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Introduction

A. Information on the TOEFL® iBT

The Format of the TOEFL® iBT

Section	Number of Questions	Timing	Score
Reading	 3~5 Passages approximately 700 words each 12~14 questions per passage 	60~100 min.	
Listening	 2~3 Conversations 12~25 exchanges each (3 min.) 5 questions per conversation 4~6 Lectures 500~800 words each (3~5 min.) 6 questions per lecture 	60~90 min.	30 points
BREAK		10 min.	
Speaking	• 2 Independent Tasks (preparation: 15 sec. / response: 45 sec.) ① 1 personal experience ② 1 personal choice/opinion • 2 Integrated Tasks: Read-Listen-Speak (preparation: 30 sec. / response: 60 sec.) ① 1 campus situation topic — reading: 75~100 words (45 sec.) — conversation: 150~180 words (60~80 sec.) ② 1 academic course topic — reading: 75~100 words (45 sec.) — lecture: 150~220 words (60~90 sec.) • 2 Integrated Tasks: Listen-Speak (preparation: 20 sec. / response: 60 sec.) ① 1 campus situation topic — conversation: 180~220 words (60~90 sec.) ② 1 academic course topic — lecture: 230~280 words (90~120 sec.)	20 min.	30 points
Writing	 1 Integrated Task: Read-Listen-Write (20 min.) reading: 230~300 words (3 min.) lecture: 230~300 words (2 min.) a summary of 150~225 words 1 Independent Task (30 min.) a minimum 300-word essay 	50 min.	30 points

B. Information on the Speaking Section

The Speaking section of the TOEFL® iBT measures test takers' English speaking proficiency. This section takes approximately 20 minutes and has six questions. The first two questions are called Independent Speaking Tasks, and you will be asked to speak about some familiar topics based on your personal experiences and preferences. The remaining four questions are Integrated Speaking Tasks, and you will be required to integrate different language skills—listening and speaking or listening, reading, and speaking.

1. Types of Speaking Tasks

[Independent Tasks]

- (1) Task 1: Personal Experience
 - _ This task will ask you to speak about something that is familiar to you. You need to describe it and give some reasons to defend your response.
 - _You will be given 15 seconds to prepare your answer and 45 seconds to speak on the question.

(2) Task 2: Personal Preference

- _ This task will ask you to make and defend a personal choice between two possible opinions, actions, or situations. You should justify your choice with reasons and details.
- _You will be given 15 seconds to prepare your answer and 45 seconds to say which of the two options you think is preferable.

[Integrated Tasks]

(3) Task 3: Reading & Conversation

- This task will ask you to respond to a question based on what you have read and heard. You will first read a short passage presenting a campus-related issue and will then listen to a dialogue on the same topic. Then, you will be asked to summarize one speaker's opinion within the context of the reading passage.
- _You will be given 30 seconds to prepare your answer and 60 seconds to speak on the question. You should be careful not to express your own opinion in your response.

(4) Task 4: Reading & Lecture

- _ This task also asks you to respond to a question based on what you have read and heard. You will first read a short passage about an academic subject and will then listen to an excerpt from a lecture on that subject. Then, you will be asked to combine and convey important information from both the reading passage and the lecture.
- _You will be given 30 seconds to prepare your answer and 60 seconds to speak on the question.

(5) Task 5: Conversation

- _ In this task, you will first listen to a conversation about a student-related problem and two possible solutions. Then, you will be asked to describe the problem, choose a preferred solution, and explain why you have chosen that solution.
- You will be given 20 seconds to prepare your answer and 60 seconds to respond to the question.

(6) Task 6: Lecture

- _ In this task, you will first listen to an excerpt from a lecture that explains a term or concept and gives some examples to illustrate it. Then, you will be asked to summarize the lecture and explain how the examples are connected with the overall topic.
- _You will be given 20 seconds to prepare your answer and 60 seconds to respond to the question.

2. Types of Speaking Topics

(1) Personal Experience and Preference

- _ Questions in Task 1 will be about a person, place, event, activity, or object that is important to test takers. For example, a question may ask about a place you like to visit, the most memorable event in your life, or the person that you admire most.
- _ Questions in Task 2 will be about everyday issues of general interest to test takers. For example, a question may ask about a preference between studying at home and at the library, a preference between living in a dormitory and an off-campus apartment, or a preference between a class with a lot of discussion and one without discussion.

