



TOEFL Speaking Task1

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Task 1 Template

Part1

Opinion + Reason + Elaboration

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Part2

Example



Task 1 Template

Part1

I would choose / I agree with the statement / I prefer / I believe / In my opinion / I would ...

This is because ...

To be more specific ...

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Part2

Take XXX, for instance.



Let's Practice - 1

If you are going to choose a roommate, which of the following qualities is the most important to you?

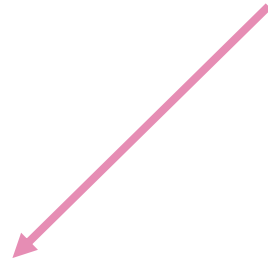
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- (2) friendliness
- (3) quietness



Task 1 – Brainstorming

If you are going to choose a roommate, which of the following qualities is the most important to you?

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roommate – live together and interact everyday

important – can't do without it

not clean – can clean up

friendly – personality - hard to change

not quiet – can stop



Template in Use – Part1

If you are going to choose a roommate, which of the following qualities is the most important to you?

- (1) cleanness
- (2) friendliness
- (3) quietness

Opinion: I would choose the quality of friendliness.

Reason: This is because I think that friendliness is essential for roommates to get along with each other, and it's hard for an unfriendly person to change into a friendly one.

Elaboration: To be more specific, if a person made a mess, you can ask them to clean up. If a person is being loud, you can ask them to be quiet. However, asking them to change their personality would be quite difficult.



Template in Use – Part2

Example:

Take my old roommate, Amy, for instance.

She was the kind of person who could not bear any messes, she dusted and swept and mopped every single day. She was also quiet.

However, she was also really unfriendly. She was always rude to me, and when she was in a bad mood, she projected her negative energy on to me. So it was really uncomfortable to be around her, and I always felt depressed when I was in the dorm with her.

But I moved out 2 months ago, and my new roommate has a warm personality. I feel happy when I'm around her.

If you are going to choose a roommate, which of the following qualities is the most important to you?

- (1) cleanness
- (2) friendliness
- (3) quietness



Let's Practice - 2

Nowadays, people use extreme methods, like surgery, to change their appearance. They do this because they are trying to become more attractive.

Do you think this is a good idea?



Template in Use – Part1

Nowadays, people use extreme methods, like surgery, to change their appearance. They do this because they are trying to become more attractive.

Do you think this is a good idea?

Opinion: I think this is a bad idea.

Reason: This is because the risks and dangers of plastic surgery aren't worth it.

Elaboration: To be more specific, no matter what kind of cosmetic surgery you undergo, be it invasive surgeries like facelifts, or non-invasive procedures like botox injections, there are always risks, such as infections, scarring, permanent nerve damage, or even life-threatening problems like blood clots and reactions to anesthesia. You could die on the table, and it is not worth risking your health and your life just to look like a model on a magazine cover.



Template in Use – Part2



Example:

Take my friend, Amy, for instance.

She was the kind of person who cared a lot about her appearance.

One day, she decided to get plastic surgery.

Unfortunately, the surgery was risky. It was very dangerous for her.

Something went wrong, and she almost died.

This is why I believe plastic surgery is a bad idea.



Template in Use – Part2



Example:

Take my friend, Amy, for instance.

She was the kind of person who cared a lot about her appearance. She always got up every early in the morning to do her makeup, and she always wore extremely fashionable clothes. She did a lot of workouts to keep her body slim, and she never ate fast food or drank soda.

One day, she got plastic surgery, and as a result, she became addicted to it.



Template in Use – Part2



Example:

Take my friend, Amy, for instance.

She was the kind of person who cared a lot about her appearance, and she wanted to look really attractive.

One day, she decided to undergo plastic surgery to change her looks, so she could look pretty and beautiful.

Unfortunately, something went wrong with the surgery, and as a result, she has a scar on her face.



Template in Use – Part2



Example:

Take my friend, Amy, for instance.

She was the kind of person who cared a lot about her appearance, and one day, when she posted selfie on Instagram, a random stranger commented that her eyes were too small, so she decided to make her eyes look bigger.

However, she chose to get double eyelid surgery, and unfortunately, something went wrong during surgery. As a result, she lost her vision in her right eye.

If she didn' t choose such an extreme and dangerous method, she would not be blind in one eye right now.



Template in Use – Part2



Example:

Take my friends, Amy and Jenna, for instance.

They were both the kind of people who cared a lot about their appearances, and they both thought that their eyes were too small, and wanted to change that.

However, Amy got double eyelid surgery, while Jenna just used double eyelid tape. And unfortunately for Amy, something went horribly wrong during surgery, and she lost her vision in her right eye.

If Amy didn't choose such a dangerous and extreme method, she would be just like Jenna, not just attractive, but also with vision in both eyes.



How to give an effective example:

Step1: give a name

Step2: talk about what kind of person they were (反面教材)

Step3: find a transition point

Step4: compare and contrast (与以往做比较 or 与另一种结果做比较 or 与他人做比较)

*** your example must help you illustrate your main point!!!

*** tell a story, don't just throw around ideas



Your turn

If you had a small amount of money, would you spend it right away or save it?

Use details and examples to support your explanation.



Give me an example that fits my main point, please~ thx!

Part1

I guess I would choose to save the money, and this is because I believe we should always save for a rainy day. To be more specific, even though it's not a huge amount of money, saving it is the responsible thing to do, and you never know when you will need it for an emergency.

Part2

Take my friend Jessica / Ian, for example.

She / He was the kind of person who ...

One day, ...

However / Unfortunately ...

But ... / If she/he hadn't ..., she/he would never have ...



sample answer

Part1

I guess I would choose to save the money, and this is because I believe we should always save for a rainy day. To be more specific, even though it's not a huge amount of money, saving it is the responsible thing to do, and you never know when you will need it for an emergency.

Part2

Take my friend Ian, for example. He was the kind of person who had the YOLO mentality. He bought a lot of expensive things that he wanted but couldn't afford, so he didn't have any savings.

One day, Ian felt sick and went to the hospital. The doctor told him that he needed immediate medical care. Unfortunately, Ian didn't have any money, so his treatment was delayed, and he almost died.

If Ian had the habit of saving money, that would never have happened.

