



# Free Practice Questions for the TOEFL® Writing Section

-2026 edition-



**Free Practice**  
*For the TOEFL®*  
*Writing Section 2026*



### **Build a Sentence**

**Directions:** Move the words in the boxes to create grammatical sentences. On test day, you will have 6 minutes to complete 10 questions.

**1.**



What did the tour guide mention at the start of the trip?



\_\_\_\_\_ .

be / we'd / where / explained / he / stopping / for lunch / was going

**2.**



I heard Ethan started a new job last month.



Did he \_\_\_\_\_?

you / working / company / he's / tell / new position / what / for



**3.**



Were you able to ask the IT team about the issue?



\_\_\_\_\_ emailed \_\_\_\_\_ the crash.

to see / they knew / I / caused / if / them / what

**4.**



Did you like the restaurant we went to last night?



I \_\_\_\_\_ too loud.

music / because / enjoy / didn't / the / was / the atmosphere

**5.**



Was your flight delayed yesterday?



\_\_\_\_\_ delayed, \_\_\_\_\_.

took / nearly / wasn't / but / boarding process / the / a long time / it



**6.**



Why did you choose to move to a smaller town?



\_\_\_\_\_.

to find / place / I / quieter / far / to live / a / wanted

**7.**



When was the last time you saw Emma?



It \_\_\_\_\_ at the cafe.

met / we / was / weekend / the / when / all

**8.**



Which apartment did you decide to rent?



\_\_\_\_\_ balcony and better lighting.

has / the / we / that / features / chose / one / a



**9.**



How did you handle the customer complaint?



\_\_\_\_\_ end of the day.

I / replacement / time / by the / him / a / to send / promised

**10.**



Maria mentioned she finally bought a new computer.



\_\_\_\_\_?

where / got / from / say / did / she / it

**11.**



How did your brother react to taking care of the family business?



He \_\_\_\_\_ retired.

after / running / continue / it / our parents / agreed / to / had



**12.**



Was the new system easy to use?



\_\_\_\_\_.

able to / wasn't / my / log in / to / attempt / I / first / on

**13.**



Why did the professor assign an extra essay this week?



She \_\_\_\_\_ formal writing.

wanted / another / chance / students / to / practice / to give

**14.**



My friend said she finally finished reading that long novel.



\_\_\_\_\_ whether \_\_\_\_\_?

has / mentioned / she / liked / the / she / ending



**15.**



The supervisor said a new policy will take effect soon.



\_\_\_\_\_ the employees?

affect / it / how / has / explained / will / she

**16.**



The professor mentioned there will be a guest speaker tomorrow.



\_\_\_\_\_?

you / what / will / remember / cover / the lecture / topic / do

**17.**



Did the manager give you feedback on your report?



\_\_\_\_\_ told \_\_\_\_\_.

needed / had / she / more data / which / sections / me



**18.**



Why did the professor call you after class?



\_\_\_\_\_ him \_\_\_\_\_.

to send / outline / my / class / me / call / he asked / by / his / tomorrow

**19.**



Why didn't you join us for dinner yesterday?



I would have gone \_\_\_\_\_.

if / had / I / work / to do / not / hadn't / so much

**20.**



When will the new employee orientation begin?



\_\_\_\_\_.

completes / start / everyone / will / after / it / the registration process



**21.**



Lena told me she's learning how to drive.



\_\_\_\_\_?

test / her / she / driving / scheduled / has / yet

**22.**



I heard the library is going to close for renovations.



\_\_\_\_\_ know \_\_\_\_\_?

it / you / how long / will / return books / remain / closed / do

**23.**



What did your friend decide after graduation?



She \_\_\_\_\_.

for / to apply / master's program / abroad / she / a / decided



**24.**



What happens if the library closes early today?



\_\_\_\_\_.

their books / can / using / return / the / students / outdoor drop box / early

**25.**



Why didn't you go jogging this morning?



\_\_\_\_\_.

it / inside / started / because / coat / stayed / raining / I

**26.**



Why did the professor postpone the exam?



He \_\_\_\_\_ the material.

review / students / so / that / could / it / delayed / an extension



**27.**



What are you planning to do during the break?



\_\_\_\_\_ in Busan.

relatives / tomorrow / planning / to / my / visit / I'm

**28.**



How did you feel about working on that team project?



I \_\_\_\_\_.

enjoyed / different ideas / collaborating / who / had / classmates / with / decided

**29.**



Why did you volunteer for the school event?



