



TOEFL SPEAKING

English Teachers On Call

STUDENT MANUAL

LESSON 8

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 an interesting class you have taken in school and why it stands out in your mind. 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 to keep animals in zoos is cruel and animals should only live in their natural habitat. Others think that zoos serve the purpose of educating people about animals that they would not normally have seen. Which argument do you favor and why? Use details and examples in your explanation.

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.

Attention! Bookstore Moving!

The university bookstore will be moving to its new location across campus for this Fall semester. The new location of the bookstore will be next to the Delaney Building on Wang Street. Construction of the new bookstore will be completed this summer and the store and inventory will be moved and ready for the Fall semester the week of September 4. This location will remain open through the summer, and students will be able to sell their textbooks back after the summer semester here as well.

Listen to a Dialogue

Question: The woman expresses her opinion about the move the university bookstore has announced. 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.

U.S. Joining WWI

There were several factors involved with Congress' decision to enter World War I that all pointed toward the joining of the Allied forces. Although the United States' original position when the war started was to remain neutral and isolated, the Imperial German Government forced the US into joining the war with hostile and aggressive actions that warranted a response. The sinking of the *Lusitania* as well as three other ships and the intercepted Zimmermann note that revealed Germany's hostile intentions toward the U.S. were both important issues in the final decision to declare war on Germany.

Listen to a Lecture

Question: The professor describes the sinking of the *Lusitania* and the Zimmerman note. Describe how these two issues were important factors for the U.S. to give up its neutrality and enter the war on the side of the Allies.

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 possible solutions to the man's problem. Describe the problem. Then state which of the two solutions 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 describes the literary device satire. What is satire and how is it used in the description of the prioress?