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Before you learn about the various TOEFL Speaking topics, make sure you understand the basics of toEFL IBT Speaking. Our TOEFL Talking Infographic is a great place to start: Now, on specifics... What you'll learn in this postYou're probably here because you want to understand what concepts the Independent Part of toEFL Talking Test section, how it tests these concepts, and what types of questions you can expect to see on testing day. And that's exactly what you'll find! The purpose of this post is to introduce you to TOEFL Speaking at a high level and then delve into the specifics that will help you prepare for TOEFL Talking Challenge 1 as a test taker, making the most of your training time. In this post, we'll take a close look at TOEFL Talking Challenge 1. When you're done (or if you're already comfortable with task 1), check out Magoosh posts on other TOEFL tasks: TOEFL Talking Challenge 2TOEFL Talking Challenge 3TOEFL Talking Challenge 4That content Here sections in case, if you want to move forward: The difference between integrated and independent TOEFL Talking TasksPreparer toEFL Writing section, the TOEFL Speaking section includes two types of tasks - independent issues and integrated issues. In terms of themes, there is a pretty clear gulf between the two types you will see in the toEFL exam talk section: Integrated tasks about academic topics while independent topics talk about personal experiences, opinions and ideas. Integrated TOEFL themes are called for a reason: they integrate a short passage of reading and/or listening to a speech passage. This also means that integrated speaking topics are as varied as listening and reading topics, and responding to them well mostly depends on how well you can find the most important ideas in audio recording or reading the aisle. Note that although they are on an academic subject, they do not require special knowledge to answer them. Independent tasks, on the other hand, are a different type of issue. They are on a familiar topic and are just really about how well you can talk rather than how well you digest incoming information. This means that communicating your personal preferences is clear. TOEFL Talking Challenge 1: Choose a preference from TwoThis Talking Tip is the only independent talking tip currently on toEFL. Older TOEFL training resources will mention two independently speaking tasks, so if you use an older prep, note that the previous version of TOEFL had two independently speaking themes. Also, note that Challenge 2 in the old TOEFL is the same as Challenge 1 in the current test. Challenge 1 will be very similar to many TOEFL essay requests. He'll ask you to make a choice between two things, and support this choice. EXAMPLE: Some people prefer work that allows them to move around Others think it's nicer to work in an office. What do you prefer, and why? Note: ETS used to give a list of essay tips for free on their website, but they deleted this page. Now you need an official guide to TOEFL, the fourth edition to see a list of essay tips mentioned above. (Unfortunately, the list in the fifth edition of the official TOEFL guide is much shorter, although this current edition contains a few new clues not seen in the fourth edition.) Again, this is an exercise in choosing quickly. You only have 45 seconds to respond, so you need to make a quick decision and then work on supporting it with a reason or two. You can also use examples to make your point, but remember that the timing is very short! Cats or dogs? Black or white? Cold or hot? And then there is the most important part of the question: why? ETS, which does both TOEFL and GRE, likes to ask questions about education especially. So, in order to prepare for TOEFL, it is a good idea to practice talking about your educational preferences. Focus not only on using the language and using grammar effectively, but also on quickly producing ideas in response to clues. Where do you like to learn? Which teachers do you like? Do you like working alone or in groups? What are the most interesting topics? (If you're going to take GRE, that essay is very possible to be about education, too, so it might help with this preparation as well.) This is normal if you do not have a strong opinion on these topics. For the test, you can pretend what you're doing! Meanwhile, if you're wondering what the sample answers look like for these tasks, check out Magoosh's Speaking PDF with sample questions, good examples of answers, and explanations for each clue! Approaching the TOEFL Independent Task At First Sight, the TOEFL Independent Talking Challenge seems a simple part of the Talking section. You don't have to do any reading, listening or taking notes and you only have to talk for 45 seconds. It's less than a minute! However, there is a way in which shorter deadlines for an independent Talking Challenge can work against you. The preparation time is also very short - you only have 15 seconds to come up with an answer. Because of this, many test-takers feel they don't have enough to say, even in the short 45 second time they are given a say. They just couldn't come up with an answer fast enough. Ultimately, Speaking Task 1 is the fastest growing issue in the entire TOEFL Talking section. This question seems personal, but there is really no time for self-reflection, and you don't have time to really reflect on your opinion. An independent task doesn't really score your life and opinions. This is an assessment of your ability to think quickly and quickly to express your thoughts in English, you're in a hurry to come up with a good answer answer In just 15 seconds, there are a few things you should remember. On the one hand, you should be willing to use the very first ideas or opinions that appear in your head. You can't afford to waste time trying to come up with