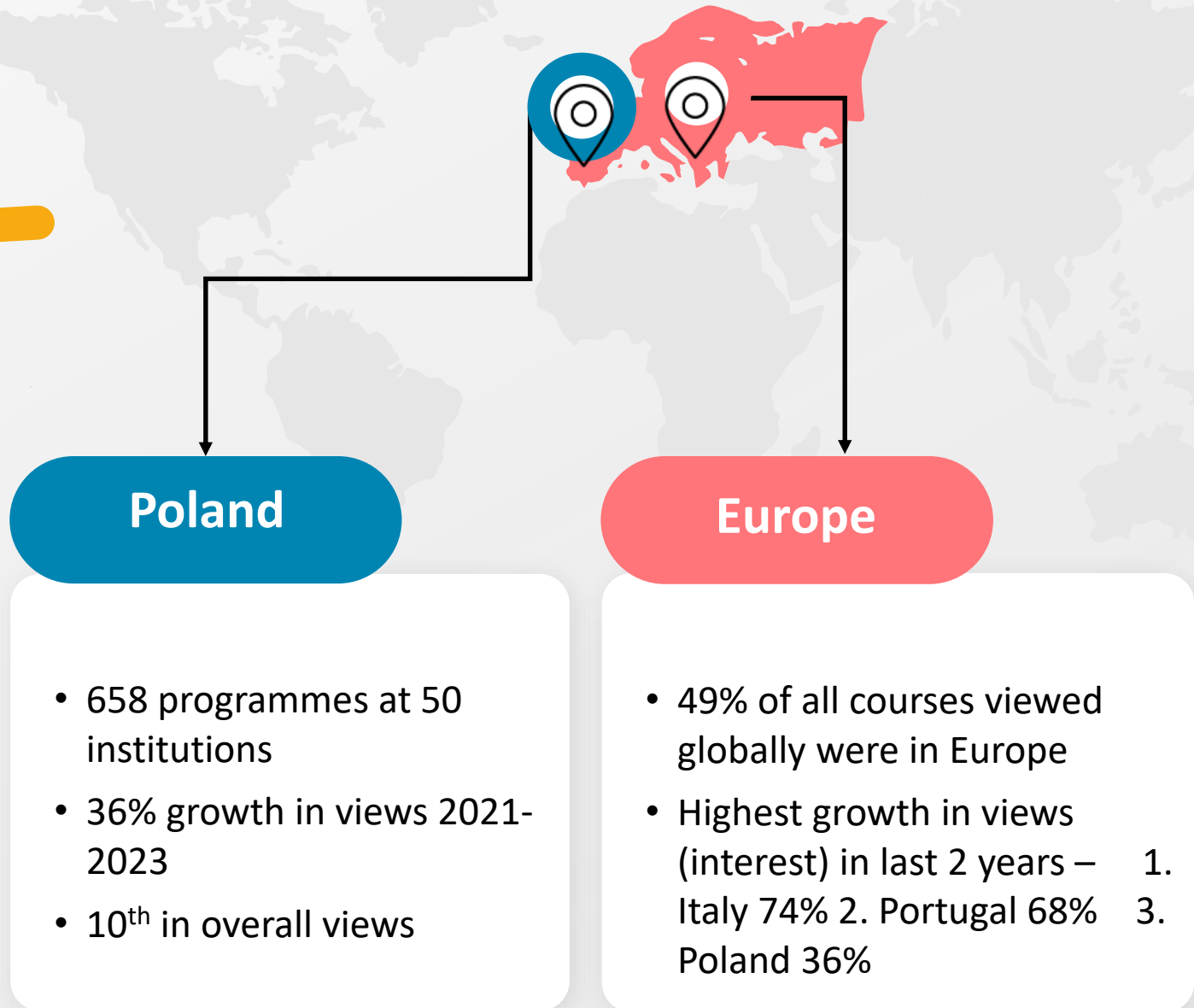
English-taught Programmes of Study (ETPs)

- **20% of ETPs globally are offered outside English-speaking countries**
- **14% of all ETPs are offered in Europe**



 **studyportals**

Trends in international education – page views of ETPs in Europe



Who is searching for courses in Europe?



1. India
 2. Pakistan
 3. Bangladesh
 4. Turkey
 5. Nigeria
- (also China, no search data)

570,000+ from these countries took the PTE Academic test in the last 12 months to prove their English proficiency

Admissions

Language tests are a way to connect with prospective international students

Review and keep language policy for admissions up to date

Don't create unnecessary barriers to international applicants!

Why PTE?

What makes PTE Academic unique?

PTE Academic is the world's first fully computer-based test to utilize AI technology to provide unbiased and secure results of a test takers English proficiency skills.



More convenient

- Single 2-hour test.
- Fast: results in 24 hours average.
- Testing 365 days/year.
- Simple online booking, up to 24 hours in advance.



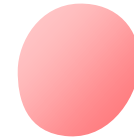
Accurate

- Computer based marking ensures impartial, accurate marks.
- PTE Academic is the most accurate test of academic English with the smallest Standard Error of Measurement (SEM).



