

TOEFL Rush Camp

Speaking Session 1

Task 1

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Speaking Rubrics



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Not fully intelligible
Not fully developed

Some intelligible speech
Obscured meaning
Limited development

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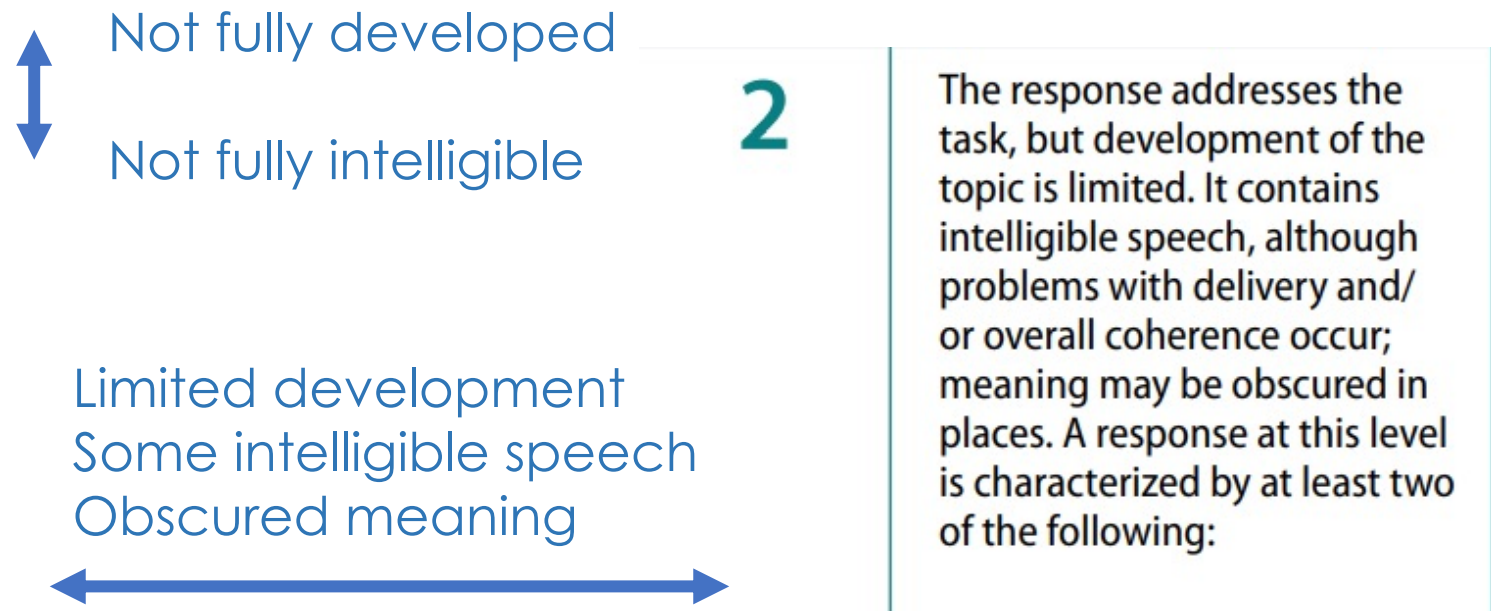
The response addresses the task, but development of the topic is limited. It contains intelligible speech, although problems with delivery and/or overall coherence occur; meaning may be obscured in places. A response at this level is characterized by at least two of the following:

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What is the most important in TOEFL speaking?



the most important thing



intelligibility

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intelligibility

fluency, pronunciation

grammar, vocab

on topic, developed, discourse markers

the most important thing



How can I be more intelligible?



Tip No.1 Slow Down and Speak Out Loud



80-120 words in Task 1

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Where do you prefer to go shopping, in supermarkets or in boutiques?

It is a personal preference of mine to make my purchases of goods in supermarkets due to the fact that supermarkets have cheaper products and more variety. Not only can I get exactly what I want, but I can also add to my financial resources.



I prefer to go shopping in supermarkets because the products are cheaper and there is more variety. This way, I can get exactly what I want and save some money, too.

Tip No.2 Use Simpler Expressions



Please translate this sentence.

