

Correlation between two EFL listening tests: the IELTS and the iBT

**The IELTS (International English Language Testing Systems)*

**The iBT (internet-Based Test of English as a Foreign Language)*

It is necessary to investigate the correlation between the IELTS and the iBT TOEFL tests because (1) these tests become more and more popular for EFL students who plan to study in English-speaking countries, (2) the number of universities accepting scores of either of these tests has been increasing, and (3) iBT is a new test which has been implemented just for a year.

Due to limited time and resources, the study only focused on the listening sub-test of the IELTS and the iBT TOEFL tests. Participants in the study were 107 Vietnamese students: 48 of them were from the IELTS preparation group and 47 from the TOEFL preparation group. They all planned to study for tertiary levels in English-speaking countries such as Australia or America. Method of data collection was test performance of all participants both in the IELTS and the iBT listening tests.

Preliminary findings reveal that though there was significant correlation between the two listening tests, this correlation was not high ($r=0.69$). Justifications for this moderate correlation between the two listening tests were made before implication for further research and suggestion for language requirements of university admission.