

Listening Script for TPO Test 15 Speaking Question 3

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Narrator:

Listen to two students discussing the letter.

Female student

Hey, Ted! You are a runner. Did you see this letter in the paper?

Male student

Yeah, I did, and I used those.

Female student

And?

Male student

I think it's a terrible idea.

Female student

How come?

Male student

Well, she really hasn't thought it through, like the thing about making them safer. What she is not thinking about is the long-term consequences of running on a hard surface.

Female student

What do you mean?

Male student

I mean it's not good for you. It's too hard on your bones and joints. If you run repeatedly on a hard surface, it can lead to injuries, or that's what I've been taught anyway. It's better to run on a soft surface. It does less damage to your body.

Female student

Oh! I wasn't aware of that.

Male student

Yeah, so actually it wouldn't be safer, and her second point...

Female student

About changing the way they look?

Male student

Yeah, I don't think people will like it.

Female student

So they'd use them less?

Male student

Yeah, I mean one of the main reasons people enjoy them now is it's a way of taking a break from the rest of campus, from buildings and streets and stuff. It's, you know, a chance to feel like you are out in nature.

Female student

Oh, so you wouldn't get that effect anymore.

Male student

Right, it'd be just like you are on a regular street or sidewalk. It wouldn't be as relaxing.