Relevant & Objective

- Uses genuine academic content and integrated tasks testing multiple skills.
- Integrated tasks test more than one language skill reflecting the combination of skills student need.



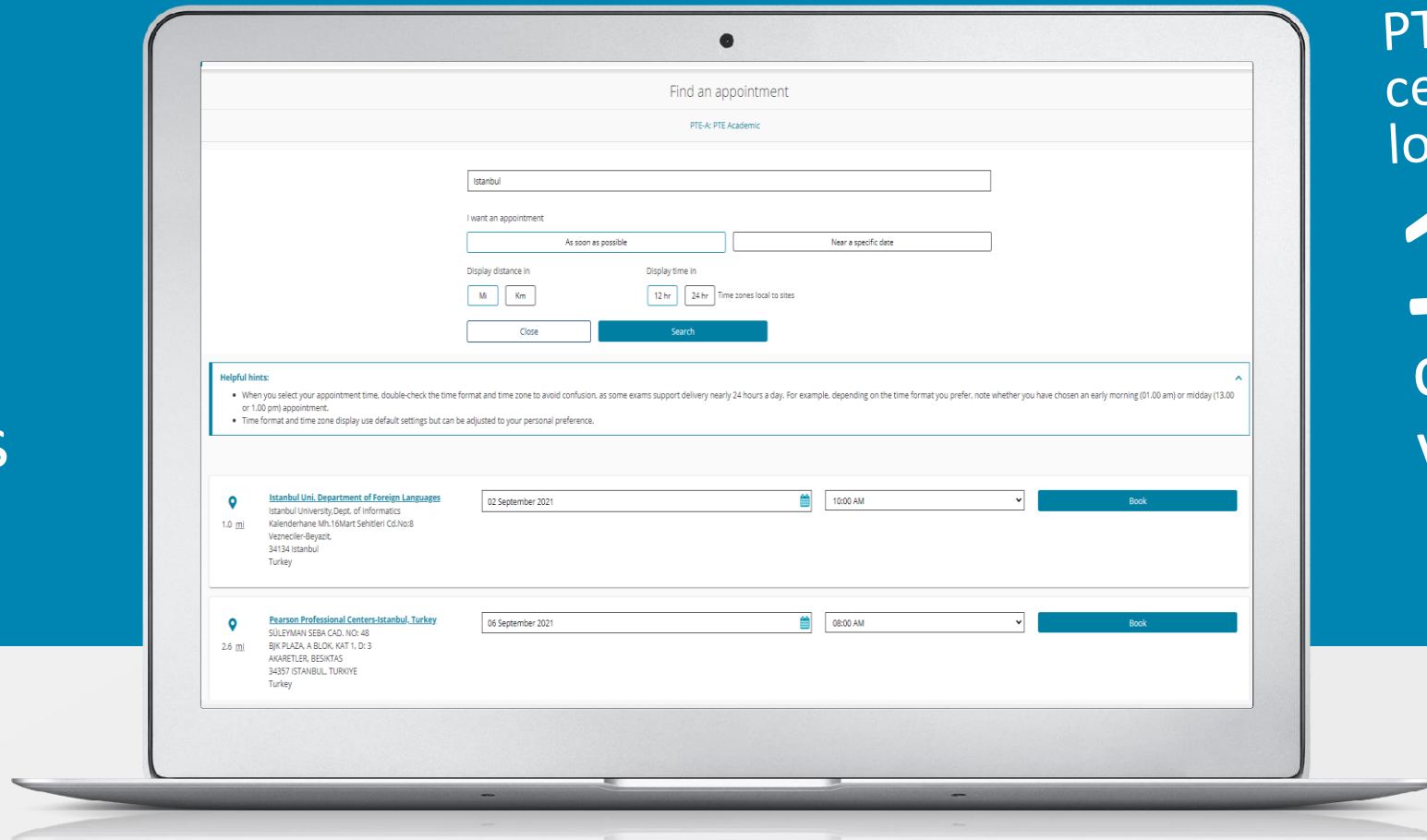
Enhanced security

- Advanced multi-layer security measures.
- Completely digital end-to-end test providing greater accuracy and security.
- Confidence in results.

PTE test centre network



470+
Test centres
worldwide



PTE Academic test
centres are
located in

118
countries
worldwide



Test Day Security

PTE Academic test centers have a range of digital security measures including:

- Palm vein scanning
- Digital signatures
- Test day photo
- Multiple security camera invigilation (CCTV)



After-Test Security

Automated Scoring

Aggregate & synthesise enormous volumes of data

Identify and respond to patterns of behaviour with greater accuracy and consistency than human scoring alone can achieve

