

TOEFL SPEAKING



English Teachers On Call

STUDENT MANUAL

LESSON 1

PART 1

Directions: For this task, you will be asked to speak about a topic that is familiar to you. You will hear a question. You will then have 15 seconds to prepare your response and 45 seconds to speak.

Question: Talk about your country's national anthem or flag. Where is it used and where can it be found today? Include details and examples to support your response.

PART 2

Directions: In this question, you will be asked to give your opinion about a familiar topic. After you hear the question, you will have 15 seconds to prepare your response and 45 seconds to speak.

Question: When faced with an emergency, some people take on the role of leader and others prefer to take on the role of followers. Which role do you prefer? Give details and examples to support your response.

PART 3

Directions: In this question, you will read a short announcement and then listen to a dialogue on the same topic. You will then answer a question about them. After you hear the question, you will have 30 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak.

Announcement from the President

For the past five years, there has been no increase in tuition and fees have remained the same, but now the university has decided to increase tuition by 5% each year for the next four years for all students. This raise in tuition will begin next fall semester. This increase is due to increased costs in construction for our new projects as well as the need to upgrade our existing equipment. The increased revenue from tuition will help keep this university in top form as well as help our students stay competitive in an increasingly competitive world.

Listen to a Dialogue

Question: The man expresses his opinion of the announcement about the tuition increase. State his opinion and explain the reasons he gives for holding that opinion.

PART 4

Directions: In this question, you will read a short passage and then listen to a talk on the same academic topic. You will then answer a question about them. After you hear the question, you will have 30 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak. You have 45 seconds to read the passage.

Erik Erikson

In 1956, German psychologist Erikson used the term “identity crisis,” as being an important conflict human beings face in life. Erikson describes the identity crisis as first happening during ages 13 to 19. Overcoming the crisis in those teen years will help overcome identity crises later in their life. Today, the complexities of modern life create many stressful situations. People may experience identity crises more often now than in the time of Erikson.

Listen to a Lecture

Question: How is the identity crisis reflected in the life stages defined by Erikson?

PART 5

Directions: For this task, you will listen to a dialogue. You will hear a question about it. You will then have 20 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak.

Listen to a Dialogue

Question: The students discuss two solutions to the woman’s problem. Which solution do you prefer and why? Provide examples to support your choice.

PART 6

Directions: For this task, you will hear a short academic talk. You will hear a question about it. You will then have 20 seconds to prepare your response and 60 seconds to speak.

Listen to a Talk

Question: Explain the role poverty played in the development of U.S. culture during the “Gilded Age.” Use details and examples from the lecture to support your explanation.

Reference: <http://www.eng1on1.com>

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