I \_\_\_\_\_ the community.

something / wanted / for / organize / meaningful / help / to



**30.**



Why didn't Sarah apply for that position?



She decided \_\_\_\_\_.

was / since / to apply / decided / not / the office / far away / too / her



### **Write an Email**

**#31**

<p>You recently moved into a new apartment and discovered several maintenance issues that were not mentioned in the lease. You want to contact your landlord, Mr. Hill, to report these problems and request repairs as soon as possible.</p> <p>Write an email to Mr. Hill. In your email, do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the maintenance issues you have noticed.</li><li>• Explain how they are affecting your daily life.</li><li>• Request that they be repaired soon.</li></ul> <p>Write as much as you can and in complete sentences.</p>	<p>Your Response: <u>To:</u> Mr. Hill <u>Subject:</u> Request for apartment maintenance repairs</p> <p><i>Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 7 minutes to read and write.</i></p>
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## **Write an Email**

**#32**

<p>Your class is organizing a charity event next month to raise money for local families in need. You volunteered to contact businesses that might want to donate food or supplies. You decide to write to the manager of a local supermarket to ask if they would be interested in supporting your event.</p> <p>Write an email to the store manager. In your email, do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduce yourself and explain the purpose of the event.</li><li>• Describe how the store's donation would help.</li><li>• Invite them to participate and provide contact details for follow-up.</li></ul> <p>Write as much as you can and in complete sentences.</p>	<p>Your Response: <u>To:</u> Drew Houghton <u>Subject:</u> Request for support with charity event</p> <p><i>Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 7 minutes to read and write.</i></p>
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## **Write an Email**

**#33**

<p>You recently took an online course about digital marketing, but some of the video materials did not load properly. You want to contact the course coordinator, Dr. Lin, to report these issues and ask for guidance.</p>	<p>Your Response: <u>To:</u> Dr. Lin <u>Subject:</u> Issues with online course materials</p>
<p>Write an email to Dr. Lin. In your email, do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Describe the technical problems you experienced.</li><li>• Explain how these problems affected your learning.</li><li>• Ask how you can complete this part of the course.</li></ul> <p>Write as much as you can and in complete sentences.</p>	<p><i>Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 7 minutes to read and write.</i></p>



## **Write an Email**

**#34**

<p>You are a member of the student environmental club at your university. The club is planning to meet on Monday to discuss a campus cleanup event, but you have a scheduling conflict and will not be able to attend the meeting. You want to write to the club leader, Sarah, to suggest an alternative date and share your availability.</p> <p>Write an email to Sarah. In your email, do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explain your scheduling conflict.</li><li>• Suggest a new date or time for the meeting.</li><li>• Offer to help with planning in another way if needed.</li></ul> <p>Write as much as you can and in complete sentences.</p>	<p>Your Response: <u>To:</u> Sarah <u>Subject:</u> Suggestion for rescheduling the cleanup event</p> <p><i>Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 7 minutes to read and write.</i></p>
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### **Write an Email**

**#35**

<p>Your friend Oliver invited you to stay at his home for a few days while you attended a conference in his city. After returning home, you want to thank him for his hospitality. You also want to express how much you enjoyed spending time together and offer to host him in the future.</p> <p>Write an email to Oliver. In your email, do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank him for letting you stay at his home.</li><li>• Mention what you enjoyed most about your visit.</li><li>• Invite him to visit your city sometime soon.</li></ul> <p>Write as much as you can and in complete sentences.</p>	<p>Your Response: <u>To:</u> Oliver <u>Subject:</u> Thank you for your hospitality</p> <p><i>Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 7 minutes to read and write.</i></p>
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## **Write for an Academic Discussion**

**#36**

Your professor is teaching a class on education. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

**In your response, you should do the following.**

- Express and support your opinion.
- Make a contribution to the discussion in your own words.

An effective response will contain at least 100 words.



**Dr. Carter**

Today, we will look at the evolving landscape of higher education, particularly how online learning platforms are influencing traditional college experiences. Given the current global increase in virtual classrooms, it's essential to consider their impact on learning outcomes and student engagement. Do you think that online learning will eventually replace in-person education at universities? Explain why you think so.



