



iTEP SLATE – SLEP[®] Comparison Chart

The SLEP test is a retired test, and is therefore an unsecure test. Other key differences are found in delivery format, flexibility for ESL curricula support, skills assessed, and scoring options. The SLEP is available only in paper format, does not assess speaking or writing, and is not scored by ETS. While the SLEP test may provide the benefit of significant financial savings, accuracy and detail of assessment may be lacking.

	iTEP SLATE	SLEP[®] (Retired)
Total Exam Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 min (<i>Plus</i>), 60 min (<i>Core</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 90 minutes (two sections)
Skills Assessed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Plus</i>: grammar, listening, reading, writing, and speaking <i>Core</i>: grammar, listening, and reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listening and reading (grammar tested indirectly)
Target Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school age students (and younger) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High school age students (and younger)
Difficulty Level Tested	Tests five levels: Beginner, Elementary, Intermediate, Upper Intermediate, and Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests at different difficulty levels (but lower than university level proficiency)
Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions, placement, validation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Placement, validation
Price (Retail)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$99 (global retail price for iTEP SLATE-Plus for applicants); significant institutional discounts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Price (Institutional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Core</i>: \$20-\$25/exam <i>Plus</i>: \$35-\$40/exam <i>Paper-based, Pre-arrival, Customized, or Modularized exams</i>: \$3-\$40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set of 20 test booklets, answer sheets, CD: \$255
Test Delivery Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Internet, optional paper-based 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper form only
Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administered at Certified iTEP Test Centers or on-site at partner institution Item bank feature ensures that no test is replicated Test content streamed live in real time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tests are given and graded at school sites Individuals have access to test content and grading sheets ETS is not involved with the implementation or scoring of the test in any way
Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple-choice sections (grammar, listening, reading) evaluated by iTEP-SLATE Grader Software Writing and speaking sections evaluated by iTEP graders: native English-speaking ESL trained professionals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administering institution scores the tests and retains materials ETS does not provide scoring service for this exam
Scoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 to 6, with .1 level increments Individual section and sub-skill scores Institutions can access writing and speaking samples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For listening, scores range from 10-32 For reading, scores range from 10- 35 Total scores range from 20-67
Results Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple choice available instantly Writing and speaking results returned within 5 business days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administering institution can deliver results immediately after scoring paper test ETS does not provide scoring service for this exam
Promotional Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Institutions promoted at all global iTEP Test Centers and Distribution points Institutions may become test centers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None