

TOEIC® SPEAKING TEST: SAMPLE TEST 3

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:

Thank you for attending this press conference. It's my pleasure to present our company's new director, Linda Smith. Ms. Smith will focus on expanding out client base, supporting our employees, and improving out products. Since she has over thirty years' experience in our field, I'm confident she will provide valuable leadership. Now, please welcome Ms. Linda Smith.

PREPARATION TIME

00:00:45

RESPONSE TIME

00:00:45

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Questions 1-2: Read a text aloud

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Question 2 of 11:

Are you thinking of taking a trip? Let the team at Travel Smart help you find the best deals on airline tickets, hotel reservations, and tours. For more than thirty years, our agency has been providing personalized service and convenience to travelers. Whether your destination is international or domestic, we can make your trip a success.

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Questions 3-4: Describe a picture

Directions: In this part of the test, you will describe the picture on your screen in as much details as you can. You will have 45 seconds to prepare your response. Then you will have 30 seconds to speak about the picture.

Question 3 of 11:



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Question 3 of 11:



Sample answer:

This picture seems to be taken at a kitchen in a restaurant. There are two people in this picture. In the foreground, there is a woman who is wearing a chef's hat and uniform. She is mixing something in the pan while looking at it. Behind her, there is a man who is wearing the same clothing as the woman. He is stirring something in the container while looking at the woman. It is likely that they are coworkers. In front of them, I can see a bottle of oil and some eggs placed on the counter. Overall, both of them are preparing dishes perhaps to serve their customers.

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Test-taking tips:

1. Do not stop talking, but at the same time do not speak too quickly.
2. Use all 30 seconds by speculating and making assumptions about relationships, situations, past events, future events, and so on.
3. Speculate in moderation and only on what is relevant in the photo. Do not speculate on things that have no evidence.

For example: "I suppose they are cooking lunch since it is very bright in the room."

(We can't really say for sure that it is lunch time just based on a room's lighting.)



Optional activity:

Explain why the statement below is not a good speculation.

It appears to be a sunny day and the temperature is around 36 degrees Celsius.

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Question 4 of 11:



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RESPONSE TIME

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Question 4 of 11:



Sample answer:

This picture is taken at a an outdoor market. There are three people in this picture. They look like a family. On the left side of the picture, I can see a woman. She has a ponytail. She's carrying a bag on her shoulder. She's holding some vegetables in her hands and smiling. On the right side of the picture there are two people. One of them is a man. He has short hair and he is wearing a pink shirt. He's smiling and looking at the woman. Next to him, there is a girl with short hair. She is holding an onion and smiling too. In the background of the picture, there are many bright-colored vegetables. I can see some boxes stacked up so maybe they are grocery shopping.

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Test-taking tips:

1. When there are a lot of objects in a picture, describe what the people are doing first, then describe the other objects that you see in the background. Put more emphasis on describing people's actions over describing objects.
2. If there are many things in the background, there is no need to enumerate and mention every object in the picture.
3. **Strong adjectives** make descriptions more interesting compared to using **very + adjectives**.
Ex. **very good** – **fantastic** **very clean** – **spotless** **very happy** - **ecstatic**



Optional activity:

Replace the following with strong adjectives.

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| 1. very large | 3. very beautiful | 5. very old |
| 2. very many | 4. very cold | 6. very tired |

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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.

Imagine that an Australian marketing firm is doing research about your country. You have agreed to participate in a telephone interview about holidays.

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

Who do you usually celebrate the holidays with?

RESPONSE TIME

00:00:15

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

During the holidays, do your family members like to eat out at a restaurant or eat some home-made food at home?

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

Describe the last holiday you spent.

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Sample answers:

Question 5. Who do you usually celebrate the holidays with?

I usually celebrate the holidays with my family and friends. We usually go camping at a park in my town and have some outdoor activities together like doing barbecues or playing sports.

Question 6. During the holidays, do your family members like to eat out at a restaurant or eat some home-made food at home?

During holidays, my family members prefer eating out at a restaurant to making our own food. This is mainly because holidays are the time we hang out and spend time talking and sharing together instead of preparing food and cleaning up.

Question 7. Describe the last holiday you spent.

On my last holiday, my family members went to Nga Trang. We went around an island by boat and enjoyed the scenery which was breathtaking. We took many photos to keep that memorable moment forever. After that, we came by a restaurant nearby and tried many dishes. On the following day, we dropped by a local market to buy fresh seafood for our relatives. We really enjoyed the time we had in Nha Trang, so we're planning another trip for the next holiday.

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Test-taking tip:

Give direct answers to the questions and elaborate moderately by giving examples or specific details to utilize the remaining time given.



Optional activity:

Give each full answer for the following questions.

1. What kind of pets do you like? Do you have a pet?
2. Do you use the Internet at a café? Why?
3. How often do you watch movies in the cinema?
4. When was the last time you made a donation? What was it for?
5. Which of the following methods do you prefer to use when making plans with friends?
 - Text messaging
 - Phone calls
 - E-mails