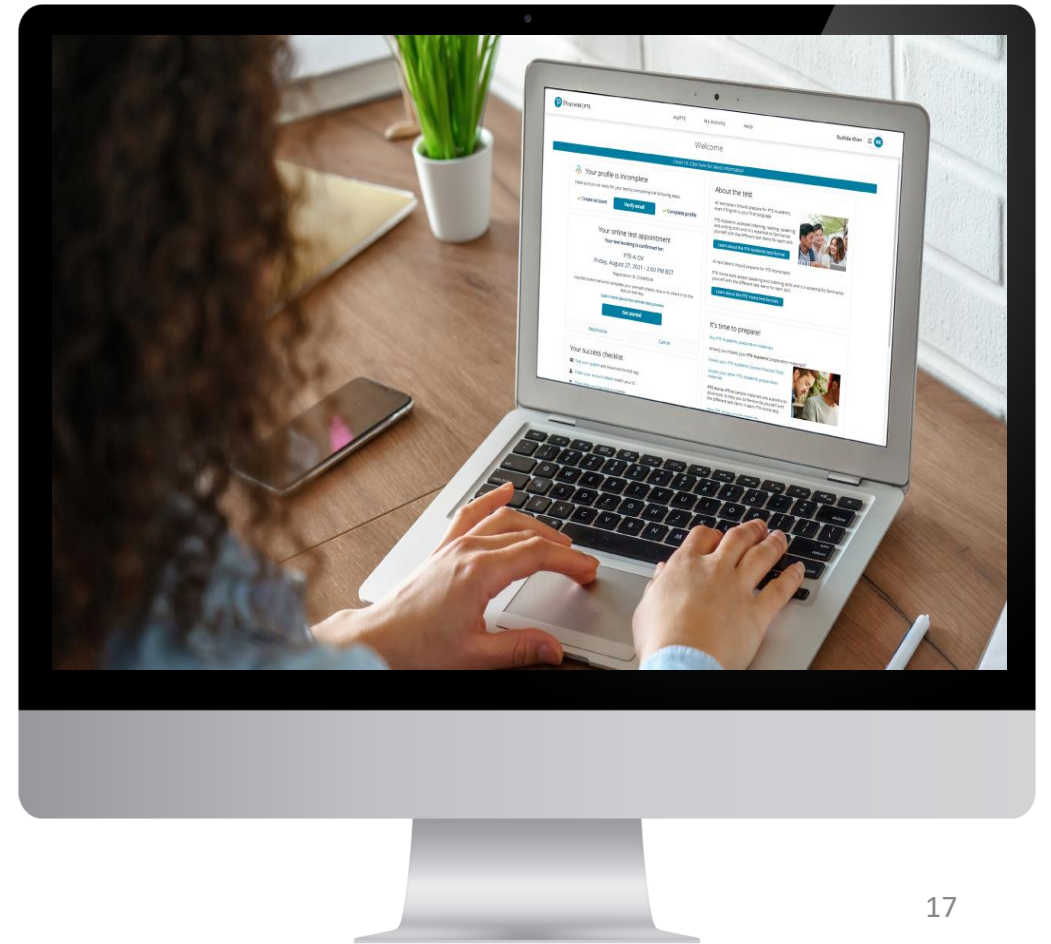
PTE Academic Online



PTE Academic Online is a convenient and reliable “at home” testing solution, powered by **OnVue**, Pearson Vue’s secure testing software. Uses a combination of live proctoring and AI security tools.

