

Listening Script for TPO Test 6 Speaking Task 5

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Narrator

Now listen to a conversation between a professor and a student.

Professor

Hi, Sara. Uh, to what do I owe the pleasure of this office visit?

Student

It's my study group, Professor Wilson. We are not getting much studying done. And, you know, not all of us did very well on your last quiz.

Professor

Hmm... What's the problem?

Student

Well, we've all become good friends and we joke around a lot instead of studying.

Professor

Hmm... Sara, let me ask you this. When do you meet?

Student

Every Friday afternoon.

Professor

Have you thought about changing to another day? By the time Friday afternoon rolls around, all of you are probably exhausted, and um, all you want to do is relax and um, unwind. It's hard to stay focused at the very end of the week.

Student

Good point! Although things have gotten so out of hand that I'm not sure changing days would help. And we'd lose one or two people if we change days. Friday afternoon is the only time everyone is available. But it's worth considering.

Professor

OK. But, just a second, another possibility is, does your group have a leader?

Student

No.

Professor

Well, if you had a leader that would help enormously. Someone to set an agenda in advance, email it to everyone before the meeting, and then make sure when you meet that you stay focused on your goals. And

since you seem to be concerned enough about the problem to have come see me. I think that someone might be you.

Student

I guess I could take on that role, but it sounds like work.

Professor

You don't have to do it for the whole semester, Sara. You can start it off and then perhaps someone else can take over.