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- En Review Quality somos responsables de distribuir y aplicar el portafolio de exámenes TOEIC.
- Nuestros instrumentos son los más utilizados en el mundo para evaluar el nivel de dominio de inglés internacional para el trabajo.
- Nuestra página tiene una gran cantidad de información y recursos para formadores, los invitamos a visitarnos:









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NOTICIAS

En Review Quality, todo el equipo que hace posible que llegue el portafolio TOEIC a centros evaluadores autorizados, empresas e instituciones en todo México, nos unimos para desear a nuestra comunidad de maestros.

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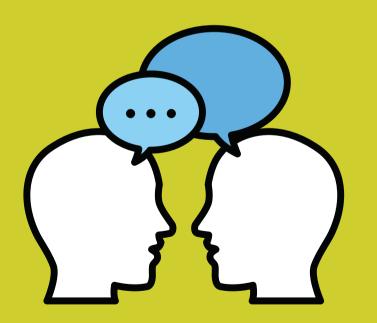




embret. Núm. 19 Speaking, Speaking,

En este especial de práctica presentamos ejercicios de preparación para el examen TOEIC Speaking. Por un lado, se proporcionan consejos para mejorar la expresión oral. Por el otro, se analizan tanto el formato como los contenidos del examen, que se puede tomar como módulo independiente, junto con el módulo TOEIC Writing Test, o bien como una de las secciones de la TOEIC 4 Skills Test.

Es de tomar en cuenta que hoy por hoy, Speaking es la habilidad más valorada por los contratadores a nivel global.







In this special issue, dedicated to practice and preparation for the TOEIC Speaking Test, we decided to include information about the test format retrieved from the FTS official website:

https://www.ets.org/toeic/testtakers/about/bridge.html

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Our Community Nuestra Comunidad



Al platicar con distintos integrantes de nuestra comunidad de maestros, nos han compartido varias problemáticas comunes:

La necesidad de contar con materiales actualizados y específicos para las necesidades de los alumnos.
 El interés en desarrollar materiales de muestra para los alumnos, que estén alineados con los requerimientos de los exámenes del Portafolio TOEIC®.

3. Al trabajar a menudo con niveles básicos, es necesario para nosotros practicar pronunciación y fluidez. Aquí se incluye una serie de consejos para practicar la expresión de utilidad tanto para alumnos como docentes. Nuestro siguiente número, especial de práctica para The TOEIC Bridge Speaking Test®, incluiremos otras estrategias.



About the TOEIC Speaking Test

The TOEIC Speaking and Writing tests measure assesses your speaking and writing skills used in the workplace. You'll respond to real-world questions and scenarios in spoken and written English. The tests use common everyday vocabulary, phrases and key expressions used in a workplace environment. You can take the Speaking and Writing tests together or separately. If you take them together with the TOEIC Listening and Reading test, you'll get a complete measurement of all four English-language communication skills.

TOEIC Speaking Test format Content: 11 questions

Time: about 20 minutes

Score scale: 0–200

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Test Content

Questions	Task	Description
1-2	Read a text aloud	45 seconds to prepare.45 seconds to read the text out loud.
3-4	Describe a picture	Describe the picture on screen in as much detail as possible.45 seconds to prepare a response.30 seconds to speak about the picture.
5-7	Respond to questions	 3 seconds per question to prepare a response. 15 seconds to respond to questions 5 and 6. 30 seconds to respond to question 7.
8-10	Respond to questions using information provided	 45 seconds to read the information before the questions begin. 3 seconds per question to prepare their response. 15 seconds to respond to questions 8 and 9. Question 10 will be asked two times. 30 seconds to respond to question 10.
11	Express an opinion	45 seconds to prepare a response.60 seconds to speak.

In our Practice Section we are including sample exercises for each of these parts and sections.







THE TOEIC SPEAKING TEST by María Esther Pavón Solana

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As mentioned above, we have been approached by concerned English teachers who search guidance. As most of us have surely experienced, working with beginners makes it a challenge to keep a high English level. We will be including some practices that have proved to be effective in this regard. Additionally, teaching your students to follow these steps will be useful for them, too. Finally, because generating voices using AI can be advantageous for improving oral skills, we are including tips for this purpose, considering that today it has become quite friendly, and it can be easily done for free.





1. Have a conversation partner. Someone who has the same English level as you can be a great partner and join you on a regular basis for practice. It can be motivating! Another option is a dynamic known as "tandem" in which two native speakers of different languages take turns to practice each other's target language.

2. Create reels for social media. Whether you post them or not, creating reels is fun and distracts the user from regular classroom activities. The more fun, the better!

3. Review and learn new collocations and phrasal verbs. On the next section, you'll find a list of collocations that commonly appear in the TOEIC test.

4. Read theory, repurposed. ReadTheory.com is a website designed for improving reading comprehension skills, which is great! Additionally, it can be used for reading aloud, recording oneself, and assessing performance.

