

Listening Script for TPO Test 12 Speaking Task 5

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Narrator

Listen to a conversation between two students.

Male student

Hey Madison! What's wrong?

Female student

Oh! I'm just struggling about what to do. I won an award from the Pacific Journalism Institute for an article I submitted, and...

Male student

...doesn't sound like anything's wrong.

Female student

Well, it's a huge honor to win and there is an award ceremony they've invited me to attend, which I'm super excited about. But, and here is what's frustrating, I've got a philosophy exam that's scheduled to end right when the ceremony begins.

Male student

Oh...you are saying you'll just be finishing up taking the exam right when the ceremony starts?

Female student

Exactly.

Male student

But those ceremonies never start on time. They give long introductions, you know, have a general speech or something before they ever get to handing out awards. I'm sure they won't be ready to hand out your award right at the beginning. Just go when you are done with the test. You won't miss anything important.

Female student

Maybe, but that's a bit risky. I don't want to miss being there when they announce my name.

Male student

Well, have you talked to your professor about this?

Female student

Doctor Forester? No.

Male student

Maybe she'll let you take the exam some other time.

Female student

True! She lets people reschedule exams sometimes. But she always makes them take it a couple of days early. That would mean less studying time for me, which I'm not thrilled about.

Male student

Less time to study... oh...

Female student

Like I said, I'm still struggling about what to do.

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