**Alice**

*In my view, online learning offers a viable alternative to traditional education, especially for those who require flexibility due to work or personal commitments. The ability to access resources at any time and manage one's schedule can significantly enhance learning efficiency and accessibility. In time, I think that even more schools will offer online classes.*



**Ben**

*Though there are some benefits of online learning, I believe it lacks critical aspects of in-person experiences, such as spontaneous classroom interactions and direct peer collaboration. These elements are crucial for developing soft skills and a deeper understanding of academic material. I think that students who learn via online platforms miss out on this part of the academic experience.*

*Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 10 minutes to read and write.*



## Write for an Academic Discussion

#37

Your professor is teaching a class on business. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

**In your response, you should do the following.**

- Express and support your opinion.
- Make a contribution to the discussion in your own words.

An effective response will contain at least 100 words.



**Dr. James**

Next, we'll be discussing the future of automation and its impact on the workforce. As industries integrate more advanced technologies, there are concerns about job displacement and the transformation of work. For example, automation may replace some jobs but could also create opportunities in technology and engineering fields. Given these changes, do you believe that automation will ultimately benefit or harm workers? Explain why you think so.



**Juan**

*I believe automation will benefit the workforce by enhancing efficiency and creating high-skilled jobs in sectors like AI and robotics. This shift could lead to increased job satisfaction as people engage in more creative and less monotonous work, fundamentally improving our quality of life.*



**Allison**

*While Juan makes a valid point about job creation in certain sectors, I'm concerned about the widespread job losses among less skilled people. Not everyone can transition into high-tech roles, so automation could widen the gap between the wealthy and the poor. Therefore, I think the harms could outweigh the benefits, especially in the short to medium term.*

*Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 10 minutes to read and write.*



## **Write for an Academic Discussion**

**#38**

Your professor is teaching a class on psychology. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

**In your response, you should do the following.**

- Express and support your opinion.
- Make a contribution to the discussion in your own words.

An effective response will contain at least 100 words.



**Dr. Norton**

Today, we will look at the impact of social media on society. Social media platforms have become central to many of our lives, influencing everything from daily communication to global politics. However, while some celebrate the increased connectivity, others are concerned about issues like privacy, mental health, and misinformation. What do you think? Do you believe the impact of social media on society is predominantly positive or negative? Explain why you think so.



**Alice**

*I believe the impact of social media is largely positive. It allows people to stay connected with friends and family regardless of distance, which is invaluable. It also provides platforms for small businesses to thrive by reaching a broader audience without the costs associated with traditional advertising.*



**Ben**

*When it comes to social media, I think the negatives outweigh the positives. Social media often promotes unrealistic expectations and can lead to issues like anxiety and depression. Moreover, it's a breeding ground for misinformation, which can have serious societal implications.*

*Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 10 minutes to read and write.*



## **Write for an Academic Discussion**

**#39**

Your professor is teaching a class on education. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

**In your response, you should do the following.**

- Express and support your opinion.
- Make a contribution to the discussion in your own words.

An effective response will contain at least 100 words.



**Dr. Langston**

This week, we'll be discussing the impact of music on cognitive development. Research has shown that engaging with music, whether by playing an instrument or listening, can enhance cognitive abilities such as memory, attention, and even language skills. For instance, children who receive musical training often show greater improvements in these areas compared to those who do not. Before our next class, I want you to respond to the following question: Do you believe schools should integrate more music-focused classes into their curriculum? Why or why not?



**Alice**

*I strongly support integrating more music classes in schools. Music not only improves cognitive abilities but also nurtures emotional and social skills. Providing children with music education from an early age can foster well-rounded development, equipping them with skills beneficial across various aspects of life.*



**Ben**

*It is important to consider the fact that schools have difficulty allocating their limited resources. Many schools struggle with funding and may need to prioritize core academic subjects like math and science. Allocating more resources to music might mean less for these essential areas, which could be detrimental in the long run.*

*Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 10 minutes to read and write.*



## Write for an Academic Discussion

**#40**

Your professor is teaching a class on business. Write a post responding to the professor's question.

**In your response, you should do the following.**

- Express and support your opinion.
- Make a contribution to the discussion in your own words.

An effective response will contain at least 100 words.



**Dr. Amin**

In recent years, many countries have moved toward a cashless economy, where digital transactions through credit cards, mobile payments, and online banking have replaced physical cash. Some believe this shift makes transactions more convenient and secure, while others argue that a cashless society has drawbacks, such as privacy concerns and the exclusion of those without digital access. To what extent do you believe that a cashless society is the best way forward?



