



# TOEFL SPEAKING

English Teachers On Call

## STUDENT MANUAL

### LESSON 6

#### 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 best friend and why he or she is your best friend. Include details and examples to support your decision.

#### 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:** Some people think that books and other methods of print are slowly being replaced by the Internet, TV, and other media. Others think that there will always be a need for printed material. What do you think and why? Give examples and details in 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 of New Sports Facility

The Alumni Office of Central State University is pleased to announce that construction of a new sports facility will commence this summer. Due in part to a very generous grant from a 1974 alumnus, Jason Chitwood, the new facility will include an indoor basketball court, a swimming pool, an indoor track, and a climbing wall. The groundbreaking ceremony will be on April 7<sup>th</sup> with construction to begin shortly thereafter. The project is scheduled to be completed by summer of 2009.

## Listen to a Dialogue

**Question:** The woman expresses her opinion about the announcement made by the Alumni Office. State her opinion and explain the reasons she 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.

### Hacking: Crime or Service to Society?

In the world of computers, the term “hacker” gets two different responses. One hacker can be productively designing games, programs, and ways to improve security of information, while the other hacker tries to break into systems in a way that causes individuals and companies to lose, distort or release information without permission.

How do we define a “hacker?” A hacker can improve programs in business so that the business or individual will be protected from unwanted tampering. This hacker explores the limits of the program. Or, is a hacker the term for activity that is unlawful? A hacker in this case is one who deliberately invades programs and causes computer problems. Some do this for fun; however, this can cause great hardship for businesses and individuals.

People who play around with computers would say hackers are exercising their skills. Others may say hackers are criminals. Which definition is it?

## Listen to a Lecture

**Question:** Two opinions on computer hacking are given in the reading. Explain which of these views the professor holds and how she supports her opinion.

## 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.

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### Listen to a Dialogue

**Question:** The students discuss several possible solutions to the woman's problems. Describe the problem. Then state which solution you prefer and explain why.

### 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:** The professor talks about endangered animals and animal extinction. Describe this and the relationship humans have with animal extinction. Use examples from the talk to support your answer.

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

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