(2) Campus Situations

- _ Questions in Task 3 will be about campus-related issues. For example, a question may ask about a university policy, rule, or procedure, future university plans, campus facilities, or the quality of life on campus.
- Questions in Task 5 will be about student-related problems on campus. For example, a question may ask about a scheduling conflict, an unavoidable absence, an unavailable resource, a student election, financial difficulties, or a student's course load.

(3) Academic Course Content

- _ Questions in Task 4 will be about academic subjects. For example, a question may ask about a life science, a social science, a physical science, or a topic in the humanities like animal domestication or economics.
- _ Questions in Task 6 will also be about academic-related topics. For example, a question may ask about a process, a method, a theory, an idea, or a phenomenon of any type in fields like natural science, social science, or psychology.

3. Important Features of Evaluation

(1) Delivery

Delivery means how clear your speech is. In order to get good grades on the speaking tasks, you should speak smoothly and clearly, have good pronunciation, pace yourself naturally, and have natural-sounding intonation patterns.

(2) Language Use

Language use is about the effectiveness of your use of grammar and vocabulary to express your ideas. In order to get good grades on the speaking tasks, you should be able to use both basic and more complex language structures and choose the appropriate words.

(3) Topic Development

Topic development is related to how fully you respond to the question and how coherently you give your ideas. In order to get good grades on the speaking test, you should make sure that the relationship between your ideas and your progression from one idea to the next is clear and easy to follow.

4. Speaking Scoring Rubrics

(1) Independent Tasks (Questions 1 & 2)

Your responses to the Independent Tasks will be scored according to these criteria:

Score	Task Description	
4	A response at this level addresses the task in a highly clear, sustained manner. It is well developed with ideas explained clearly and coherently. It displays fluid speech that is easy to understand and shows effective use of grammar and vocabulary. Though it may have minor errors in pronunciation or language use, they do not affect the overall intelligibility or meaning.	
3	A response at this level addresses the task appropriately but is not fully developed. It displays generally clear speech with some fluidity of expression and shows somewhat effective use of grammar and vocabulary. But minor problems with pronunciation, pace of speech, language structures, or word choice may result in occasional listener effort to understand and occasional lapses in fluency.	
2	A response at this level addresses the task but shows limited development of ideas. Ideas are expressed vaguely and not well connected with each other, and the use of grammar and vocabulary remains only at a basic level. Also, the response displays basically clear speech but requires significant listener effort due to errors in pronunciation, intonation, or pace of speech.	
1	A response at this level is very short and practically not related to the task. It lacks substance beyond the expression of very basic ideas and is hard for the listener to understand due to consistent pronunciation, stress, and intonation problems and a severely limited control of grammar and vocabulary.	
0	A response at this level is not relevant to the task or has no substance.	

(2) Integrated Tasks (Questions 3~6) Your responses to the Integrated Tasks will be scored according to these criteria:

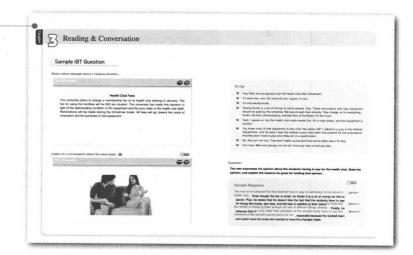
Score	Task Description
4	A response at this level effectively addresses the task by presenting the necessary information and appropriate details. It generally shows clear, fluid, sustained speech and effective control of grammar and vocabulary. Though it may have minor errors in pronunciation, intonation, or language use, they do not affect the overall intelligibility or meaning.
3	A response at this level addresses the task appropriately but is not fully developed. It conveys the necessary information but does not include sufficient details. It shows generally clear speech with some fluidity of expression, but minor problems with pronunciation, intonation, or pacing may result in some listener effort. It also displays somewhat effective use of grammar and vocabulary despite the existence of some incorrect word choice or language structures.
2	A response at this level conveys some relevant information, but the ideas are not well connected. It omits key ideas, shows limited development, or exhibits a misunderstanding of key ideas. It shows clear speech occasionally but mostly demonstrates difficulties with pronunciation, intonation, or pace of speech—problems that require significant listener effort. It also displays only a basic level of grammar and vocabulary, which results in the limited or vague expression of ideas or unclear connections.
1	A response at this level is very short and practically not related to the task. It fails to provide much relevant content and contains inaccurate or vague expressions of ideas. It is characterized by fragmented speech with frequent pauses and hesitations and consistent pronunciation and intonation problems. It also shows a severely limited range and control of grammar and vocabulary.
0	A response at this level is not relevant to the task or has no substance.

