



Speaking Session 2

Task 1 and Task 2



Group9120

Speaking Tasks

Task 1 - Independent

Task 2 - Integrated: Campus (Reading + Listening)

Task 3 - Integrated: Academic (Reading + Listening)

Task 4 - Integrated: Academic (Listening)



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Template

Opening

Compound Intro

With high-level point

+

X 2

Complex elaboration

Cause and effect

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With high-level point

+

Complex elaboration

Cause and effect

+

(Counter) Example

Development

Scoring dimensions for Task 1

说理

+

例子

personal example

counter example

Delivery:

well-paced expression with proper pronunciation and intonation; okay to have minor lapses or issues

Language:

natural and effective use of grammar and vocab with both simple and complex structures

Development:

Sufficient and coherent response with clear progression

Development

Scoring dimensions for Task 1

说理

+

例子

personal example

counter example

给你讲，一定要多运动，你看我，现在身材多好

给你讲，一定要多运动，不运动的话，真的会长很多肉，体脂率真的会很高，最后你买的那些裙子都穿不了了

Templates - Practice

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Part 2 - Point 2

Use money, social, career, responsibility

Do you agree with the following statement: students should do part-time jobs or apply for summer employment that is related to future career before graduation?

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Some people like to make decision based on their own experience, while other people prefer to ask others for help such as family and friends. Which do you prefer and why? – Oct 16, 2021

Do you prefer to be taught by experienced teachers or new teachers? – Aug 15, 2021

Templates - Practice

Key Words:

social, organization, or whatever topic in which more people are involved

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Some people prefer to attend live sports events in the stadium or sports field.

Others prefer to watch the games online or on the TV. Which do you prefer?

Explain why. – Oct 9, 2021

Templates - Practice

Key Words:

social, organization, or whatever topic in which more people are involved

More elements:

First, we can meet peers who enjoy the same sport / hobby, so we already have something in common

and can quickly make friends with each other and build a social circle.

Besides, working in a team helps us to develop social skills we need for life.

It teaches us how to cooperate, how to be generous, and how to follow rules.

above all, to accept that we could be penalized for bad behavior, which can help us become better people in the future.

Practice Questions

2023.8.27

Some people believe the library should be a quiet place for people to read and study, while others think it should be a place where people interact and meet friends. What do you think?

2023.8.23

It is the policy of many universities that parents of university students cannot have access to their children's grades without their children's permission. Do you agree or disagree with this policy?

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TPO 24 Speaking

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Sincerely,
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TPO 24 Speaking **score heavy on listening, not reading**

close campus coffeehouse

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The student proposes **that** the university close the campus coffeehouse for two reasons.

First, students don't use the coffeehouse, so it's a waste of space. Second, the food there doesn't taste good.

32 words

Guide Map for Listening:

close campus coffeehouse

1. students Xuse – waste
space

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agree: listen for synonyms

disagree: listen for antonyms

woman: I don't like his proposal.

man: Why not? There are never many students there.

woman: But that's why I like about it, that it's never crowded.

man: Really?

woman: Yeah, so it's a great place to study. I go there a lot. I'll read a book or bring my laptop computer and work on a paper for class. It's never very noisy.

man: You're able to get work done there?

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TPO 24 Speaking lower 4 level

X

X crowded, likes
great 4 study ...
prefer to lib, other students too

However, the woman in the conversation disagrees.

First, she says **that** the coffeehouse is not crowded, so she likes it. It's a great place to study. She also prefers the café to the library, and other students prefer it too.

40 words

TPO 24 Speaking upper 4 level

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finals, eat while work (Xlib)

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64 words

TPO 24

Speaking

man: OK, but you don't actually like the food there, do you? I mean, he said -

woman: Well, I don't think he's been there recently, I mean, it's true that it wasn't that great in the past, but I think it's a lot better now.

man: What's changed?

woman: They have a new manager and I guess she's made some improvements in the quality of the food. I was there last week and the food was delicious.

man: Really?

woman: Yeah, really! And the new manager has also added a lot of really healthful foods and snacks, so the food doesn't just taste good now. It's good for you, too.

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TPO 24 Speaking lower 4 level

food better now

new manager – improve quality

add healthy food & snacks

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38 words

TPO 24 Speaking upper 4 level

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taste good + good 4 body

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49 words

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81 words + 32 words = 113 words

upper 4 level

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118 words + 32 words = 150 words

Practice TPO 14

Speaking Task 2

University Should Allow Eating in Class

TPO 14 Speaking

Currently, there is a university-wide policy that prohibits eating in the classroom. I disagree with this policy. I think students should be allowed to eat in class. This change would be good for two reasons. For one thing, if students were permitted to eat, they would be able to concentrate better, because students often get hungry during long classes, and hunger makes it difficult to concentrate. Also, if food were allowed in classroom, it would be possible for us to have in-class parties on the last day of class – with snack foods and beverages – to celebrate the end of each semester.

Sincerely,
Nancy Myers

TPO 14 Speaking

woman: Did you see this letter, Jen?

man: Yeah.

woman: Be kind of nice to do that, huh?

man: No, actually, I don't think it's a good idea.

woman: Why not?

man: Well, like the part about how it'll help students concentrate, I mean, maybe a little snack will help the person who's eating it, but, the trouble is that it makes it hard for everyone else to concentrate cause they have to listen to someone munching on chips, or biting into an apple, or crinkling paper wrappers.

woman: I guess it can be kind of disruptive.

man: Yeah! It will interfere with everyone's concentration. You wouldn't be able to pay attention with all the noises going on.

TPO 14 Speaking

woman: OK, I guess I will have to agree with you on that, but what about her other reason? It would be nice to be able to have some fun at the end of the semester, right?

man: No, there's a problem with that, too.

woman: Why?

man: Well, I don't think it's appropriate to use class time for that kind of thing. I mean, the last class is usually pretty important, that's when we do a lot of reviewing for final exams.

woman: True!

man: If we use that time for that, we probably wouldn't have time to do as much reviewing, which means we wouldn't be as well prepared for exams.

woman: Yeah, I haven't thought of that.