

Speaking

Sample Test

Speaking Test Directions

This is the TOEIC Speaking test. This test includes 11 questions that measure different aspects of your speaking ability. The test lasts approximately 20 minutes.

Question	Task	Evaluation Criteria
1–2	Read a text aloud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pronunciation • intonation and stress
3	Describe a picture	all of the above, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • grammar • vocabulary • cohesion
4–6	Respond to questions	all of the above, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • relevance of content • completeness of content
7–9	Respond to questions using information provided	all of the above
10	Propose a solution	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.

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.

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."

Question 3: Describe a picture

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



Questions 4–6: Respond to questions

Directions: In this part of the test, you will answer three questions. For each question, begin responding immediately after you hear a beep. No preparation time is provided. You will have 15 seconds to respond to Questions 4 and 5, and 30 seconds to respond to Question 6.

(Narrator): Imagine that a Canadian marketing firm is doing research in your country. You have agreed to participate in a telephone interview about television viewing.

Question 4: How often do you watch television?

Question 5: What kinds of programs do you usually watch?

Question 6: Describe your favorite television program.

Questions 7–9: Respond to questions using information provided

Directions: In this part of the test, you will answer three questions based on the information provided. You will have 30 seconds to read the information before the questions begin. For each question, begin responding immediately after you hear a beep. No additional preparation time is provided. You will have 15 seconds to respond to Questions 7 and 8, and 30 seconds to respond to Question 9.

(Narrator): Hello, I'm calling about a conference on May 27 I saw advertised in the newspaper. It's about starting your own business. I was hoping you could give me some information.



STARTING AND MANAGING YOUR OWN BUSINESS

Date: May 27

Location: Bristol Office Building

Seminars: 9:00 A.M. Financing Your Business, Room 210—*Martha Ross, Certified Public Accountant*
11:00 A.M. How to Promote Your Own Business, Room 312—*Howard Brown, Brown Publishers*

OR

11:00 A.M. Planning for Profit, Room 318—*John Phillips, Phillips Associates*
1:00 P.M. Lunch*
2:00 P.M. Sales Techniques Workshop, Room 246—*Helen King, West Side Consultants*
4:00 P.M. General Discussion

Registration Fee: Individuals, \$95.00
Members of the Business Information Center, \$75.00

*Not included in registration fee.

Question 7: *Could you tell me what time the conference starts and how long it will last?*

Question 8: *How much does conference attendance cost?*

Question 9: *I may not be available for the full day. Could you give me information about the activities in the morning, before lunchtime?*

Question 10: Propose a solution

Directions: In this part of the test, you will be presented with a problem and asked to propose a solution. You will have 30 seconds to prepare. Then you will have 60 seconds to speak.

Respond as if you work at the bank.

In your response, be sure to

- show that you recognize the problem, and
- propose a way of dealing with the problem.

Now listen to the voice message.

You will hear: *Hi, this is Marsha Syms. Um, I'm calling about my bank card. I went to the bank machine early this morning, you know — the ATM (upspeak) ... because the bank was closed so only the machine was open. Anyway, I put my card in the machine and got my money out....but then my card didn't come out of the machine. I got my receipt and my money but then my bank card just didn't come out. And I'm leaving for my vacation tonight so I'm really going to need it....I had to get to work early this morning, and couldn't wait around for the bank to open....Could you call me here at work, and let me know how to get my bank card back? I'm really busy today, and really need you to call me soon. I can't go on vacation without my bank card. This is Marsha Syms at 555-1234. Thanks.*

Question 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 15 seconds to prepare. Then you will have 60 seconds to speak.

Question:

(Narrator): Some people prefer to take a job that does not pay well but does provide a lot of time off from work. What is your opinion about taking a job with a low salary that has a lot of vacation time? Give reasons for your opinion.

