

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

VOCAB REVIEW

'Read a Text Aloud' Review

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.

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.

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RESPONSE TIME

00:00:45

Features of spoken English

Speaking naturally, we do not pronounce a word, stop, then say the next word. in the sentence. To make speech flow smoothly, the way we pronounce the end and beginning of some words can change depending on the sounds at the beginning and end of those words.

● Linking sounds

When a word ends with a consonant sound and the next word begins with a vowel sound, linking happens. (an apple)

● Disappearing sounds

1. When a word ends in a consonant sound and the following word begins with the same consonant sound, both sounds are pronounced together as one. (corporate takeover)
2. When a word ends in consonant a sound such as /d/k/ and the next word begins with a consonant sound, the consonant sound of the first word disappears. (Good morning.)

● Changing sounds -- Schwa

Schwa is the name for the most common sound in English. It is a weak, unstressed vowel sound and it occurs in many words. Getting the schwa sound correct is a good way of making your pronunciation more natural. Listen to these two words:

agree /ə/ aggravate /ə/

In the example above, the weak form schwa is denoted by the IPA symbol 'ə', which looks like an upside down 'e'.

Exercise 1

Look at the words below and decide where in the word the schwa sound occurs. Underline the correct part of the word. The first one has been done for you.

banana, American, beautiful, evolution, corporate,

Exercise 2

Read the following naturally.

1. Our bank serves mostly corporate clients in an effort to improve profitability.
2. We should deal with the problem more carefully.
3. The food poisoning was caused by drinking polluted water.
4. Let me know when you want to get back to work.
5. Did the number of corporate bankruptcies climb over a period of four weeks?

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DICTIONATION

1. Tonight's program the way that homelessness affects the young.
2. Take two spoonfuls of cough
3. all the in a mixing bowl, and gradually add water.
4. Various stolen were found.
5. Can you a hotel in San Francisco?
6. Her room was clean and