

Examinations

TOEFL iBT Speaking Parts 1 and 2

Part 1 – Personal Preference

In part 1 you will be asked to describe somebody or something with details and examples.

Topics: Important people, places, events or activities (Hobbies)	
Preparation time: 15 seconds	Response time: 45 seconds

Example Questions

1. Choose a place that you enjoy going to and explain why you enjoy going there. Please include specific details in your explanation.
2. Describe a friend that you feel particularly close to. Provide reasons and examples to support your explanation
3. Describe a person that you admire and explain why you admire them. Please include specific details in your explanation.
4. Choose a hobby that you feel will be helpful in future life. Provide reasons and examples to support your explanation.
5. Describe a festival that you celebrate and explain why it is important to you. Please include specific details in your explanation.
6. Describe an important event that happened in your country and explain why it was important. Please include specific details in your explanation.

Hints

1. Questions will be read aloud, so use this time to begin preparing.
2. Make a quick decision and stick to it. Do not second guess yourself.
3. Try to speak as much as possible. Do not worry if your time runs out before you finish.
4. Speak loudly – Do not worry about other people in the exam. The microphone needs to pick up what you say. So use your normal speaking voice.

Part 2 – Choice

In part 2 you will have to make a choice between two opposites. These choices are often related to studying.

Preparation time: 15 seconds	Response time: 45 seconds
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Example Questions

1. Some students believe that the library is the best place to find research. Others believe that the Internet is the best source of information. Which approach to research do you think is better for students and why?
2. Some students believe that reading books is better than attending lectures. Others believe that lectures add real value to their studies. Which approach to learning do you think is better for students and why?
3. Some students believe that revision should be done throughout the course to ensure they are ready for exams. Others believe that last minute revision can improve their results. Which approach do you think is better and why?
4. Some people believe that television is a better way to spend time than reading books. Which do you prefer and why?
5. Some students believe that it is better to study near home. Others believe that to truly become independent they must study away from home. Which approach do you think is better and why?
6. Some people believe that examinations are the best way to assess students. Others believe that coursework is more realistic. Which do you think is better and why?