

Listening Script for TPO Test 3 Speaking Task 5

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Narrator

Now listen to a conversation between two students.

Student A

Hey, Marny! What's wrong?

Student B

Oh...I'm just struggling about what to do...I won an award from the Creative Writing Institute for a story I wrote. And...

Student A

That doesn't sound like anything's wrong.

Student B

Well, it's a huge honor to win, and there's an award ceremony they've invited me to attend, which I'm so excited about, but...and here's what's frustrating: I've got a biology exam that's scheduled for the same time!

Student A

Uh-oh! Well, have you talked to your professor about this?

Student B

Yeah, she said I could write a five-page paper instead. And I've lots of ideas and know I could do a good job. But.....

Student A

But what?

Student B

Well, writing a paper would take up so much time, a lot more time than studying for and taking the exam. I've lots of other schoolwork to deal with.

Student A

Oh! Or, you could have someone else receive the award for you, I mean, go in your place and accept it on your behalf.

Student B

Maybe... I'd still get the award and the money that way.

Student A

Ooh!!! You won money too?

Student B

Yeah, pretty cool, huh? But anyways, my parents were really looking forward to coming and seeing me on stage, shaking hands with the Institute's president and all. I'd hate to disappoint them.

Student A

Um.. true... I'm sure they're really proud.

Student B

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