

TOEIC Speaking Test Question 3

Describe a Picture

Question 3 Test Flow:

Introduction:

1. In this question, you will be given a picture to describe in as much detail as you can.
2. You will have 30 seconds to prepare and 45 seconds to speak about the picture.
3. The focus of the picture may be one of the following areas: *free-time activities, eating, drinking, entertainment, health, household tasks, shopping, travel, or street scenes.*
4. Speak slowly and clearly, but say as much as you can in the time allowed.

Test Tips

1. Use the present continuous or **there is / are + -ing** to describe the activities you can see in the picture.
2. Use prepositions to describe locations.
3. Use the present simple or **there is / are** to talk about objects and people in the picture.
4. Use modifiers to make your description more precise and interesting.
5. Think of an introduction that answers the **Wh- questions**.
6. Be clear about where things are in the picture.
7. Learn useful phrases to indicate that you are speculating.
8. Talk about things that are possible (in the present / past / future). Expand your description to talk about things that may be about to happen or have already happened, or things that are probably true, but aren't visible in the picture.
9. Use language that is more general when you aren't exactly sure.
10. Try to say as much as you can about the picture.
11. Speculate about the scene and the characters.

Test Technique

1. Brainstorm vocabulary and plan introductory sentences (30 seconds).
2. After your introduction, describe what you see using adjectives, adverbs, and prepositions.
3. Expand your answers with speculation on the character scene.
4. Use uncertain and speculative language when you aren't 100% sure.
5. Say as much as you can in the time allowed.