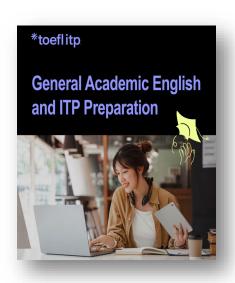
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General Academic English and TOEFL ITP® Preparation: a new e-learning platform





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Background

Why GAE? (2)

- AE (Academic English) plays a key role in both academic research and learning
- GAE (General Academic English) is an optimal learning objective for many English learners, especially young undergraduate students

Why TOEFL ITP? (2)

- TOEFL ITP® test is originally designed to assess the learners' English skills required in their academic experience
- it is extending its scope of assessment to the speaking and writing skills



Background

Primary Goal (2)

- help Japanese students acquire General Academic English skills
- make them global academic communicators

New e-learning System (2)

- world's first system specifically designed for TOEFL ITP® test
- world's first official learning platform incorporating genuine TOEFL ITP® materials to foster General Academic English learning



Collaboration

Collaboration and Genuine Materials (5)

ETS Japan

a subsidiary of ETS, the administrator of the TOEFL test



EJC

EGAP (English for General Academic Purposes) Japan Consortium

to create an e-learning platform:

General Academic English and TOEFL ITP® Preparation



world's first system with genuine TOEFL ITP® test materials



Target Audience

CEFR Levels: A2 to B1 learners (4)

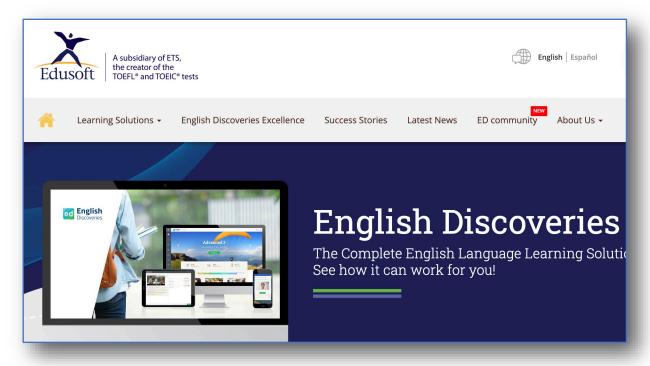
- majority of college-bound students
- learners looking to challenge themselves with GAE
- introductory learners preparing for the TOEFL ITP/TOEFL iBT
- ▶ learners aiming to improve their TOEFL ITP scores (from 400 → 500+)



System Platform

English Discoveries:

an e-learning system developed by Edusoft Ltd., a subsidiary of ETS





Content Selection (4)

- unit selection team: six faculty members from EJC selected content units from English Discoveries that align with the target learners and learning objectives
- genuine materials for tests: from TOEFL ITP Practice Test

Official Guide

- (Level 1 & 2) in Official Guide to the TOEFL ITP
- total learning time: approximately 60+ hours
- availability: one year after user registration



Creation of the Instructor's Guide

two EJC members are responsible for creating the instructor's guide

the guide includes



teaching planner



handout templates



ideas for standardized teaching



Content Unit Selection Team

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Instructor's Guide Creation Team

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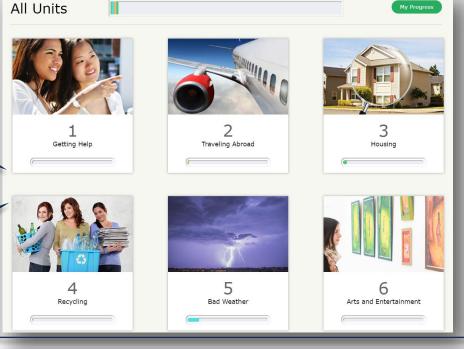


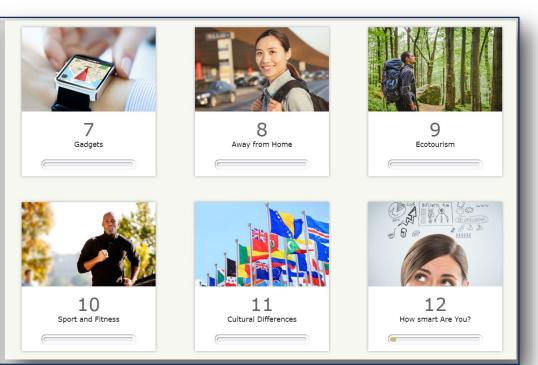
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Platform and Contents

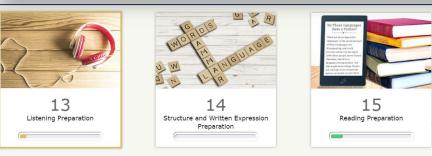
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each includes
Listening,
Structure and
Reading section