To learn more, head to

pearsonpte.com/pte-academic-online



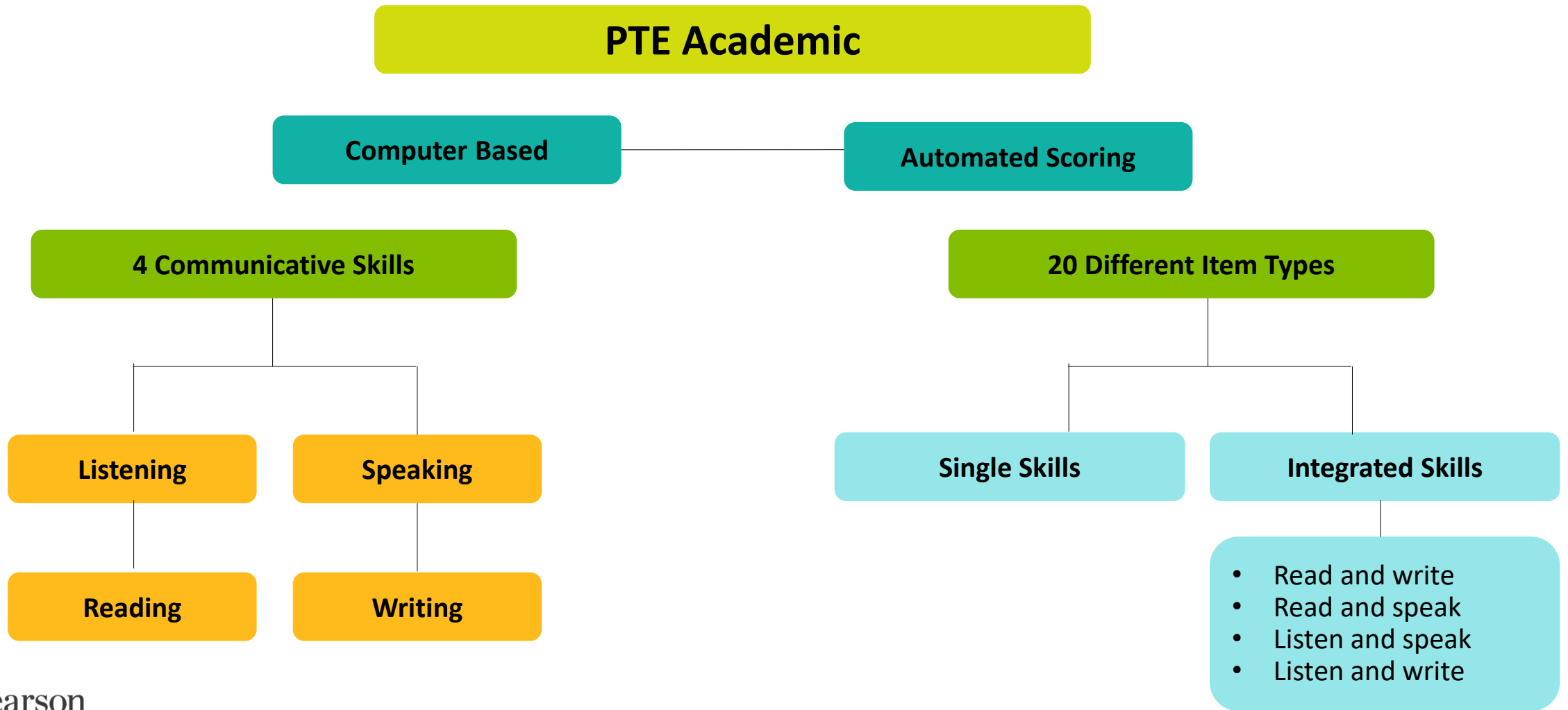
PTE Test Structure

Test timing

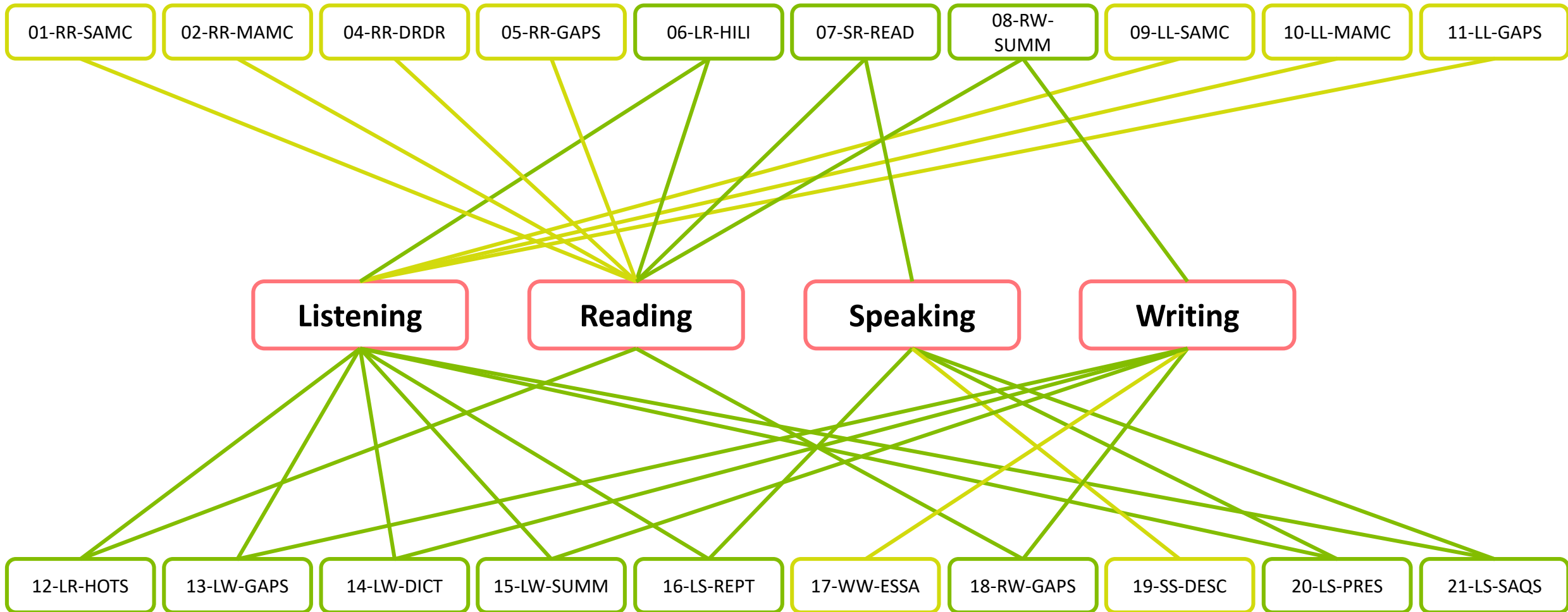
Overall testing time –
approximately 2 hours

Part	Content	Minutes
Pre-test	Technical check & Personal introduction	Not timed
Part 1	Speaking & Writing	54-67 minutes
Part 2	Reading	29-30 minutes
Part 3	Listening	30–43 minutes

