

### Reading Section

The reading section of the TOEFL® ITP test has 50 questions you must answer in 55 minutes, with a maximum score of 67 and a minimum score of 31. It has 4-5 reading passages. According to ETS, the topics are usually academic topics about arts, humanities, life sciences, physical sciences, and social sciences.

<b>TOEFL® ITP Test</b>			
	<b>Listening</b>	<b>Grammar</b>	<b>Reading</b>
<b>Number of questions</b>	50 questions	40 questions	50 questions
<b>Time</b>	35 minutes	35 minutes	55 minutes
<b>Maximum score</b>	68 points	68 points	67 points
<b>Minimum score</b>	24 points	31 points	31 points

### How to use this section of the book?

- Carefully read the question
- Choose the best answer
- Check your answer
- Look at the answer's explanation, and study both TOEFL® and English tips
- Practice!

**Finding main idea/topic questions**

**Read and answer**

**I am a bus driver**

Daiki is a professional bus driver in Hiroshima City, Japan. He is an early bird. He, with a smile, wakes up very early to start his job duties at 7:00 AM. His bus route is 15, which runs from north to south. Daiki works very hard, but he never complains. He is usually free on only one day per week, Sunday. He always spends his free day with his family, and his energetic little girl – Natsumi. Daiki will retire next year at the age of 60. He still wants to work for 5 more years for his house to be paid off. Daiki is also considering other options after retirement. But for a man at his age, options would be limited.

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  - B. Daiki's family
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**Answer:** A. Daiki's career

**TOEFL® tip:**

The answer for main idea/topic questions is usually in the first couple lines of each paragraph. If you see a question that asks you the main idea of the whole reading passage, quickly read the first and last sentence of each paragraph to get an idea of what everything is about. To save time, you should try to answer main idea/topic questions last. After answering the other questions, you will have a better idea of what the whole reading is about.

**English tip:**

Different words used in main idea/topic questions are: Topic, subject, main point, primarily concerned, and title.

**Fun English:**

- Q. What do you call a fish without an eye?  
A. "fsh!"

## Practice

### Self defence mechanisms

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*Passage adapted from: <http://psychcentral.com/lib/15-common-defense-mechanisms/>*

- Q1. What is the main topic of the passage?
- A. Human Problems
  - B. Denial and Regression
  - C. Self-defense Classes
  - D. Self-defense Mechanisms
- Q2. According to the passage, a drinking problem is a result of...
- A. Denial
  - B. Regression
  - C. Acting Out
  - D. Projection
- Q3. What is projection?
- A. When people refuse to accept the truth
  - B. When people revert back to an earlier stage
  - C. When people put the blame on others
  - D. When people do something out of anger
- Q4. "Mother-in-law" is...
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## Vocabulary questions

### Read and answer

#### Christmas Day

Christmas is **approaching**, just one week away. I am really excited. My family and I will gather in our backyard. We will have a barbecue, grilled meat. We also will have some fireworks. I love how colorful they are! I understand that we shouldn't use them that much. "Not good for the environment," my teacher said. I am also planning to surprise my parents on that day; I will buy them gifts - not luxury ones, but I am sure they will appreciate them. I will have a leather wallet for my dad and an aromatic perfume for my mum. Oh, I didn't forget my adorable brother; I will have a special gift for him, a Lego car. I am not sure if what I saved would be enough, though. Things are extremely expensive in my country. I might find a good bargain online! Can you please write to me and tell me how much my gifts would cost in your country? With love, Adam.

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**Answer:** C. Near

**TOEFL® tip:**

For vocabulary questions like this, carefully read the line that contains the word, and try to understand the word’s meaning from context. Try to find some punctuation such as a comma, semicolon, dash, etc. because what comes after these punctuation marks will usually help you to understand the word’s meaning. Try the following website for a complete guide of the punctuation marks: <https://www.thepunctuationguide.com/>

**English tip:**

There is often different wording for vocabulary questions, such as: ‘What is...?’, ‘What is the meaning of.....?’, ‘Similar in meaning to....?’

**Fun English:**

A: I'm in a big trouble!

B: Why is that?

A: I saw a mouse in my house!

B: Oh, well, all you need to do is use a trap.

A: I don't have one.

B: Well then, buy one.

A: Can't afford one.

B: I can give you mine if you want.

A: That sounds good.

B: All you need to do is just use some cheese in order to make the mouse come to the trap.

A: I don't have any cheese.

B: Okay then, take a piece of bread and put a bit of oil in it and put it in the trap.

A: I don't have oil.

B: Well, then put only a small piece of bread.

A: I don't have bread.

B: Then what is the mouse doing at your house?!

**Practice**

**Read the passage and answer the following questions**

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*Passage adapted from: <http://esl-bits.net/ESL.English.Listening.Short.Stories>*

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Q3. Guy Burckhardt is.....

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- C. Divorced
- D. Not mentioned

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- A. Strongly
- B. Softly
- C. Unexpectedly
- D. Mercifully

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- B. Listened
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## Pronoun questions

### Read and answer

#### Family Vacation

Mr. Nakamura's family is going to Hawaii for a magnificent vacation. They rented a hotel room on the beach in Honolulu. The kids want to go on a submarine to see the deep sea life. They like to see dolphins and angelfish. Mrs. Nakamura wants to go shopping and take a sunrise tour at Waikiki beach. She likes uncrowded shopping malls. Mr. Nakamura will go for hiking all day. He is in love with nature. He always repeats this quote "Earth and sky, woods and fields, lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books." All the family will then get together to watch a fiction movie in the evening, which might be followed by boxed dinner.

**Q.** What does the underlined pronoun refer to?

- A. Deep sea life
- B. Kids
- C. Mr. Nakamura's family
- D. submarine

**Q.** The underlined word “their” refers to

- A. Deep sea life
- B. Kids
- C. Mr. Nakamura’s family
- D. submarine

**Answer:** B. Kids

**TOEFL® tip:**

Carefully read the sentence that contains the pronoun. Look for nouns or names that came before the pronoun. Names usually start with a CAPITAL letter. If the answer is not there, it is almost always in an earlier sentence. Go back one sentence at a time until you find the answer.

**English tip:**

You should familiarize yourself with different pronouns and when to use each one of them. Watch the following video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUIL5mFH5y4>

**Fun English:**

Q. Which word does everyone always pronounce wrong?

A. "Wrong."