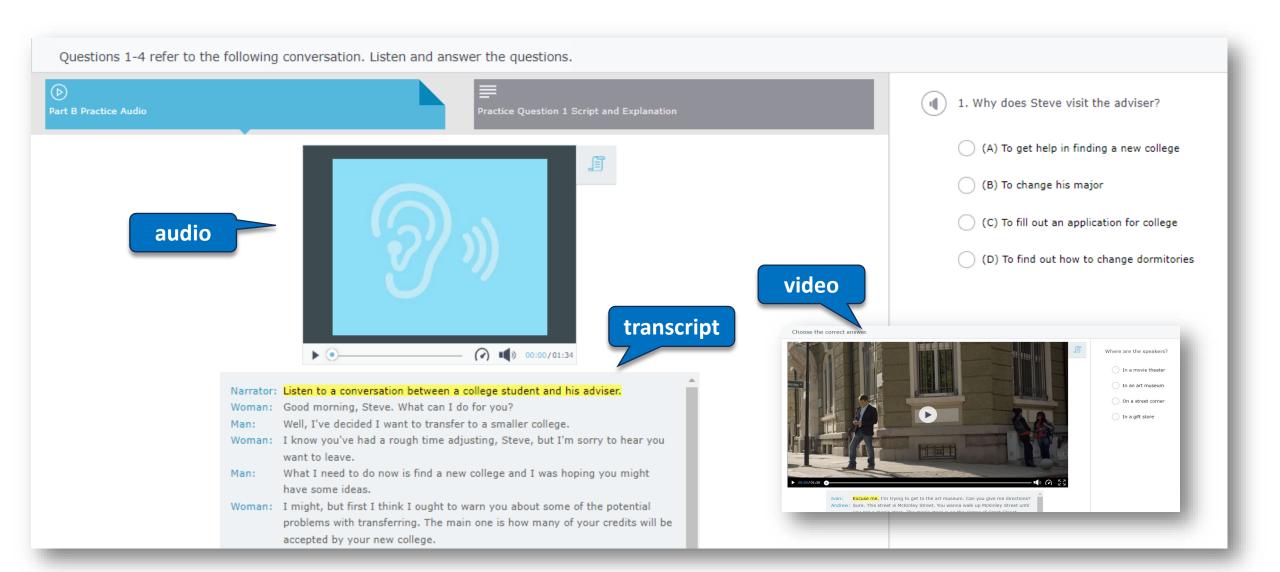
each unit is subdivided into



TOEFL ITP preparations for each skill, including Practice and Test session



Listening Comprehension





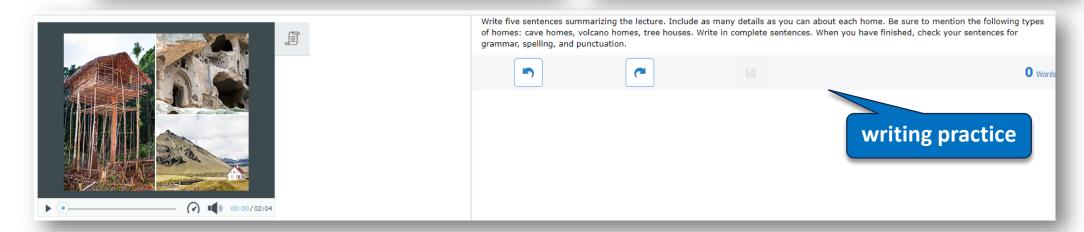
Structure and Written Expression

grammar and expression 1. Telephone cables that use optical fibers can be ----- conventional cables, yet they typically carry much more information.

- (A) they are smaller and lighter
- (B) than the smaller and lighter
- (C) smaller and lighter than
- (D) so small and light that