PTE Academic summary



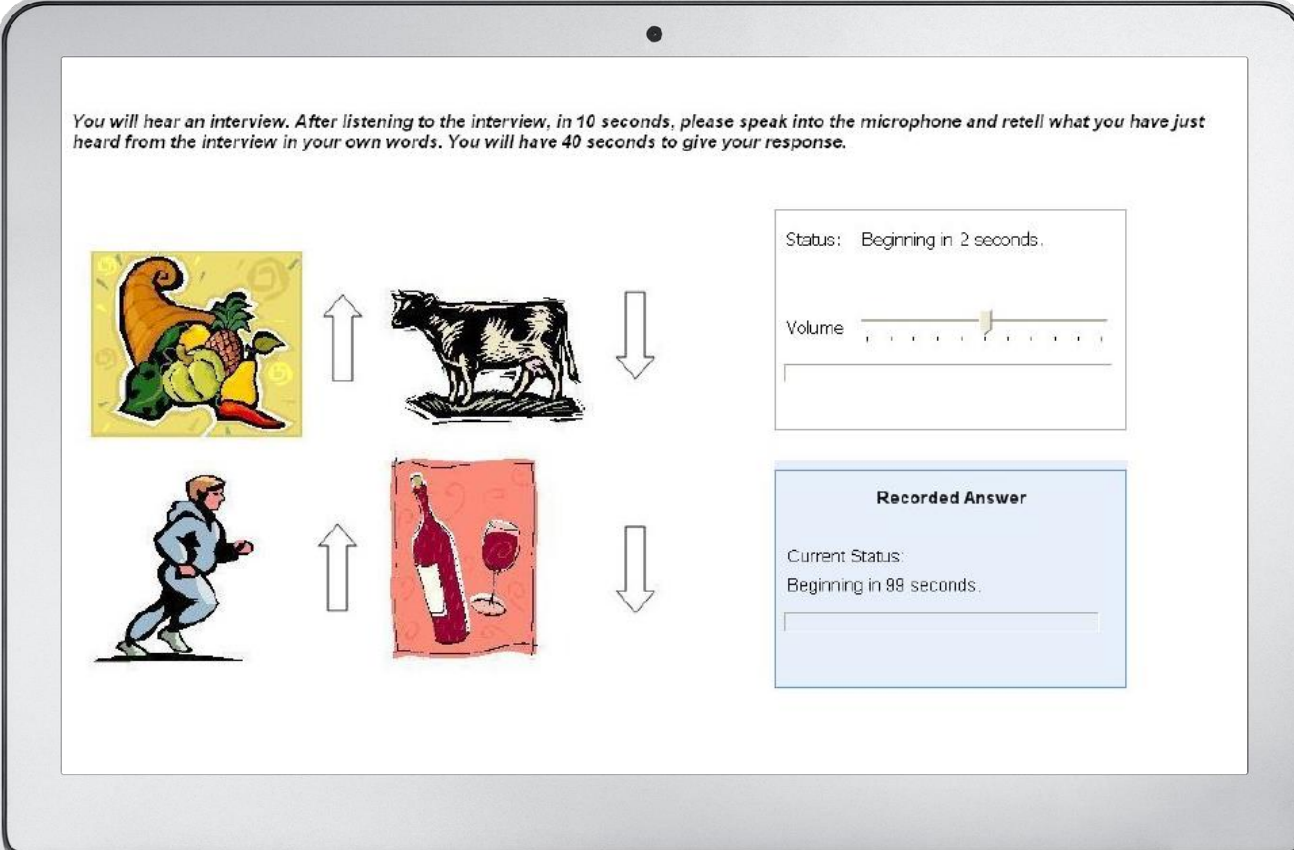
Communicative Skills - integrated



Re-tell lecture

- No of tasks: 1 – 2
- Preparation time: 10 seconds
- Length of recording: 60-90 seconds
- Speaking time: 40 seconds

You will hear an interview. After listening to the interview, in 10 seconds, please speak into the microphone and retell what you have just heard from the interview in your own words. You will have 40 seconds to give your response.



Status: Beginning in 2 seconds.

Volume

Recorded Answer

Current Status:
Beginning in 99 seconds.

Retell Lecture Scoring

Scoring	Traits scored
Listening & Speaking * Partial scoring	<p>Content</p> <p>5 - Re-tells all points of the presentation and describes characters, aspects and actions, their relationships, the underlying development, implications and conclusions</p> <p>4 - Describes all key points of the presentation and their relations, referring to their implications and conclusions</p> <p>3 - Deals with most points in the presentation and refers to their implications and conclusions</p> <p>2 - Deals with only one key point and refers to an implication or conclusion. Shows basic understanding of several core elements of the presentation</p> <p>1 - Describes some basic elements of the presentation but does not make clear their interrelations or implications</p> <p>0 - Mentions some disjointed elements of the presentation. May not deal properly with the prompt due to significant amounts of pre-prepared/memorized material.</p>
	<p>Pronunciation</p> <p>Scale from 5 – 0</p>
	<p>Fluency</p> <p>Scale from 5 – 0</p>

Scoring

Focus on Fairness

**AI: Machine
Learning**



Precision, Accuracy and Consistency -
regular validation studies

+

**World leading
linguistic experts**



Decades of academic research,
real life data, experience

=

Data



PTE has **strong correlations** between human
scores and machine scores

Our machine agrees with an expert human
more often than 2 x human raters agree
with each other.