the perfect idea or answer. Just select your answer quickly and run with it. You also have to remember that it is perfectly normal to just do something. You may find that you are unsure of your opinion, or you have an opinion, but you can't immediately think about how to express it. That is ok. You can just go from the side of an argument or a question that seems simple to defend. You can do this even if it's not a party you really agree with. As I said, it's okay to lie on toEFL. First of all, the best way to get faster and better in Speaking Task 1 is practice, practice, practice. And sometimes practical questions about Magosha and the official ETS materials are simply not enough. Sometimes you just need to run through dozens of independent talking questions. This way you can better feel what kind of things you will be asked. And you can have a lot of quick fire practice when increasing the speed and come up with answers in 15 seconds or less. Fortunately, there are a number of sites with long lists of independent speaking questions. For example, I recommend this list. To summarize your quick thinking skills for this task: run with the first thought you have, lie if you should, and practice as many of these kinds of questions as you can. This will help you quickly come up with enough ideas to fill in 45 seconds of speech. You'll rush to a good TOEFL Independent Talking score faster than you think. Tips for TOEFL Challenge 1 Talking TopicsGo with your first instinctFor independent topics, an important part of these questions is to think about the answer that is easy to give and protect. To see how this process for choosing a simple answer works, let's look at this TOEFL Talking Challenge 1 question: Some people think it's very important to have social interaction with neighbors. Others believe that it is not important for neighbors to know each other. What do you agree with and why? Faced with a question as to Independent Speaking like this, it can be tempting to answer a question just as you would in a conversation: saying exactly what you really feel. But for this TOEFL task, you have a limited amount of time. So it's better to give a simpler version of your opinion on the topic. And as I mentioned above, it may be even better to find out an opinion that you don't actually hold if that opinion is the easiest for you to explain. Using the above example, I believe that interaction with neighbors is not so important. But when I tried to think about why I feel that way, I realized the reasons are personal and complex. Knowing my is not a priority for me me most of my friends and family live outside my neighborhood. This is also not a priority for me because I spend a lot of time communicating with my students and colleagues, and not much time left to get to know the people who live in my immediate area. It seems difficult for me to turn my personal situation into a well-supported position on social issues. I don't know if I can do it in just 45 seconds. So instead, to this answer, I'll say that interacting with neighbors is important because it makes your neighborhood a strong, safe community. This is not the real side I take on this issue. But for me, that's the easiest side I can take on this issue. So be open to expressing opinions other than your real one. Sometimes the side of the issue, with which you disagree, can be explained more easily. Keep your opinion statement short and support your opinion with only one or two points of opinion, as stated, ideally there should be one sentence long (or perhaps two short sentences). In my answer, I will choose to speak with the neighbors. And I'm exhausting my position as easily as I can: I think working with neighbors is important because it turns your neighborhood into a strong, safe community. Once you've made a simple statement of opinion on the talking Challenge 1 issue, you'll want to support an opinion very simply as well. To stay in this 45-second term, support your Task 1 opinion with just one or two details. And express these supporting details in 4 or 5 sentences. A simple set of corroborating details for my opinion above may look like this: When neighbors know each other's needs and struggles, they can help each other. For example, if you know that your neighbor's car is broken, you can take your neighbor to work until the car is fixed. And an area where people interact a lot is safer too. When a neighbor is in danger, neighbors who say are more likely to notice the danger and react to it. If you visit your neighbors regularly, you will notice if they injure themselves and can't come to the door, or if their kitchen is on fire. The statement opinion and development theme above might just be enough to fill in 40-45 seconds of audio. So you can have the full answer right here. Or you might not, depending on the pace of your speech. When I read this answer out loud to myself, I finished talking in 38 seconds. It's a little short. To fill the time, I need to add another sentence at the end of my response. This brings me to my next tip for TOEFL Independent Talking Challenge... If possible, address the other side of the issue (but avoid the counter-arguments) If you still have some time after stating your opinion and providing some corroborating it's a good idea to talk briefly about the other side of the issue. Solving the other side of the problem does seem thoughtful and truly complete. But remember, keep it simple. The trick here is to recognize the other side of the issue without going into a complex counter-argument. Counter-argument is an argument for persuasion that is contrary to your stated opinion. It is used to resolve the objections a person may have if they disagree with your opinion on the matter. Counter-arguments are not bad as such - they are a great way to fully explore the issue in a long speech. But in your 45-second TOEFL Speaking