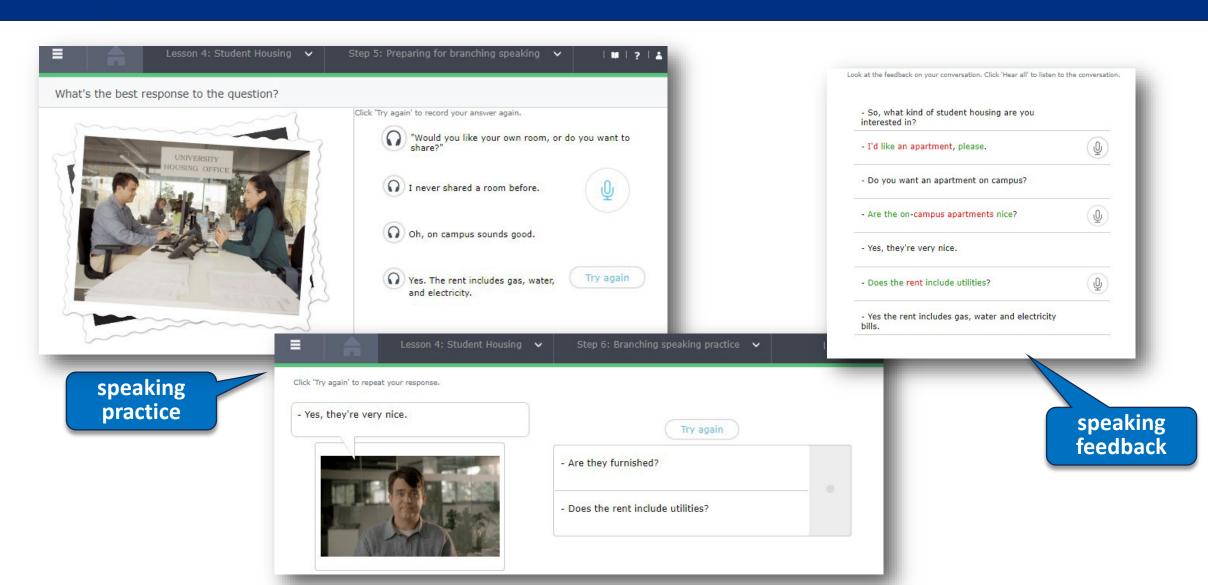
2. The novelty, relatively high speed, and <u>advantageously</u> of year-round service <u>made</u> early <u>passenger trains</u> a popular <u>form</u> of transportation.

