

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 8-10: Respond to questions with information provided

Directions: In this part of the test, you will answer three questions based on the information provided. You will have 45 seconds to read the information before the questions begin. For each question, you will have 3 seconds to prepare for a response. You will have 15 seconds to respond to Questions 8 and 9, and 30 seconds to respond to Question 10. (*Note: Question 10 will be asked two times.*)

FREE Pet Grooming Training Session

Do you have a cat or a dog with a shaggy coat of fur? Would you like to learn how to groom your pet yourself? This weekend learn how to turn the anxiety of grooming into a bonding time for you and your pet. We will teach you how to:

- trim stubborn nails
- remove nasty knots
- brush your pet's teeth
- choose the perfect brush and scissors
- remove tear stains from your dog's face
- shampoo and bathe your pet
- give your pet a before and after massage

Who are we?

Tammy and Mike Power are an animal loving couple who have volunteered their time for the protection of animals for more than 20 years. Their Chicago based pet spa Paws 4 U was voted #1 in the animal care category for Chicago's Best Small Businesses two years in a row. For more information on this event, you can visit the Pet Workshop website at www.chicagopetworkshops.com or call Tammy Power directly at 1-800-tam-mike. No registration required.

Special Request: Though this event is offered free of charge, the organizers ask that you bring a pet food (or monetary) donation for the local animal shelter. Examples of other types of donations can be found on the Pet Workshop website.

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Imagine that you are Tammy Power, please answer the 3 questions below:

Question 8: (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

What kind of experience do you have with animals?

RESPONSE TIME

00:00:15

Question 9: (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

My dog's face never looks clean. Will there be any tips for dealing with this?

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Question 10: (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

Is there any sort of fee for taking your workshop?
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Sample answers:

Question 8: What kind of experience do you have with animals?

My husband and I have volunteered our time for over 20 years working for the protection of animals. We also own a pet spa called Paws 4 U. I'm proud to say it was voted #1 small animal care business in Chicago for the past two years.

Question 9: My dog's face never looks clean. Will there be any tips for dealing with this?

Yes, we will be showing our workshop participants how to shampoo and bathe their pets properly. We will also show you how to remove tear stains from your dog's face. I believe that is the problem you are referring to.

Question 10: Is there any sort of fee for taking your workshop?

The workshop itself is free and we do not require registration. However, we do ask that participants bring a donation for the animal shelter. This could be pet food or money. There are some other ideas for donations on the Chicago Pet Workshop website. You can check them out at www.chicagopetworkshops.com.

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Test-taking tip:

Identify the key words in the questions and what you need to answer must be clearly defined.

Optional activity:

Look at the following schedule and answer the questions.

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1. I won't be able to make it until after lunch. Can you let me know what I am going to miss?
2. I'm not going to be able to make it in the morning. Could you let me know what is planned after the first break?
3. I'm afraid I have another appointment from 2 o'clock on. Can you give me some information on what presentations will be given before that?
4. Can you give me the details on the presenters who are going to give workshops before lunch? I need to know them for a report to my boss.

Note: Please identify the key words in the questions at first.

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Questions 11: Express an opinion

Directions: In this part of the test, you will give your opinion about a specific topic. Be sure to say as much as you can in the time allowed. You will have 45 seconds to prepare. Then you will have 60 seconds to speak.

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PREPARATION TIME

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Sample answer:

I think balance is the key to a happy life. This applies to everything, including the weather and climate. When it is sunny for too long, people head to the shade. But, if the sun hides for a few days, people flock to the beaches when it comes out. I think extreme weather can make people miserable, though. At least when it is too cold you can stay inside or dress in layers. When it is too hot the rain doesn't fall and crops don't grow. People go hungry and have difficulty keeping their family comfortable. Though we may wish for heat during a cold winter, we appreciate the summer days more when they finally come. So, as I mentioned, I think balance is the key to a happy life. And, I don't think there is any perfect climate out there.



Test-taking tips:

1. Express your opinion: support/oppose
2. Reasons for support or opposition.
3. If necessary, you can state some reasons that you also approve of the other opinion, but please express clearly that it's not enough to outweigh the negative effects.
4. Restate your opinion: support/oppose

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Optional activity:

If the government announced that it was planning to build a new superhighway where you live, would you support or oppose the plan?

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2. Reasons for support or opposition.

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4. Restate your opinion: _____