

# TOCFL Novice

## I. Overview

TOCFL Novice, developed by the Steering Committee for the Test Of Proficiency-Huayu (SC-TOP), is a Chinese language test designed for adult Chinese starters who have learned the language in non-Chinese speaking regions more than 60 hours. TOCFL Novice contains two proficiency levels: Novice 1 and Novice 2, which are below CEFR A1. The test is based on about 300 high-frequency words and uses abundant pictures to illustrate authentic situations, with the aim to evaluate the ability of recognition and comprehension of words/phrases. The test is divided into three subtests: Listening, Reading, and Speaking. The goal of the test is to provide an outlook of Chinese starters' abilities on listening, reading and speaking, as well as encourage them to set learning objectives in their future learning plans after taking the test.

## II. Test Format

Sections	Content				Test Time
	Part One	Part Two	Part Three	Part Four	
Listening	10 test items	10 test items	5 test items	5 test items	around 35 min
Reading	15 test items	10 test items	5 test items	--	35 min
Speaking	10 test items	6 test items	--	--	around 10 min

## III. Proficiency Descriptors

### ● Listening

Levels	Descriptors
Novice 1	Can recognize everyday, high-frequency words which are immediately relevant to oneself and delivered clearly and slowly, repeated, and supported by context.
Novice 2	Can understand high-frequency words related to daily life delivered clearly and slowly, repeated, and supported by context.

### ● Reading

Levels	Descriptors
Novice 1	Can recognize everyday, high-frequency words which are immediately relevant to oneself, with backtracking allowed, and meaning supported by context.
Novice 2	Can understand high-frequency words and phrases related to daily life with backtracking allowed, and meaning supported by context.

● **Speaking**

Levels	Descriptors
Novice 1	With adequate preparation, can speak out a number of everyday, high-frequency words which are immediately relevant to oneself.
Novice 2	With adequate preparation, can respond to very simple questions related to daily life using high-frequency words.

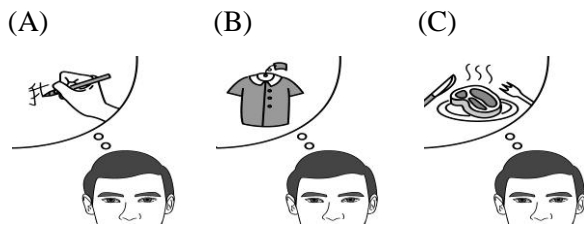
## IV. Sample Test Items

### ● Listening

#### Part One

In this part of the test, each test item includes three pictures (A), (B), and (C). You will hear a sentence. After each sentence, please choose the picture that best describes the sentence. Each sentence will be read twice with a 5-second pause between readings. After the second reading, you will have ten seconds to mark your answer before the next question begins. Please look at the example below.

🔊) 他想寫字



The correct answer is (A).

#### Part Three

In this part of the test, each test item includes a question. You will hear a dialogue between two people. There will be a question with three possible answers (A), (B), and (C). After each dialogue, please choose the correct answer. Each sentence will be read twice with a 5-second pause between readings. After the second reading, you will have ten seconds to mark your answer before the next test item begins. Please look at the example below.

tā men zài kàn shén me

他們正在看什麼？

- 🔊) 男：麗麗，這是你的照片嗎？  
女：是的，這是我的照片。  
他們在看什麼？  
(A) 信 (B) 照片 (C) 電視

The correct answer is (B).

#### Part Two

In this part of the test, each test item includes a picture. You will hear three sentences (A), (B), and (C). After listening to these three sentences, please choose the correct answer that best describes the picture. Each sentence will be read twice with a 5-second pause between readings. After the second reading, you will have ten seconds to mark your answer before the next test item begins. Please look at the example below.



- 🔊) (A)他在運動。  
(B)他在睡覺。  
(C)他在打電話。

The correct answer is (C).

#### Part Four

In this test part, each test item includes three pictures (A), (B), and (C). You will hear a dialogue read between two speakers. After each dialogue, please choose the picture that best describes the dialogue. Each dialogue will be read twice with a 5-second pause in between readings. After the second reading, you will have five seconds to mark your answer before a new test item begins. Please look at the example below.

- 🔊) 男：昨天下雨了嗎？  
女：是啊，還下得很大呢！

(A) (B) (C)



The correct answer is (B).

## ● Reading

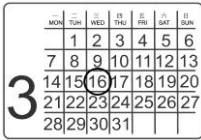
### Part One

In this part of the test, each test item will have the text and three pictures marked (A), (B), and (C). Please pick the picture that matches each text the best. Please look at the example below.

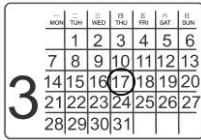
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(A)



(B)



(C)



### Part Two

In this part of the test, each test item has a picture and three sentences marked (A), (B), and (C). Please pick the answer that matches each picture the best. Please look at the example below.



The correct answer is (C).

(A) hái zǐ zài shuì jiào

孩 子 在 睡 覺。

(B) hái zǐ zài hē shuǐ

孩 子 在 喝 水。

(C) hái zǐ zài dǎ diàn huà

孩 子 在 打 電 話。

The correct answer is (B).

### Part Three

For each test item, you will see a sentence and three pictures (A), (B), and (C). Please choose the picture that best describes the sentence. Please look at the example below.

她在電影院門口等人。

(A)



(B)



(C)



The correct answer is (B).

## ● Speaking

### Part One

Please answer each question by matching it with the video. Each question will be played twice. After that, there will be a beep, and you can then answer the question. You will have ten seconds to answer a question. Please look at the example below.

🔊 這是什麼？



### Part Two

Please answer the question after you hear it. Each question will be read twice. After the first reading, there will be a 3-second pause, and the question will be read again. After the question is read a second time, you will have ten seconds to prepare. After ten seconds, you will hear a beep, and you can then answer the question. You will have ten seconds to answer a question. Please look at the example below.

🔊 你喜歡咖啡還是茶？