

TOEFL Speaking & Writing Templates. (After commenting on a post in this sub about this template, I decided to post it here for everyone. I got 28W and 26S with this. UPVOTE AND GOOD LUCK FELLAS!)

WRITING

Integrated Essay Template

Your integrated essay should be about 280-300 words in length.

Paragraph One (Introduction):

- The reading and the lecture are both about _____ which is _____.
- The author of the reading believes that _____. (Main idea)
- The lecturer casts doubt on the claims made in the article.
- He/She thinks that _____. (Main idea)

Paragraph Two (Body)

- First of all, the author points out that _____. (point 1)
- It is mentioned that _____. (supporting detail)
- This point is challenged by the lecturer.
- She says _____. (counter-point 1)
- Furthermore, she argues _____. (supporting detail)

Paragraph Three (Body)

- Secondly, the author contends that _____.
- The article notes _____.
- The lecturer rebuts this argument.
- She suggests _____.
- She elaborates on this by mentioning that _____.

Paragraph Four (Body)

- Finally, the author states that _____.

- The article establishes that _____.
- The lecturer, on the other hand, posits that _____.
- She puts forth the idea that _____.

Paragraph Five (Optional Conclusion)

- In conclusion, the lecture and the reading are both about _____.
- The professor effectively challenges the claims made in the article.

Independent Essay Template

Your whole essay should be between 380 and 400 words.

Paragraph 1 (Introduction) • Sentence one: A "hook." This is an interesting sentence that describes the topic of the essay without stating your main point. Example: "Children have an incredible number of interests, so there are many possible gifts to give them."

- Sentence two: Your main point. Example: "In my opinion, the very best gift to give to a child is..."
- Sentence three: A transitional sentence. Example: "I feel this way for two reasons, which I will explore in the following essay."
- Sentence Four: "First....." (quickly summarize your first reason, optional)
- Sentence Five: "Second...." (quickly summarize your second reason, optional)

Omit sentence four and five if you are running out of time. It is perfectly okay to write just a three-sentence introduction!

Paragraph Two (Body)

- A topic sentence that introduces your reason. Example: "To begin with..."
- One or two sentences that give general information about this reason
- A transitional sentence that introduces your personal example: "My own experience is a compelling example of this."
- Four or five sentences that talk about an example from your life.

Paragraph Three (Body)

- A topic sentence that introduces your second reason. Example: "Secondly..."
- One or two sentences that give general information about this reason
- A transition. Example: "My own personal history is proof of this"
- Four or five sentences that talk about this example

Paragraph Four (conclusion)

- In conclusion, I believe that... MAIN POINT."
- "This is because REASON ONE, and REASON TWO."

SPEAKING

Question One: Personal Experience

- Main point "A time when I..." // "In my opinion..." // "I would advise my friend to..." // "I think that..."
- Transition "I feel this way for two reasons." "This was ----- for two main reasons." "I would make this suggestion for two main reasons."
- First reason "First..." + "To be more specific..."
- Second reason "Second..." + "For example..."

Question Two: Personal Preference

- Main point "I agree/disagree with the idea that..." "I prefer..." "I think it is better to..."
- Transition "I feel this way for two reasons."
- First reason "First..." + "To be more specific..."
- Second reason "Second..." + "For example..."

Question Three: Campus Situation

A good answer to the first integrated speaking question might follow this template...

- The article/announcement/letter is about...
- It states that...
- The man disagrees/agrees with the plan/proposal.
- He feels this way for two main reasons.
- First of all, he states that...
- Secondly, he notes that...

Question Four: General to Specific

A good answer to the second integrated speaking question might follow this template...

- The reading is about...
- It states that...
- The lecturer elaborates on this by providing several examples/an example.
- First of all, he mentions...
- Secondly, he says...
- In this way, the professor expands upon the topic of _____. (Optional).

Question Five: Problem and Solution

A good answer to the first integrated listening/speaking question might follow this template...

- The man's problem is...
- Two possible solutions are suggested.
- First of all, the man could...
- Secondly, it is mentioned that he could...
- In my opinion, the man really ought to...
- I feel this way for two reasons.
- First...
- Moreover...

Question Six: Academic Lecture

The final speaking question doesn't really lend itself to the use of a template, but you might want to try something like this:

- The lecture is about...
- The professor illustrates this concept using two main examples.
- First she talks about...
- She says that...
- Secondly, she speaks about...
- In her opinion...

