

Listening Script for TPO Test 10 Speaking Task 5

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Narrator

Listen to a conversation between two students.

Female student

Is there a problem with the electricity?

Male student

Yeah, this storm's smacked up power all over the city. And they are saying it might be several hours before we have electricity again.

Female student

Oh no! I have a history paper due tomorrow, and I've been writing it on my laptop computer and the battery is running low. I'm going to need electricity soon.

Male student

Well, you know, Jefferson City still got electricity, and there is a library there where you can plug in your laptop. You could go over there and work on your paper. It's only about a 20-minute drive.

Female student

That's a good idea. Of course I'd have to pack up all my stuff and it is raining outside.

Male student

Yeah, that's true. Well, why don't you just ask the professor for an extension? You know, tomorrow when you go to class, just ask him if he'd give you an extra day to get the paper done. I'm pretty sure he'd agree, you know, with this storm and all.

Female student

Yeah, that'd sure be a lot easier. But then he did tell us when he gave us the assignment that he wouldn't grant any extensions.

Male student

You don't think he'd grant an extension in this case?

Female student

I'm not sure. It's a little risky. He might just say that we shouldn't have waited until the last minute.

Male student

Yeah, but maybe if other students had the same problem, you might be able to convince him.

Female student

Yeah, I mean it's not our fault the electricity went out, hm...