

TOEIC® SPEAKING TEST: SAMPLE TEST 1

This is the TOEIC Speaking Test. This test includes eleven questions that measure different aspects of your speaking ability.

Question	Task	Evaluation Criteria
1–2	Read a text aloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pronunciation• intonation and stress
3–4	Describe a picture	all of the above, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• grammar• vocabulary• cohesion
5–7	Respond to questions	all of the above, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none">• relevance of content• completeness of content
8–10	Respond to questions using information provided	all of the above
11	Express an opinion	all of the above

For each type of question, you will be given specific directions, including the time allowed for preparation and speaking.

It is to your advantage to say as much as you can in the time allowed. It is also important that you speak clearly and that you answer each question according to the directions.

Start the Test

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Questions 1-2: Read a text aloud

Directions: In this part of the test, you will read aloud the text on the screen. You will have 45 seconds to prepare. Then you will have 45 seconds to read the text aloud.

Question 1 of 11:

You don't need to spend all of your hard earned money on bakery bread. Making your own bread at home is easy with the new Double Duty Dough Mixer by Berring. Unlike other bread machines that can be difficult to clean and store, the Double Duty Dough Mixer breaks down into five parts that can go directly into your dishwasher. This stainless steel appliance will mix dough for you in a fraction of the time it takes to knead dough by hand. The automated delay feature at the beginning of the mix cycle gives your ingredients time to reach room temperature, ensuring that your breads will rise as high as bakery bread. We guarantee that the accompanying Berring Best Breads recipe book will be a family favourite.

PREPARATION TIME

00:00:45

RESPONSE TIME

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Question 2 of 11:

If you're shopping, sightseeing and running around every minute, your vacation can seem like hard work. To avoid vacation stress, come to the Blue Valley Inn on beautiful Lake Mead. While staying at our inn, you'll breathe clean country air as you view spectacular sights. With its spacious rooms, swimming pool and many outdoor activities, the inn is the perfect place for a vacation you won't forget. The Blue Valley Inn prides itself on the personal attention it provides to every guest. The Blue Valley motto has always been "A happy guest is our greatest treasure."

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Questions 3-4: Describe a picture

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Question 3 of 11:



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Question 3 of 11:



Sample answer:

This is an image of a busy street in an Asian country. As well as bicycles there are motor vehicles on this street, so it is obviously a high traffic area. A few of the cyclists have bicycles attached to their baskets. This suggests that bicycles may be their primary source of transportation. From the architecture it appears to be a tourist or shopping district. There are two tall buildings in the distance, which is likely where the business district is located. There seems to be some confusion about direction of traffic flow. The cyclists are travelling on both sides of the centre line and are going in the same direction. The cars, on the other hand, are going two different ways.

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Test-taking tips:

1. Use the simple present tense of verbs “to be, to have” or sentence structure “there be” to describe the people and the objects in the picture.
2. Answer some wh-questions while preparing, such as, where is this? What are in the picture? Who are these people? What are they doing? Why are they here?



Optional activity:

Use “when, who, where, what and why” to make a short story.

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Question 4 of 11:



Sample answer:

This is a picture of some kind of meeting. There are several people in this room. One lady is making a presentation at the rear of this picture. She is giving an explanation about some kind of chart. Four people are listening to her presentation. Each of them has a notepad in front of them, but they are not taking any notes. Probably, one of the two businessmen sitting in front of the presenter is trying to ask a question. On the left side of the photo, a lady with a red apron is serving two bottles of water to two young business people. I guess they have been at the meeting for quite a while and are getting tired.

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Test-taking tips:

1. Figure out the position of each object or person in the picture by using different prepositions, such as “at the rear of, in front of, on the left.”
2. When describing people’s actions taking place in the scenes now, we use the present progressive tense.
3. Use speculative language to describe people’s roles and relationship with the others.



Optional activity:

What other speculative expressions can you figure out?

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Questions 5-7: Respond to questions

Directions: In this part of the test, you will answer three questions. For each question, you will have 3 seconds to prepare for a response. You will have 15 seconds to respond to Questions 5 and 6, and 30 seconds to respond to Question 7.

A student training to be a teacher is applying for a job at the local library. Assist the student by answering her questions.

Question 5. (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

Why do you want to work at the library?

RESPONSE TIME

00:00:15

Question 6. (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

How will you balance working and studying?

RESPONSE TIME

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Question 7. (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

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Sample answers:

Question 5. Why do you want to work at the library?

I want to work at the library because I want to get some hands-on experience working with students. Also, I am very passionate about reading and I love the relaxing environment in libraries.

Question 6. How will you balance working and studying?

Balancing work and study time is important. I think it is a myth that students can't hold jobs. I study better when I have deadlines and time constraints. Unlike some other places where I could get a job, the library has reasonable hours. I can work on weekends and I won't have to work too late.

Question 7. What will you do if we hire you and you don't end up liking the job?

I am a dedicated employee and I will come to work even if I don't end up loving my job. I understand that it can take months to feel comfortable in a new working environment. If I still have concerns about my job after a few months, I will talk with my manager. Perhaps I would just need to try a different aspect of working in the library. Or maybe I'd need a little variety. For example, I might ask if I could read to children or help out with library programs. Finally, I would never leave a job without offering a two-week notice.

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Test-taking tip:

Give a full answer, supported by extra details, examples or reasons.



Optional activity:

Give each full answer for the following questions.

1. What is the most expensive thing you have ever bought?
2. How long does it usually take you to clean your room?
3. What is the best book you have ever read, and why?
4. Where and when do you usually get your hair cut?
5. How often do you use computers?
6. What animal do you think makes the best pet, and why?