

PTE Speaking Practice Test 14

Read Aloud

Read the text aloud and record your response. You have 40 seconds to read aloud.

1. Look at the text below. In 40 seconds you must read each text aloud as naturally and clearly possible. You have 40 seconds to read aloud.

Water covers over two-thirds of the Earth's surface and constitutes almost 70% of our bodies. This profound organic association appears to trigger a quick reaction in our brains when we're close to water. Indeed, the mere sight and sound of water can incite a surge of neurochemicals that promote well-being and induce relaxation.

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In Brazil, it is unlawful to chop down a Brazil nut tree. Thus, they can be found outside manufacturing plants, homes, and on the sidewalks. The fruits are very heavy and rigid; when the fruits fall, they pose a serious threat to vehicles and people passing under the tree. Brazil nut fruits sink in freshwater, which can cause clogging of waterways.

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Permafrost is ground that is frozen year-round. In the Arctic, ice-rich permafrost soils can be up to 260 feet thick. Due to human-caused warming of the atmosphere from greenhouse gas emissions, a steady thawing of the permafrost is currently taking place where the upper layer of seasonally thawed soil is gradually getting thicker and reaching deeper into the ground.

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W.H.O has issued a public statement calling for the disclosure of results from clinical trials for medical products, whatever the result. The move aims to ensure that decisions related to the safety and efficacy of vaccines, drugs, and medical devices for use by populations are supported by the best available evidence.

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Buying directly from farmers at markets allows you to understand the processes that makeup food systems, gives you insight into the seasons and the land, and creates a connection between you and the people who grow your food. Small-scale farms conserve soil and

important fields, meadows, and surrounding open spaces that are crucial to maintaining a healthy environment.

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Nearly anyone living in eastern North America, who has ventured beyond their porch, has had at least one unpleasant encounter with poison ivy. While best known for the irritating skin rash produced by contact with oil in its leaves, poison ivy is also an important source of food and cover for wildlife.

7. The digital revolution that is transforming every aspect of our world is also impacting dentistry and medicine in a multitude of ways, from electronic record-keeping and data analysis to new diagnostic tools, novel prevention methods—and revolutionary treatment options.

8. Detecting the atmosphere of Earth-sized planets around M-dwarfs is an essential step in the search for habitable exoplanets,” says astronomer Julien de Wit, a postdoctoral researcher at Massachusetts Institute of Technology unaffiliated with the study. “The concern, however, is that they may not always be able to sustain an atmosphere because of the potential history of strong activity of their star.

9. Thailand’s contribution to basic science has also grown in recent years, with its researchers doubling their output in physical sciences journals in the index between 2012 and 2015. A major player is the state-backed National Science and Technology Development Agency (NSTDA). Established in 1991, it supports centers of excellence in genetic engineering, biotechnology, electronics, and nanotechnology.

10. A team, including a researcher from Sichuan University, sequenced the complete set of DNA in foxes from six of the islands, including two foxes from San Nicolas and a mainland grey fox. Genomic variation is thought to be key to a species’ ability to withstand threats, yet the team found these foxes to be quite healthy – despite high levels of deleterious mutations and very low genetic variation.

11. Sichuan university’s research strength is also demonstrated in 13 national-level research bases and four state-level international science and technology cooperation bases. Having achieved many national-level science and technology awards, the university has already become a major driver of the socio-economic development in western China.