

TOEFL LESSON 11

INDEPENDENT QUESTIONS

- Q1: Describe your favorite teacher and explain why he or she inspired you. Include details and examples
- Q2: Talk about a teacher who had a positive influence on you. Describe this person and explain why he/she was so influential to you.
- Q3: Who has been your favorite teacher so far in your life? Use reasons and details to support your answer.
- Q4: Talk about a person who has inspired you. Describe the person and explain why you found him/her inspirational.
- Q5: Who is an important person in your country? Describe this person and explain why he/she is important.

INTEGRATED TASK

Read a short passage and listen to a talk on the same topic.

Reading time: 45 seconds

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASSES

In order to qualify refund of 100 percent at any time during the semester, you must first establish eligibility. Serious illness or injury must be verified by a written statement signed by a doctor or psychologist. The death of a family member must be verified by a death certificate. Military duty must be verified by a copy of the order. Students who wish to withdraw without submitting official documentation may do so before the end of the drop-add period without penalty. After the end of the second week of classes, students may petition for a 90 percent reimbursement. After the end of the fourth week, students are eligible for a 50 percent refund.



Now listen to the students discuss the policy with each other.



Question: The student expresses her opinion of the policy for reimbursement. Report her opinion and explain the reasons that she gives for having that opinion.

Preparation time: 30 seconds

Speaking time: 60 seconds

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Audio Tape scripts:

Narrator 2: Number 3. Read a short passage and listen to a talk on the same topic. Then listen for a question about them. After you hear the question, you have 30 seconds to prepare and 60 seconds to record your answer.

Narrator 1: A new policy for withdrawal from classes at the university has been established. Read the policy in the college catalogue printed on page 310. You have 45 seconds to complete it. Please begin reading now.

[Reading time: 45 seconds]

Narrator 1: Now listen to the students discuss the policy with each other.

Woman: The difference in this policy from the old policy is . . . now you only have three reasons to request a full refund after the first week . . . illness, death in the family, or military service.

Man: Right, but that about covers it, don't you think?

Woman: Not really. In the old policy, you could drop out to help your family. Look, let's say that your mother's sick. She's not dying but she needs care. Then what? If you drop out to help her, you just lose your tuition.

Man: Oh, I see. So you think that there should be more flexibility.

Woman: Yeah. I think every case should be decided on its own merits. This policy is too . . . too

Man: . . .

Man: Too narrow?

Woman: Too rigid. I think at least some students will have other good reasons to withdraw and they'll just have to take a partial reimbursement because they won't be able to document their eligibility. I'd like to see a procedure, you know, a way to petition for eligibility. . . . I'd like to see that added to the policy.

Narrator 1: The student expresses her opinion of the policy for reimbursement. Report her opinion and explain the reasons that she gives for having that opinion.

VOCABULARY HOMEWORK:

- He found many an interesting fact in the family archives.
(A) films
(B) anecdotes
(C) documents
(D) tales
- It is hard for the students from Taiwan to stand the arctic weather.
(A) cold
(B) hot
(C) torrid
(D) sultry
- Young as the boy is, he has an ardent longing for knowledge.
(A) apathetic
(B) eager
(C) impartial
(D) nonchalant
- Mining is an arduous job.
(A) difficult
(B) easy
(C) light
(D) lucrative
- The executive gave a very arid speech.
(A) drab
(B) appealing
(C) vivid
(D) stimulating
- Many people enjoy the aroma of coffee.
(A) bitterness
(B) acidity
(C) acrimony
(D) fragrance
- The troops were formed in battle array.
(A) order
(B) commotion
(C) benevolence
(D) chaos
- The salesgirl is arrogant toward customers.
(A) supercilious
(B) humble
(C) courteous
(D) charitable
- There is a naval arsenal in the neighborhood.
(A) base
(B) foundation
(C) battlefield
(D) armory
- A main road is sometimes called an artery of traffic.
(A) way
(B) arson
(C) artifice
(D) artifact