

## TOEFL SPEAKING TOPICS

1. Imagine that you have just begun studying at a new university. Which of the following do you think would be the best way for you to learn about the new campus?
  - a second-year student gives you a personal tour of the whole campus
  - you are given a detailed map of the campus designed by the student services department
  - you join a group tour of the campus together with all the other new students
2. You are required by your school to join a club. Which type of club would you choose?
  - academic
  - sports
  - volunteer
3. During your senior year of college, you must volunteer at the school library. Would you rather:
  - stack books
  - read to children
  - help with Internet searches
4. You have been asked to choose between two apartments to live in next semester: one apartment is near the campus but slightly expensive, and the other is a little far from campus but cheaper. Which one would you prefer and why?
5. People learn in different ways. Some people learn by doing, other people learn by reading, and others learn by listening to people. Which of these methods of learning is best for you?
6. More educators these days are using technology in the classroom. In fact, many teachers now record their lectures, upload them on a website, and ask students to watch them before their lesson. During class, students report on the lectures and discuss them together. Would you prefer to have a traditional style class or one where the lectures are pre-recorded?
7. School administrators at an elementary school have recently decided to increase the amount of hours spent teaching kids about robotics, computer programming, and other elements of science and technology. However, they were forced to reduce the amount of hours spent on teaching art and music. Do you agree or disagree with this new policy?
8. Many people think that students learn course materials more effectively by taking exams, while others think that students learn more effectively by doing other activities, like completing projects. Which one do you think is more effective?
9. Some teachers prefer announcing their quizzes in advance, while others prefer to give surprise quizzes. Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of surprise quizzes.
10. Do you think scientists should be given the freedom to test and experiment however they please, or should they be limited in what they can study?
11. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Technology has had a negative effect on relationships between friends and family.
12. Some people believe that robots will someday completely replace human beings at work while others disagree. What do you think? Give reasons and examples to support your stance.
13. Do you agree or disagree: People who spend more than an hour a day on social media are less happy than those who spend less time on social media.
14. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? People must love their jobs to be happy.
15. Would you prefer to work at one job your entire life or to switch jobs every five years?
16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Teenagers should work while they go to school so they can learn how to be more responsible.

17. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Working for a large company is better than working for a small company.
18. Which of the following companies would you prefer to work for? A company that offers you challenging and interesting projects but very few vacation days or a company that offers you a job with boring work each day but long vacations each year?
19. If you were assigned a project to complete in school, how would you prefer to work?
- alone
  - with classmates
  - with a tutor
20. Which of the following technological developments has had the greatest impact on students' lives?
- digital books
  - online classes
  - Smartphones