Automated Scoring

Speaking: Versant technology

25

years of speech recognition, statistical modelling, linguistic and testing theory

126

different accents used to train and technology can deal with all equally.

400,000

spoken response from

10,000

test takers used to train

Resulting in PTE
Academic achieving

0.9

reliability score = highly
reliable test

Automated Scoring

Writing: Intelligent Essay Assessor

20

years of research &
development

50,000

essays used to train

2X

human examiners score each
essay (3rd if they disagree)

Resulting in PTE
Academic achieving

0.9

reliability score = highly
reliable test

Scoring

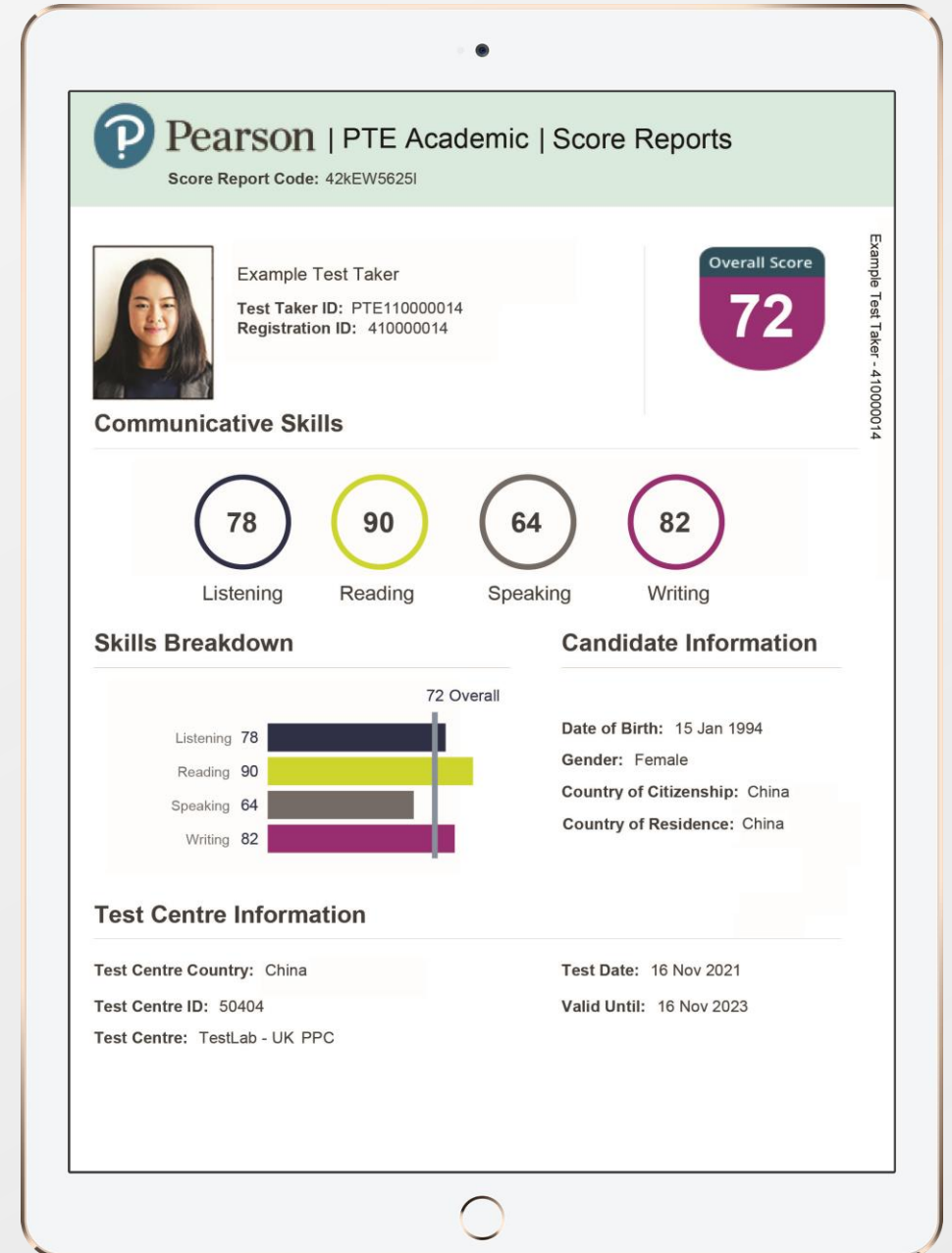


A granular 10-90 points scale on the Global Scale of English allowing a more precise measurement of ability

