

Developing Skills for the TOEFL iBT

Intermediate





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Chapter 1

Independent Speaking: Organizing Speech

Necessary Skills

- Describing a personal experience or expressing a personal preference
- Organizing ideas
- Expressing a clear topic statement and supporting points
- Speaking clearly and accurately with knowledge of grammar, vocabulary, and pronunciation

Strategies

Though preparation time is limited in the speaking portion of the test, it is nevertheless important to use this time to plan the organization of your response. This way, your response will be more relevant and coherent. An organizational process for preparing your speech is detailed below. In each step, there are certain things to keep in mind.

Process	Strategy
Read the prompt and understand the task.	Be sure that you understand the question and what it requires you to do.
Identify the main idea and create a topic statement.	Decide on the main idea or choose a position. Use the relevant parts of the prompt in making your topic statement.
Brainstorm and select supporting ideas.	Quickly think of supporting ideas from your own experiences. Choose ideas that most clearly support your topic statement.
Organize the ideas.	Arrange your ideas, putting them in order from most important to least important.

Chapter 1

Practice 1 - Personal Experience

Step 1

Read the prompt below. Write down your answer and related key points in the blanks.

Describe a person who has helped you become who you are today. Include specific

reasons and examples to support your answer. One person who has helped me become who I am today is______ Reason 1: _____ Reason 2: Read the related ideas and expressions below. Add at least two of your own. Related Ideas and Expressions dedication: the hard work and effort spent on something hard work: talented: very good at doing effort, dedication, enthusiasm, ______, ____ something encourage: to give hope or support generous: good at something: giving often to other people volunteer: talented, gifted, skilled, _____, ____, to do work without getting encourage: suggest, persuade, convince, _____, _____, giving: generous, kind, charitable, _____, ____

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Listen to a sample response. Write down any useful expressions.	Notes
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Step 3

Now create your own response using words and expressions from Steps 1 and 2. Use the prompts below to help you.

One person who has	First of all,	
	I used to	
	But	
and I	Second,	
	Because of	
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Step 4

Read the response you wrote above out loud. Try to read slowly and clearly. Practice saying the whole response several times. Then close your book and say the response without looking at the words.



Practice 2 – Personal Preference

Step 1

Read the prompt below. Write down your answer and related key points in the blanks.

Describe a person you know who does a job that person's job? Include specific reasons and example	
	has a job that I admire
Reason 1:	
Reason 2:	
Read the related ideas and expressions below. Add a	t least two of your own
Related Ideas and Expressions	admire:
have a good opinion of someone:	to have a feeling of respect for someone
respect, admire, think highly of,,	courageous: very brave and willing to do dangerous things
	aid: to help someone
brave: courageous, fearless, daring,,,	compensation: payment given to you for work you've done
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help:	
aid, assist, lend a hand,,	
work:	
compensation, paycheck, salary,,	

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Step 4

Plus, ____

Read the response you wrote above out loud. Try to read slowly and clearly. Practice saying the whole response several times. Then close your book and say the response without looking at the words.