



Changes in PTE Academic 2025

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1) Introduction of 2 New Speaking Question Types

Pearson has added Summarize Group Discussion and Respond to a Situation to the Speaking section

Summarize Group Discussion

- 1) **Format:** Listen to a three-person discussion (~3 minutes), followed by a 10-second prep and up to 2 minutes of speaking
- 2) **Scoring Breakdown:** Content, pronunciation, and oral fluency
- 3) **Skills assessed:** Listening + Speaking — focus on capturing main points, speakers' opinions, and outcomes in structured, coherent speech.

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Respond to a Situation

- 1) **Format:** Listen and read a scenario, 10 seconds to prepare, then speak for 40 seconds
- 2) **Scoring Breakdown:** Content, pronunciation, and oral fluency
- 3) **Skills assessed:** Speaking — focus on capturing main points, speakers' opinions, and outcomes in structured, coherent speech.

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2) Beep Sound Added to Repeat Sentence

In the Repeat Sentence question, a **'beep' sound** has now been added before the microphone opens. This is to alert the test taker that recording is about to begin.

Why This Matters

- 1) Helps avoid missing the start of recording
- 2) Reduces anxiety by providing a clear cue
- 3) Improves fairness in timing for all candidates

3) Score Contribution Changes

Pearson reshuffled the scoring weight of several tasks:

Read Aloud: Previously split between Reading & Speaking; now counts only towards Speaking.

Reading & Writing Fill in the Blanks: Previously counted for both; now counts only towards Reading.

Write Essay: Along with Spelling, Grammar, now general linguistic range and Development, Structure and Coherence will also be assessed.

The **score contribution of content** has also changed for certain tasks:

Task Name	Content Score (Old)	Content Score (New)
Describe Image	5	6
Re-tell Lecture	5	6
Summarize Written Text	2	4
Summarize Spoken Text	2	4

4) Question Frequency Change

Pearson has revised the number of questions that appear in the exam for 10 specific tasks. The frequency of certain question types has been reduced or slightly adjusted. See the table below for details:

Task Name	Number of Questions (Old)	Number of Questions (New)
Describe Image	3-4	5-6
Re-tell Lecture	1-2	2-3
Summarize Written Text	1-2	2
Write Essay	1-2	1
Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (Reading)	1-2	2-3
Multiple Choice, Single Answer (Reading)	1-2	2-3
Summarize Spoken Text	1-2	1
Multiple Choice, Multiple Answer (Listening)	1-2	2-3
Highlight Correct Summary	1-2	2-3
Multiple Choice, Single Answer (Listening)	1-2	2-3

5) Overall Test Time Increase

Due to the addition of the new question types, the overall test duration has slightly increased.

Updated Test Duration: Approx. **2 hours 15 minutes**

6) Name Changes of Question Types

To better clarify task nature, three types have been renamed

Old Name	New Name
Reading: Fill in the blanks	Fill in the Blanks (Drag & Drop)
Reading & Writing: Fill in the blanks	Fill in the Blanks (Dropdown)
Listening: Fill in the blanks	Fill in the Blanks (Type In)

7) UI/UX Design Updates

Pearson has rolled out several interface improvements for a smoother test experience:

- 1) Removed keyboard check
 - 2) Microphone check will now happen twice
 - 3) Progress indicator changed from straight line to circular
 - 4) Smaller font size
 - 5) Audio waveforms visible during speaking tasks
- These changes aim to streamline the interface and reduce cognitive load.

8) Conclusion

These changes reflect Pearson's commitment to continuous improvement and relevance. If you're preparing for the PTE Academic exam in 2025, it's important to familiarize yourself with these updates to stay ahead of the curve.

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