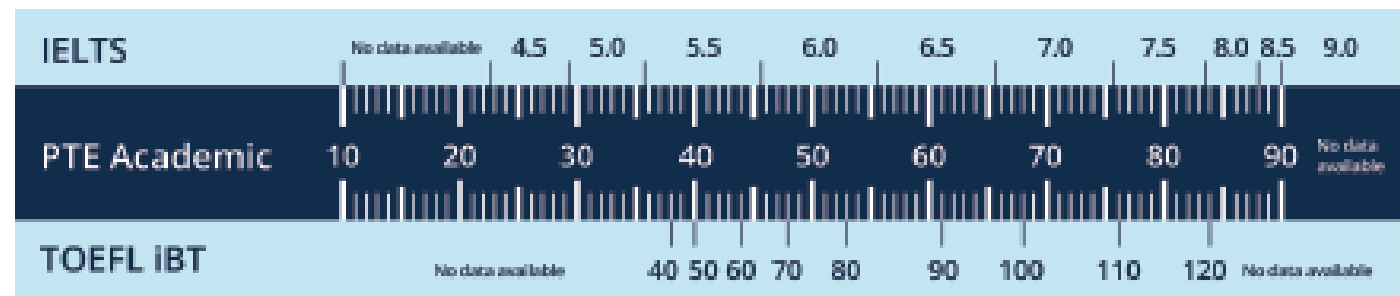
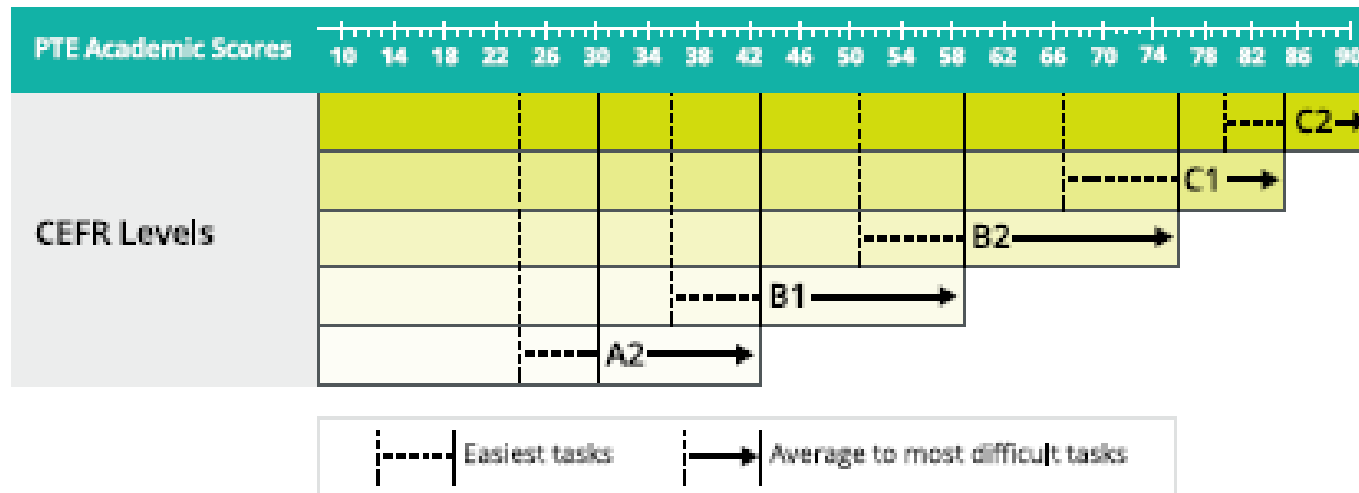
Overall score

4
Communication skills

- ✓ Scores available in 24 hours on average
- ✓ Scores valid for 2 years
- ✓ Aligned to CEFR, TOEFL iBT and IELTS