Amy 为了给她妈妈庆祝生日而制作的巧克力草莓蛋糕所用的材料都是澳洲进口的。

Amy made a cake, and she used ingredients that were imported from Australia. It was a chocolate cake, and it was decorated with strawberries. She made the cake for her mother's birthday.

Amy made a chocolate-flavored birthday cake decorated with strawberries for her mother's birthday using only ingredients imported from Australia.

Tip No.3 Organize a Speech, NOT JUST recalling details



Fish Water
Leave die

People exercise health
Society benefit
Econ grow
Virtuous cycle



People exercise for their health.
The society benefits.
The economy grows.
It is a virtuous cycle.

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When people exercise, they become healthier, and society will benefit because the economy will grow as a result of this. Why? Because if people are healthy, that means they can always provide enough labor. With enough labor, the economy develops, society becomes wealthier, and people have the means to be healthier, thus forming a virtuous cycle.

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My second point of view is that helping other people is pivotal to children's work prospects. With the development of the economy and education, an increasing number of students have graduated from universities, which means the competition has become intense today.

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

Pauses between thought groups

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Intonation – rising and falling tones

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Stress

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2020-2021 Prompt

Nowadays, some people have plastic surgery to change their appearance, do you think it a good idea? Why or why not, please use details and example to explain.

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Response 1 ver 1:

I agree with the opinion because plastic surgery is dangerous. It may hurt our health in an unexpected way.

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Response 1 ver 2:

I agree with the opinion because plastic surgery might put our health, and even our lives, in serious danger.

It might could cause unrepairable wounds to our appearance, which may hurt both our physical and mental health.

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More Examples:

I like you because you are a good person. You don't do bad things.

My cat went to the doctor because she was sick. The doctor helped her.

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word count: 40~50

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Transient markers

Outstanding teachers can admit it when they make mistakes or when the topic is beyond their comprehension, which is helpful to students. They can always know how to correct mistakes and search the appropriate information, and they can always convey the constructive feedback or guidance to the students, so students will obtain a better understanding of knowledge. This form of teaching benefits both sides. The performance of teaching and learning will be significantly enhanced.

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First Part of Answer - Reasoning



Compound Intro

With high-level point:

I agree with / prefer / ... , because ...

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Complex elaboration

Cause and effect

They / It can ..., which ...

Second Part of Answer - Exemplification



Personal Example

Well, I can never forget it was a sunny/rainy/stormy day back in July/Sep/Nov when I first got the chance to (event). Before, I never (opposite idea) cause

However, the (feature of the event) impressed me dramatically and (result).

Ever since then, I've always (emphasis on your preference).

Counter Example

Well, Take my friend Larry/Steve/AK for example: he/she was the kind of person that (paraphrase of idea).

One day, he/she (what they did).

Most unfortunately, Larry/Steve/AK eventually (very very bad result).

If he/she hadn't (what they did), then he/she would (opposite result).

Personal Examples



Step1: talk about the first time you did sth

Step2: compare with what you were like before, and give a reason

Step3: talk about the feature of the event that changed your mind

Step4: give a result (and I realized how naïve I was in the past)

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

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

Counter Examples



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)

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Time for Practice!

PRACTICE
MAKES
Perfect

Effectiveness:

- yields better results
- significantly enhance the efficiency
- generates long-term welfare
- form a virtuous cycle

Career:

- develop a deeper understanding of the field of study
- promote professional skills in XXX
- lead to a more rewarding future

Relationship:

- Expand social circles in XXX
- Get to know more eminent elites in XXX
- Find future research / working partners
- Foster a healthy and strong relationship

Tech:

- Facilitates better communication
- Convey information in an easier way
- Boost working productivity / efficiency
- Makes our lives better / easier

Practice 1 – 2023.9.6



Task1

When having an assignment or project to do, some people prefer to finish it long before the due date; others prefer to start doing it right before the deadline. Which one do you prefer and why?

Task1

In some countries, it is permissible to homeschool children, where parents or private teachers teach children at home instead of sending them to school to get their education. Do you think homeschooling is a good practice?

Practice 3 – 2023.8.21



Task1

Imagine that you have been accepted by two different universities. One is well-known for its excellent academic program, but it is expensive. The other is less well-known but has offered you a scholarship to pay your tuition fees. Which will you choose? Explain why.



The End