- (A) advantageously
- (B) made
 - (C) passenger trains
 - (D) form



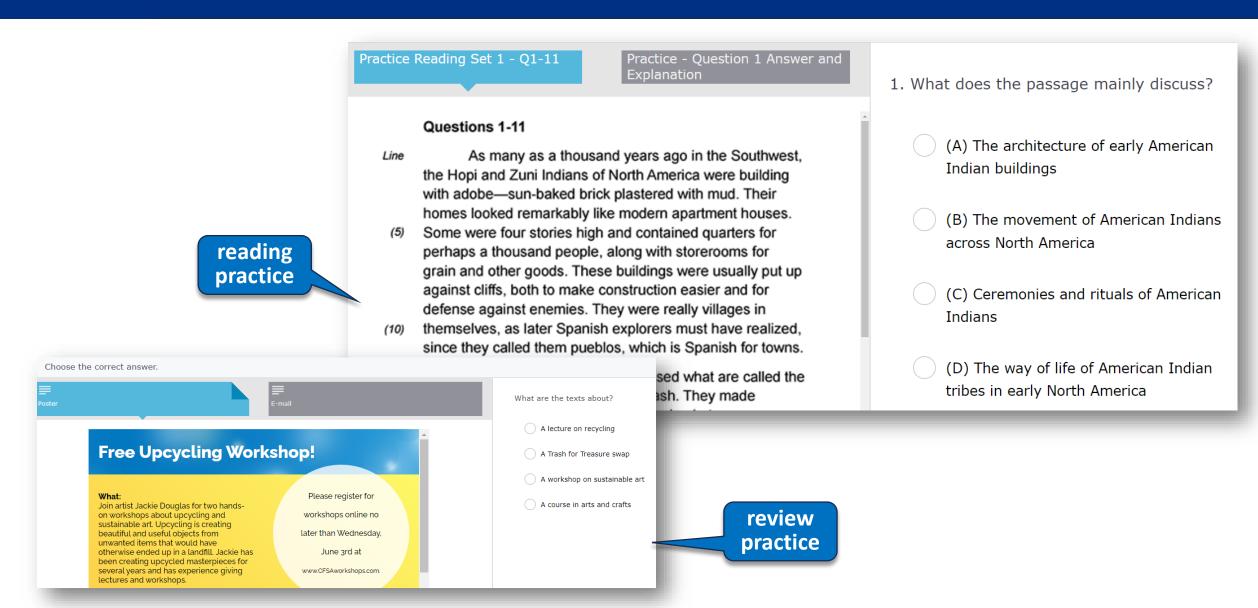


Speaking Practice



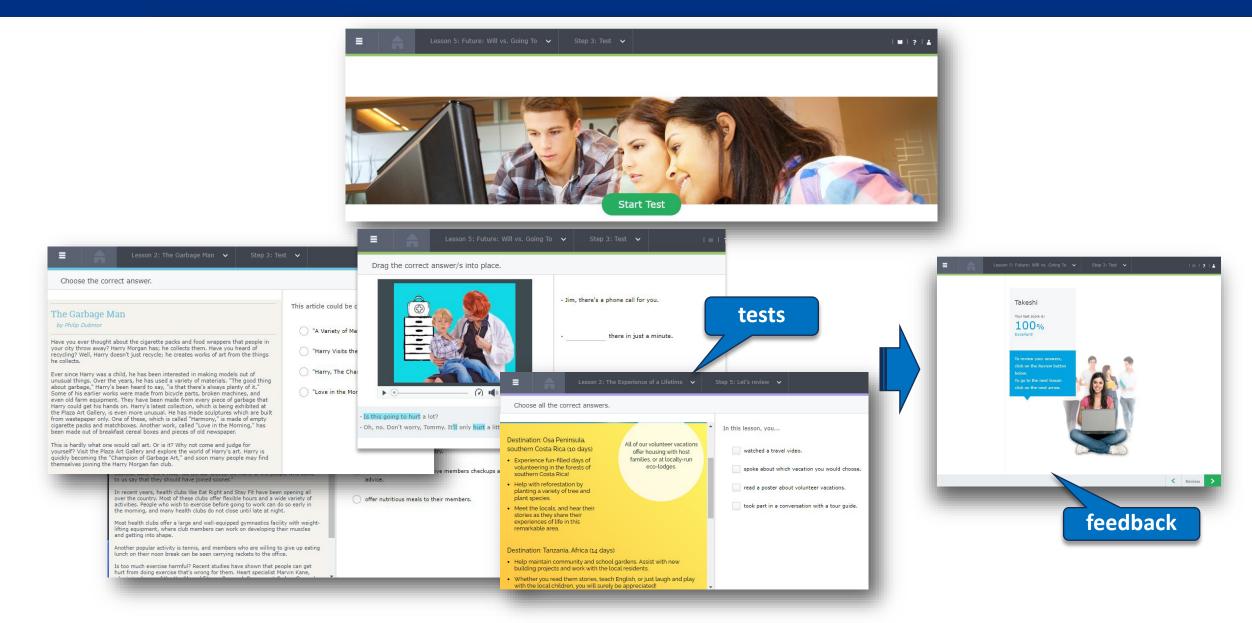


Reading Comprehension





Test Module in Each Unit





Trial Phase

- demo version currently tested (fall semester 2024)
- two freshmen classes, approx. 80 students
- instructor: Sei Isomine (EJC member)
- used as part of the mandatory "English LR" course material







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Trial Phase

paper-based textbook (class instruction)

GAE and TOEFL ITP® Preparation (self-study at home)

- progress monitored by the instructor
- account for up to 10% of course grade
- feedback will be collected from both instructors and students after the trial phase for future improvements
- demo accounts have been provided to several universities



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User / Teacher Support

Users' Guide

How to use the dashboard

Profile

Learning community

Assignments

Assessment

Grammar book

Lesson plan (activity)

Listening Speaking Reading Writing

FAQ





User / Teacher Support

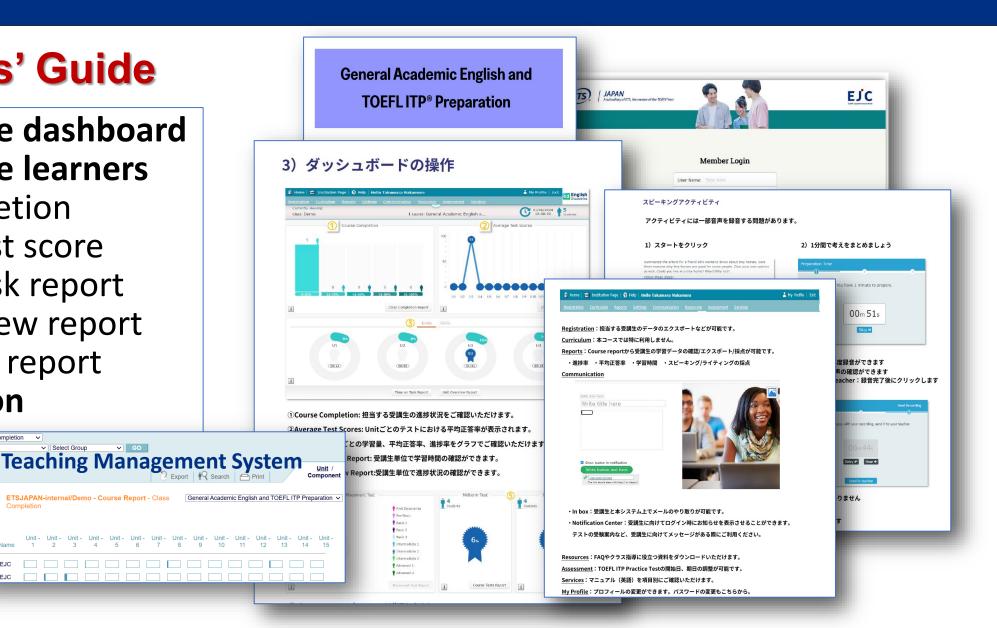
Teachers' Guide

How to use the dashboard Monitoring the learners

Unit completion
Average test score
Time on task report
Unit overview report
Course test report

Resource Assignment

Communication





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How to Get it

TOEFL Official e-learning shop

https://www.officialtestprep.jp/c/itp/GAEITP



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