

## TOEIC® SPEAKING TEST QUESTIONS 1-2: READ A TEXT ALOUD

### VOCAB REVIEW

#### 'Read a Text Aloud' Review

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### SAMPLE QUESTION

**Directions:** In this part of the test, you will read aloud the text on the screen. You will have 45 seconds to prepare. Then you will have 45 seconds to read the text aloud.

They say that human life on Earth depends on the continued survival of many different kinds of plants, animals and other organisms. For this reason governments of the world make laws to protect the environment. One of the most important wildlife conservation laws is the Endangered Species Act. Such threats as the destruction of the surrounding environment, some kind of disease and illegal hunting or fishing will determine whether a species' survival is threatened, in which case it will be added to the list of the Endangered Species.

#### RESPONSE TIME

00:00:45

### PRONUNCIATION TIPS

missed/ loved/ walked/ blamed/ pitched/ tried/ fixed/ returned/ changed/ added/ confirmed/ threatened

#### ● How to pronounce the ed suffix

1. /ɪd/ after unvoiced /t/ and after voiced /d/ : i.e. if the verb has a /t/ or a /d/ sound before 'ed' you need to pronounce /ɪd/. E.g. wanted, decided
2. /t/ after unvoiced sounds except /t/      E.g. washed, looked, stopped, hoped, laughed, faxed, liked, watched
3. /d/ after voiced sounds except /d/      E.g. played, allowed, begged, advised, called

Exceptions: Some '-ed' words used as adjectives are pronounced with /ɪd/.

E.g. a dogged determination /ɪd/      vs. He has been dogged by injury all season. /d/

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## ● Word Stress

The stress placed on syllables within words is called ‘word stress’. The stress placed on words within sentences is called ‘sentence stress’. Here are some rules (with some exceptions) that can help you understand where to put the stress within words. The numbers of syllables that you hear when you pronounce a word is the same as the number of vowel sounds heard. We can only stress vowels, not consonants. A vowel is a vocal sound made by letting your breath flow out without closing any part of your mouth or throat. Vowel sounds are not the same as vowel letters. The word European begins with the vowel letter ‘E’ but the first sound is actually a consonant sound /j/. So, when speaking the word European, it will be preceded by the article ‘a’ and not ‘an’. The stressed syllable below is written in capital letters.

1. Most 2-syllable nouns and adjectives have stress on the first syllable. (happy)
2. Most 2-syllable verbs have stress on the last syllable. (begin)
3. Words ending in –tion, –sion, have stress on the penultimate (i.e. second from end) syllable. (tradition)
4. Words ending in -ical, -ity, -ety, -sive, -ify, have stress on the syllable immediately before these. (expensive)
5. Most nouns of three or more syllables have stress on the antepenultimate (i.e. third-to-last) syllable. (democrat)
6. Words ending in -ate have stress on the antepenultimate syllable. (ultimate)

telegraph, telegraphy, telegrapher, intend, intention, electricity, electrical, electrify, progress (n), progress (v), progressive, ameliorate, articulate, import (n), import (v), occur

## DICTION

1. The food team leader carries a ..... , which can be alerted for serious food ..... warnings.
2. The course is of three years' .....
3. Anxiety can ..... children's performance at school.
4. In olden times, the main tools of ..... were a compass, a map and the stars.
5. Repetitive tasks can be done by robots and similar .....
6. About a quarter of the world's jet fuel is used by military .....
7. You should ..... the police of that crime.