Task 1 speech, there's really no time to develop counter-arguments. Instead, you can put an end to the TOEFL Talking Challenge 1 answer very briefly explaining why the other side of the argument is not good. Keep it brief though: arguing for both sides of the question will make my answer too long and difficult. I wouldn't be able to give a full answer in a 45-second time frame for this task. Using the template for Task 1: MEEEM there are many different ways to get a high score on TOEFL Talking Challenge 1. However, using a template can help you get more comfortable providing specific examples for this type of questions. (You can check templates for all TOEFL Talking Tasks here!) With that in mind, let's look at the template that I would call the MEEEM template. MEEEM stands for: Basic Idea, Examples and Explanations, Home Idea Again. The MeEM template for TOEFL Talking Challenge 1 answers is a bit like a template for a five-point essay. As in the five-point essay, this structure of speaking answers tells about the basic idea in its introduction, then expands the basic idea after introduction and finally considers the basic idea in the final statement. Unlike a five-point essay, MEEEM's response to TOEFL Speaking Task 1 will not necessarily have a paragraph-length introduction and conclusions. You only have 45 seconds to talk, so think of this template as a simplified, conversational version of a five-point essay... or as a simplified oral version of TOEFL Writing Tasks 2.Transcript example MEEEM Talking TaskNow we'll look at how MEEEM can work in a real response. The answer will be to this example of TOEFL Talking Challenge 1 question: Do you agree or disagree with the next statement? Use details and examples to explain your argument. This is very important for the government to fund the arts. Now, here's the answer, with every part of the MEEEM template labeled: MAIN IDEA: While I don't think public funding for the arts is bad, I also don't think it's as important as other public funds. SOURCE AND EXAMPLES: Art is nice, and with well-funded arts is wonderful, but not always practical. The first job of the Government was to provide public services, and the second job of the Government was to help those in need. Art comes these priorities. For example, the government should not pay to pay money for the arts if he can't maintain good roads and schools, or he lacks the funds to help families out of poverty. MAIN IDEA, RESTATED: So for these reasons, I think artistic funding should never be considered an important priority. Too many other government projects are more important. MEEEM isn't the only template that you can use to get a high score on this task though! Let's look at another way of approaching TOEFL Talking Challenge 1.Using a template for Task 1: SEAA's alternative to MEEEM is SEA. This is a three-step pattern that you can use to answer problem 1. To keep your answer straight and to the point, it helps to tell which side you're taking right away. So this is the first step of the template: out of the way. Once you take sides, you have to explain why your side is right. This brings us to the next step: explaining your position on the social issue. In other words, use the reasons to support your point of view. Finally, at the end, you should talk about an alternative to your position if possible. Solving the other side of the issue makes your explanation of your side seem very complete and well thought out. Since you only have 45 seconds to talk, you may or may not have time for this final third part of the template. But it's a great way to complete your TOEFL Talking Challenge 2 answer if there's enough time. To remember this three-step pattern, think of it as a SEA pattern. First you take SIDE on this issue. Then you explain your side. Finally (time allows), you discuss ALTERNATIVE on your position. Side. Explanation. Alternative. Seal Now let's use this template to answer the example of TOEFL Talking Challenge 1 question. Here's the question: Some schools provide children with health education classes. Other schools send medical information to parents so that parents can teach their children health problems. Which approach do you think is better and why? On this issue, I am on the side of teaching health education in school. My explanation of my position will focus on the health expertise that a trained teacher has. And the alternative to my position is - as stated in the question - parents teach the health of their children. Here's the SEA template, with my answer: SIDE: I believe that health education should be taught to children in school. UPDATE: Health teachers have special training and experience in health care. A good teacher can tell children everything they need to know about health. And health teachers will know how to answer any questions their students have about healthy lifestyles. With this information, children can keep themselves healthy. If health education is just done by parents, children can't get the right, expert health advice. Most parents are not health experts, and some parents may not even have time to give their children any health advice at all. Thus, without regular health, health, can be misinformed about health, and can make unhealthy choices that are bad for them. TOEFL Talking Challenge 1 with response samples With these templates in mind, take a look at the sample set for task 1 tip. Give yourself 15 seconds to prepare and then 45 seconds to respond. Once you've answered, check the sample response to see what the high score response to this task looks like and then read to explain why it will get a high score. The question is, people cook food at home and bring it to work or school. Buying food at lunchtime is also a popular practice. Which lunch break practice is your favorite? Give supporting details and reasons. An example of the answer I prefer to