Find it at: https://readtheory.org/

2. TTS. Text to Speech apps and websites are great for practice. More about this will come in our January issue.





Twenty Useful Collocations for the TOEIC Test

1. Make a decision - To decide on something. Example: I need to make a decision about my career.

2. Take a break - To have a short rest period. Example: Let's take a break and grab a coffee.

3. Run a business - To manage and operate a business.

Example: She runs a successful online business.

4. Give a presentation - To present information or a topic to an audience.

Example: He will give a presentation at the conference.

5. Meet a deadline - To finish a task by the specified time.

Example: We need to meet the project deadline.

6. Place an order - To request goods or services formally.

Example: I placed an order for new office supplies.

7. Hold a meeting - To organize and conduct a meeting.

Example: They will hold a meeting to discuss the new policy.

8. Reach an agreement - To come to a consensus or decision.

Example: The two companies reached an agreement on the merger.

9. Raise a question - To bring up a question or issue. Example: She raised a question about the new procedure.

10. Take responsibility - To accept responsibility for something.

Example: He took responsibility for the mistake.



11. Make a complaint - To express dissatisfaction or a problem.

Example: They made a complaint about the service.

12. Set a goal - To establish a target or objective. Example: We need to set realistic goals for the project.

13. Attend a meeting - To be present at a meeting.Example: She attended the staff meeting on Monday.

14. Give a speech - To speak formally to an audience. Example: The CEO gave a speech at the event.

15. File a report - To officially submit a report. Example: He filed the report with the accounting department.

16. Arrange a meeting - To organize and schedule a meeting.

Example: Can you arrange a meeting with the client?

17. Run an errand - To go out to complete a task or job.

Example: I need to run an errand before returning to the office.

18. Make a suggestion - To propose an idea or plan. Example: She made a suggestion to improve the process.

19. Take notes - To write down important information. Example: Please take notes during the meeting.

20. Close a deal - To finalize and confirm a business agreement.

Example: They closed the deal after weeks of negotiation.



Our Best Tips

1. Consider that the exam format does not change from version to version. It is wise to get your students to be familiar with the instructions and test format. This will make them feel more confident and save reading time.

2. Test takers who have practiced using a headset with a microphone will be more likely to achieve higher scores due to stress reduction.

3. There are materials available online that will be useful for practice. A video simulating the TOEIC Speaking test experience is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch? v=VOnwxuGovVQ&list=PL6W4747no2BYYHirTgaPJYW_24djvY_-a.

4. During the TOEIC Speaking Test, notes can be taken with the material provided at the test center. Consider that, besides pronunciation, intonation, and grammar accuracy, the good organization of your ideas will be rewarded with a higher score. It is essential that your answers cover the requirements of each question.







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TOEIC Speaking Test Sample Exercises

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.





We are excited to invite you to our new Chinese restaurant, a perfect destination for families and food lovers. Our beautiful thematic venue offers a delightful atmosphere, complete with a playground where children can have fun while you enjoy your meal. Indulge in our delicious plates from traditional Chinese cuisine or explore a variety of flavors at our oriental buffet. Whether you're looking for a family outing or a special dining experience, our restaurant has something for everyone. Come and join us for an unforgettable culinary journey. We look forward to welcoming you!

Questions 3–4: 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 45 seconds to prepare your response. Then you will have 30 seconds to speak about the picture.







Questions 5 - 7: Respond to questions

Directions: In this part of the test, you will answer three questions. You will have three seconds to prepare after you hear each question. You will have 15 seconds to respond to Questions 5 and 6, and 30 seconds to respond to Question 7.

Imagine that you are in a job interview. Answer the questions with personal information and remember to keep the time in mind.

Can you tell me about yourself and your background?

Why are you interested in this position and our company?

Can you describe a challenging situation you faced at work and how you handled it?

Imagine that a friend from another country is coming to your city to an international study exchange program. Answer the following questions:

🗸 What is the closest and best supermarket available near your house?

Is there a lot of traffic at lunch time?

Which means of transport do you recommend for commuting to school?









Questions 8–10: 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 45 seconds to read the information before the questions begin. You will have three seconds to prepare and 15 seconds to respond to Questions 8 and 9. You will hear Question 10 two times. You will have three seconds to prepare and 30 seconds to respond to Question 10.

Hello, I'm calling about a course on January 27th. I saw advertised in the newspaper. It's about the newest tax regulations. I was hoping you could give me some information.



Abacus Accounting

Invites you to our course about new tax regulations Date: Jan 27 Place: Abacus Accounting Training Facilities Talks and workshops: 9:00 am Changes and Challenges 10:00 am New Perspectives 11:30 am How to do the new calculations Coffee Break: 11:00 Registration fee: \$95 USD

Questions:

- How much does conference attendance cost?
 - Will there be a coffee break?
- Could you tell me what time the course starts and how long it will last?



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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 45 seconds to prepare. Then you will have 60 seconds to speak.

Some people think that investing in a life insurance is the best idea. Others, however, think that having an investment advisor is better. Explain your choice.

This is the end of the speaking test sample. When preparing for the test, remember to pay attention to pronunciation, intonation, and organizing your ideas.

To all our readers and collaborators:

Thank you for making this year meaningful for our publication!



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