**Priya**

*A fully cashless society is the best way forward because it simplifies transactions and reduces crime. Digital payments are faster, more secure, and eliminate risks associated with carrying cash, such as theft or loss. Many countries, like Sweden, have already embraced digital payments with great success, making everyday transactions more efficient for both businesses and consumers.*



**David**

*Relying entirely on digital payments could create serious problems, particularly for people who lack access to banking services or who have poor digital literacy. I strongly believe that cash is still essential for those in rural areas. It is also useful for elderly populations and lower-income groups who may not have smartphones or credit cards. Additionally, a cashless society increases dependence on technology, which could be a problem during system failures or cyberattacks.*

*Space for typing answers. On test day, you will have 10 minutes to read and write.*



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*Answer Key*



### **Build a Sentence**

- 1.** *He explained where we'd be stopping for lunch.*
- 2.** *Did he tell you what company he's working for?*
- 3.** *I emailed them to see if they knew what caused the crash.*
- 4.** *I didn't enjoy the atmosphere because the music was too loud.*
- 5.** *It wasn't delayed, but the boarding process took a long time.*
- 6.** *I wanted to find a quieter place to live.*
- 7.** *It was the weekend when we all met at the cafe.*
- 8.** *We chose the one that has a balcony and better lighting.*
- 9.** *I promised to send him a replacement by the end of the day.*
- 10.** *Did she say where she got it from?*
- 11.** *He agreed to continue running it after our parents retired.*
- 12.** *I wasn't able to log in on my first attempt.*
- 13.** *She wanted to give students another chance to practice formal writing.*
- 14.** *Has she mentioned whether she liked the ending?*
- 15.** *Has she explained how it will affect the employees?*
- 16.** *Do you remember what topic the lecture will cover?*
- 17.** *She told me which sections needed more data.*
- 18.** *He asked me to send him my outline by tomorrow.*
- 19.** *I would have gone if I hadn't had so much work to do.*
- 20.** *It will start after everyone completes the registration process.*



- 21.** Has she scheduled her driving test yet?
- 22.** Do you know how long it will remain closed?
- 23.** She decided to apply for a master's program abroad.
- 24.** Students can return their books using the outdoor drop box.
- 25.** I stayed inside because it started raining.
- 26.** He delayed it so that students could review the material.
- 27.** I'm planning to visit my relatives in Busan.
- 28.** I enjoyed collaborating with classmates who had different ideas.
- 29.** I wanted to help organize something meaningful for the community.
- 30.** She decided not to apply since the office was too far away.

### **Write an Email - Sample Answers**

**31.**

Dear Mr. Hill,

As you know, I moved into your apartment on Highwood Street last week. I'm writing to mention a few maintenance issues that I've noticed since then. First of all, the faucet in the bathroom sink has a steady leak that I cannot stop. I can hear this leak during the night, and it is interrupting my sleep. I'm also worried about wasting water. Moreover, the doorbell on the front door does not work. This makes it difficult to receive packages from delivery drivers, since they have no way of letting me know that they have arrived. Would it be possible for you to arrange repairs for both of these issues right away? I will be at home all week, so I can easily let you in no matter when you arrive to take care of them.

Thanks for your time,

Zorica Hedlund



**32.**

Dear Mr. Houghton

My name is Caleb Fox, and I am a student at Garden State University. Next month, the university will begin its annual campaign to collect donations of money and supplies to help local families get through the winter season. I'm writing to ask if your supermarket would be willing to donate some non-perishable food items or other essential goods to the campaign. A contribution from your store would help ensure that families in our area can enjoy healthy and nutritious meals. If you are interested, you can reply to this email or reach out to me by phone at 902-555-3267. All donors will have their names and logos displayed on the campaign's website and on materials distributed at our in-person events.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Caleb Fox

**33.**

Dear Dr. Lin,

I'm writing to let you know about a technical problem I recently experienced while studying for your "Introduction to Geology" online course. Last week, some of the videos about plate tectonics that you assigned would not load properly. I was only able to watch the first five seconds of each video, and after that, they would not continue to play. As a result, I am unable to fully comprehend the lecture you gave, and I'm worried that my final grade will be impacted. Could you let me know if there is another method to access the videos? Once I watch them all, I am sure I will fully understand the topic.

Thank for your time,

Talia Brunner



**34.**

Hello Sarah,

As you know, I'm really looking forward to the campus cleanup next month. However, I will not be able to attend the planning session on Monday due to a scheduling conflict. Unfortunately, I must attend a study session for my global history class, which cannot be rescheduled. If you think my participation in the planning session is essential, I will be happy to attend on Tuesday evening, anytime after six o'clock. If that's not possible, I would be happy to help in some other way. For instance, if you need me to update the club website with new information about the event, I would be happy to do so. Moreover, I can contact the campus radio station about making a few announcements about the event.