bring my food to work or school. If I buy food while I'm out of the house, I often buy something that is unhealthy. For example, I could buy candy bars from a vending machine because I feel too busy to go to a cafeteria or restaurant. But even the dining room and restaurant food are sometimes not very healthy. I can only control how healthy my food is if I bring it myself. Also, I would like to have as much time as possible to relax and eat when I have a break from school or my job. I don't want to take extra time to find food and wait in line to buy it. It's a better time to spend enjoying the food I brought from home and chatting with colleagues. Although buying food at work or at school seems convenient, it has a higher cost. And I don't just mean money. Getting food at school or at work also takes a precious break time too. And it can be bad for your health... Bringing food from home is really better. Explain if you don't want to use a specific template, this generic format is great to use on the test: I prefer/believe that ...then some examples, then a statement and then a final comment. Remember that any well-developed answer is correct, and any poorly developed answer is wrong. You won't lose points for choosing an opinion that graders don't agree with. Note, however, that this test-taker does all that templates do, just in its own way. It uses specific reasons to create strong arguments. The Speaker's opinion is clear from the outset of the answer. If you want more practice with this kind of Talking question, read on! Example of TOEFL Talking Practice Topics for Task 11. Some people prefer work that allows them to move around outdoors. Others think it's nicer to work in an office. What do you prefer, and why? 2. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Use details and examples to explain your response. Snakes should never be kept as pets Some people feel that they work better when they have to finish at a strict time. Others believe they work better if they don't have time pressure. What best describes you? Explain why. 4. You Are You or do they disagree with the following statement? Use details and examples to explain your response. Parents should buy for their children any books that children choose to read5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Use details and examples to explain your response. Students should spend more time outside the classroom than in grades6. In some areas, summer days are longer, so there is more daylight in the evening and early morning, but winter days are shorter. In other areas, summer and winter days have similar durations throughout the year. What do you prefer, and why? 7. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Use details and examples to explain your response. Films lasting more than three hours should be reduced by deleting less important scenes8. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Use details and examples to explain your response. Parents who do not exercise regularly should start exercising to be a good role model for their children.9 Some people prefer to answer emails, phone calls and other messages that they receive immediately. Others take more time to respond. What do you do and why? 10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Use details and examples to explain your response. It is better to reward employees with gifts and benefits for work, such as gym memberships or English lessons, than just to pay more. As you prepare for the TOEFL Talking TestWithin first challenge, TOEFL Independent Talking Items have a very wide range. If you also factor in integrated, academic tasks, that range is huge. The most important thing to prepare is not to learn all the topics; it learns to respond completely in a very short time and under pressure, and knowing the proper strategies to solve each problem. A great way to do this is by taking the TOEFL practice test and subscribing to the free trial of our premium training. But you can also check out our free full guide to TOEFL Speaking right here on the blog. You can also download our free TOEFL Speaking app for your iPhone or Android. The app simulates a real TOEFL test Talking with Free Practice Talking Materials. You can even use it offline anytime you need more practice. TOEFL Challenge 1: Mock Testif you are ready to take your TOEFL practice to the next level, try this free Sample Challenge 1 hint from the premium Magoosh TOEFL training service. Complete this example of Task 1 tip: Many people prefer to watch music videos on TV or online rather than listen to songs on their own. What way of experiencing music, in your opinion, is preferable and Preparation time: 15 seconds Answering time: 45 seconds you can use a timer on your phone or an online timer (such as a Google timer) to keep yourself in time. And you can use your computer's microphone or web app, such as An online voice recorder to record and save your response. Then, when you're done, check out the video response and explanation to see how you did. TakeawaysMastering TOEFL Talking Challenge 1 is important for many reasons, after all, this is the first challenge you'll see in this section, and doing well on it will give you confidence as you go through the rest of the TOEFL Talking Topics! While it may feel unusual to discuss your personal opinions in such a short amount of time, practicing (especially with high-quality questions and templates) will give you the experience you need to ace this task on testing day. Finally, be sure to subscribe to the 1 week Magoosh Free trial to access some Talking Lesson videos from our TOEFL experts. Good luck! toefl speaking test questions and answers. toefl speaking test questions pdf. sample toefl speaking test questions. toefl speaking test practice questions. real toefl ibt speaking test questions

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