How to Use This Book

How to Master Skills for the TOEFL® iBT Speaking Basic is designed to be used either as a textbook for a TOEFL® iBT speaking preparation course or as a tool for individual learners who are preparing for the TOEFL® test on their own. With a total of six chapters, this book is organized to prepare you for the test by providing you with a comprehensive understanding of the test and a thorough analysis of every question type. Each chapter consists of four units and includes numerous exercises that will help develop your test-taking abilities. At the back of the book are two actual tests of the Speaking section of the TOEFL® iBT.

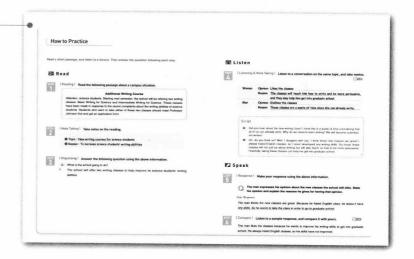
Sample iBT Question

This part is designed to prepare you for the type of question the chapter covers. You will be given a full sample question and a model answer in an illustrative structure. You will also be given information on time allotments.



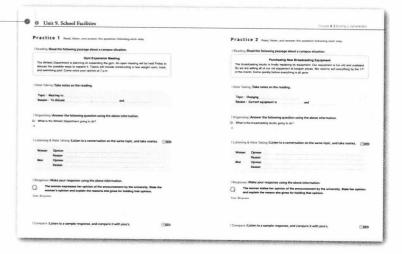
2 How to Practice

This part will show you how to do the exercises in each unit step by step. With directions and model answers, you will have a comprehensive understanding of the ways to practice in each unit.



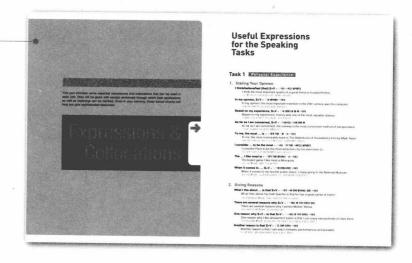
3 Practice

In this part of the unit, you will actually do a lot of exercises that the unit covers. The topics in the questions will be various and will reflect actual TOEFL® questions. You will be given an example to refer to and a sample response to compare with yours at the end.



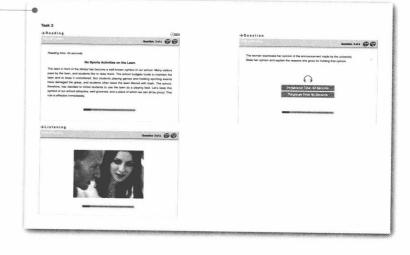
4 Expressions & Collocations —

There are a number of expressions and collocations that are typically used in every task and topic. This supplementary part will provide you with a chance to review the expressions and collocations you need to remember while working on each unit.



6 Actual Tests

This part will give you a chance to experience an actual TOEFL® iBT test. You will be given two sets of tests that are modeled on the Speaking section of the TOEFL® iBT. The topics are similar to those on the real test, as are the questions. This similarity will allow you to develop a sense of your test-taking ability.



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PART Independent Speaking

The independent speaking section consists of two chapters, which are called personal experience and personal preference. As the word independent illustrates, the tasks in these chapters require you to draw entirely on your own ideas, opinions, and experiences when responding without any requirement to read or listen to any other material. You have 45 seconds to respond to each question while you are given 15 seconds to prepare after each question is presented.

• Chapter 1 Personal Experience

Unit 1 _ Person

Unit 2 _ Event

Unit 3 _ Place

Unit 4 _ Object

Chapter 2 Personal Preference

Unit 5 _ Education

Unit 6 _ Life

Unit 7 _ School

Unit 8 _ Multimedia

Chapter

Personal Experience

This task is about personal experience. It requires you to speak about a person, place, object, or event that is familiar to you. Even though the topics will vary, you will always be asked to base your response on a personal experience. On question structure, this task will require you to give some details and examples as well as reasons to rationalize your answer.