Best wishes,

Jennet

**35.**

Hello Oliver,

I have just returned home, and want to thank you for letting me stay at your apartment while I was in town for the podiatry conference. Since you live so close to the conference site, being able to stay with you made it really easy for me to get to and from the event. I also enjoyed the meals we shared in the evening, and I was happy to hear stories about your life in Boston. I also want to thank you for giving me a tour of the city before the conference started. Please come visit me in New York any time you want to. You can stay with me for as long as you like, and I will be happy to show you around the city after work.

Best wishes,

Charlie



## **Write for an Academic Discussion - Sample Answers**

**36.**

*"Do you think that online learning will eventually replace in-person education at universities? Explain why you think so."*

Considering the evolving landscape of higher education, I see online learning as a valuable option but not a complete replacement for traditional classroom settings. I have taken several online courses while studying in Berlin, where the flexible schedule helped me manage both my studies and part-time work. However, I missed the immediate feedback and lively discussions that occur during face-to-face classes. I agree with Ben that the lack of direct interaction can hinder the development of soft skills that are often built through spontaneous group work. I think that online learning must evolve to create more engaging and interactive environments that simulate the benefits of in-person education. Enhanced virtual classrooms with real-time collaboration tools could help close this gap, making the online experience more effective for students.

**37.**

*"Given these changes, do you believe that automation will ultimately benefit or harm workers? Explain why you think so?"*

In my opinion, automation will end up harming workers ten or twenty years down the road. My personal belief is that when a company has a choice between compensating an employee or utilizing cheap technology, the company will almost always choose to use technology. For example, the car manufacturing industry used to employ tens of thousands of workers, but due to advances in technology, the workforce has been reduced to a fraction of what it was fifty years ago. While Juan raised a relevant point about efficiency leading to the creation of new jobs, I believe he is missing a critical idea. To be more specific, high-skilled jobs like programming and game design are already disappearing due to the advent of AI technology that can do the same job for almost nothing.

**38.**

*"What do you think? Do you believe the impact of social media on society is predominantly positive or negative? Explain why you think so."*

Frankly, I lean toward the view that the negative effects of social media outweigh its benefits. I agree with Ben's concerns about the platforms promoting unrealistic standards that can trigger anxiety and depression. During my first year studying abroad in Germany, I spent countless hours scrolling through Instagram, which left me feeling inadequate and drained. I vividly recall one period when the constant



barrage of perfect lifestyles and curated images made me question my own achievements, ultimately affecting my sleep and self-esteem. Moreover, I encountered instances of misleading information on Facebook that spread rapidly without proper fact-checking, resulting in confusion about local events. Such experiences have taught me that while social media connects people, it can also distort reality and create unhealthy expectations.

**39.**

*"Before our next class, I want you to respond to the following question: Do you believe schools should integrate more music-focused classes into their curriculum? Why or why not?"*

I firmly believe that schools should integrate more music-focused classes into their curriculum. I support Alice's view that music not only sharpens cognitive abilities but also boosts emotional and social skills. In high school, I joined the school band, and this experience had a lasting impact on me. I noticed that practicing regularly improved my memory and concentration during exams. My music teacher, Mr. Johnson, encouraged us to experiment with different styles, which sparked creativity and helped me learn how to work effectively with others. I also formed strong friendships with fellow band members during rehearsals and performances, which improved my communication skills and confidence. Although I understand why Ben is concerned about music classes putting a strain on financial resources, my own experience shows that investing in music classes enriches a student's life and provides benefits that extend well beyond academics.

**40.**

*"Some believe this shift makes transactions more convenient and secure, while others argue that a cashless society has drawbacks, such as privacy concerns and the exclusion of those without digital access. To what extent do you believe that a cashless society is the best way forward?"*

I support a fully cashless society because digital transactions make everyday life simpler and safer. In my experience, using mobile payments in a modern shopping mall in New Delhi was quick and easy. Not handling physical cash means there is less risk of theft or loss, and transactions become more efficient during busy shopping hours. I've also read that countries like Sweden have embraced cashless systems, which have reduced crime and streamlined economic activities. Digital payments offer clear records that help both consumers and businesses manage their finances better. Although some worry about privacy issues or excluding those who are not tech-savvy, I believe that with proper education and secure systems, these concerns can be resolved.