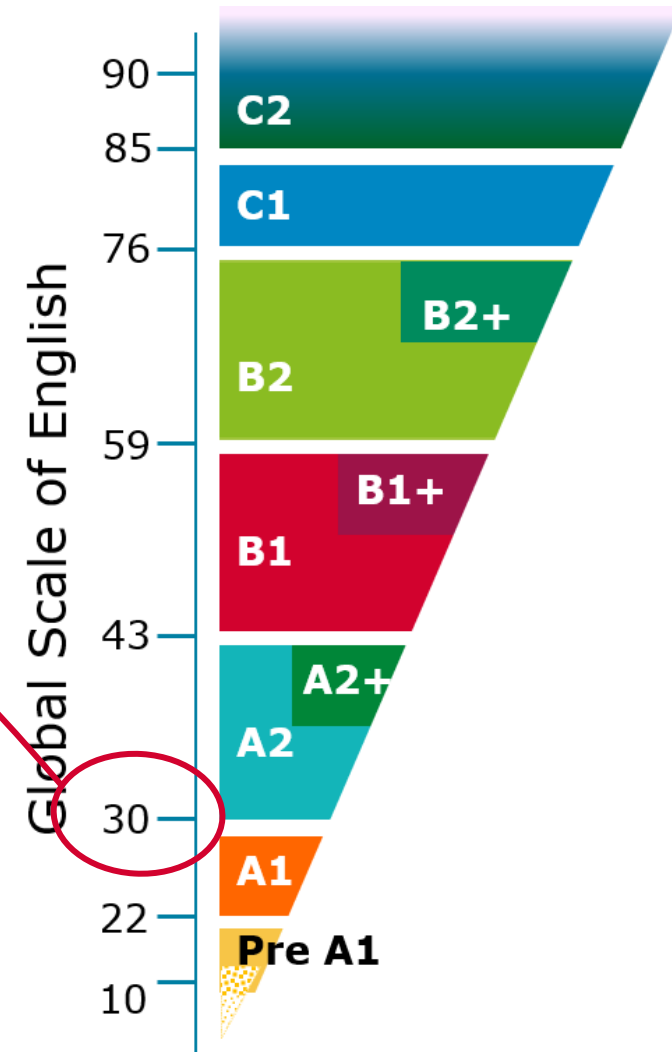


GSE alignment with other scales



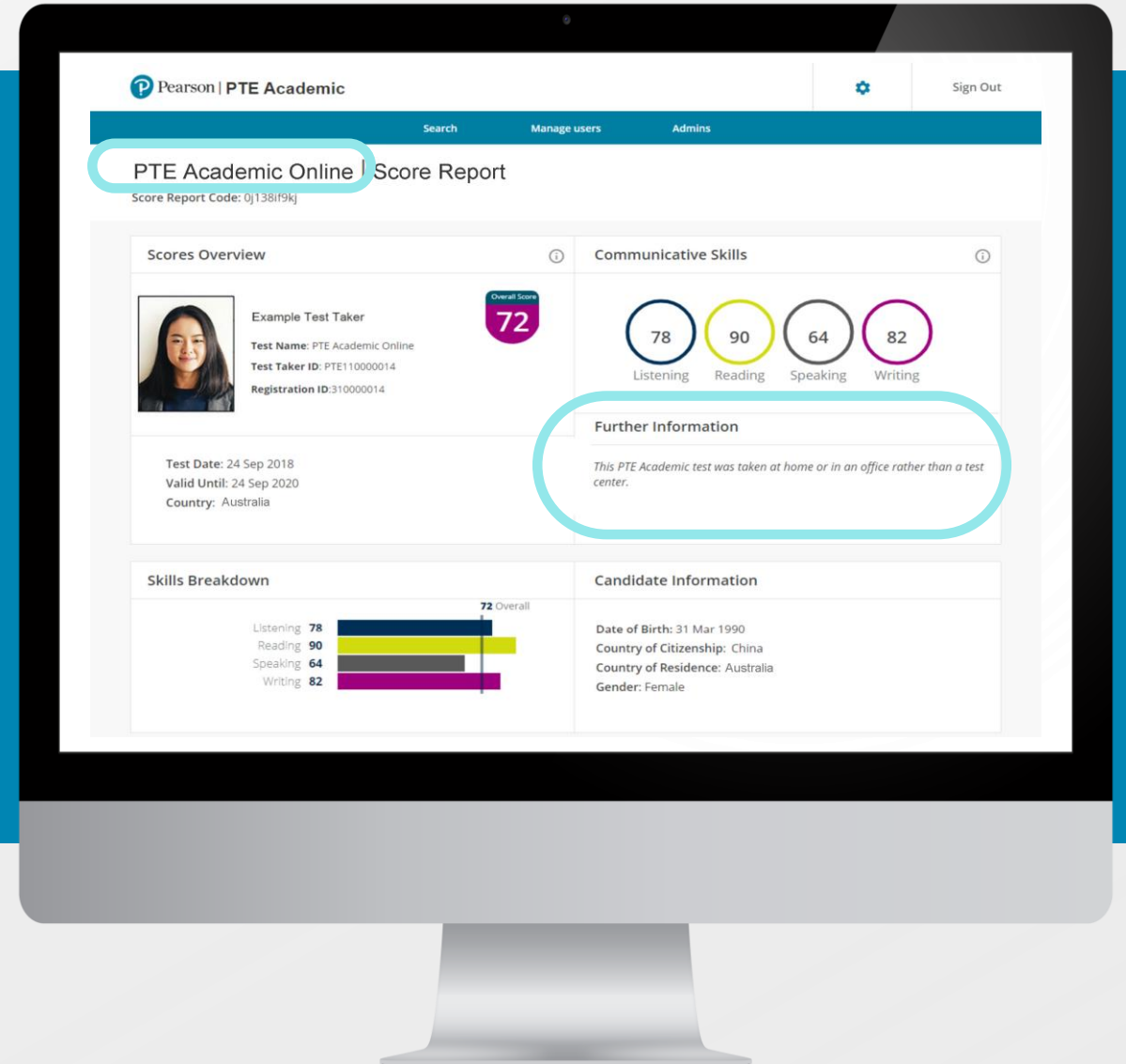
Global Scale of English and CEFR

LOGIT	CEFR	
>3.80	Mastery	C2
2.80	Operational eff.	C1
1.74	Vantage	B2+
0.72		B2
-0.26	Threshold	B1+
-1.23		B1
-2.21	Waystage	A2+
-3.23		A2
-4.29	Breakthrough	A1
-5.39	'Tourist'	Pre A1



Verifying PTE Academic scores

- ✓ All institutions which recognize PTE Academic get an account in the PTE Score Report Website
- ✓ The Score Report Website allows admissions teams to search for and validate a test taker's scores using their Score Report Code or registration ID.
- ✓ A test taker's scores will appear on screen.



Learn more

PTE Academic - pearsonpte.com

To register as a recognising institution -
pearsonpte.com/institutions/start-accepting

Follow us



Pearson | PTE Academic



@PearsonEnglish



@PearsonEnglish