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The TOEIC – Test of English for International Communication – assesses language skills that are used in daily life and in the workplace. Today the TOEIC test is used as a certification tool in more than 9,000 organizations across 90 countries throughout the world, making it a globally recognized English proficiency assessment.

Since 2006 the optional TOEIC Speaking and Writing tests have been made available to ascertain test-takers' level of English speaking and writing abilities in addition to the "standard" TOEIC, which tests only listening and reading abilities. The type and format of the questions in these optional tests are quite different from the standard test because TOEIC Speaking and Writing tests are computer-based. However, as with the standard test, all questions are designed to represent the real-world business situations and evaluate the test-takers' ability to communicate in such situations.

The new tests will certainly pose new challenges to test-takers as there are new question types and formats to be familiar with and new tactics and skills to be acquired. **TOEIC Speaking coach** is designed to help you best prepare for the TOEIC Speaking test by introducing all the question types and guiding you through the process of dealing with the questions. Special features of the book include:

1. A full coverage of all question types and tasks of the TOEIC Speaking test to familiarize you with the test items. Samples are carefully selected to reflect the real-test task variety as well as level of difficulty.
2. A full analysis of successful and unsuccessful answers to help you identify possible problematic areas and make progress in a most effective manner.
3. Evaluation criteria checklists to raise your awareness about the accuracy and relevance of your responses to the test items.
4. A final test to apply what you have studied and monitor your progress.

While it is true that your English proficiency cannot be enhanced overnight, it is also true that not all resources you may use are of equal value, as a saying goes, "All roads lead to Rome, but some roads will take longer than the others, and some won't get you there at all." You will find that **TOEIC Speaking coach** is worthy of your choice for the maximum effectiveness it brings you in improving your English speaking ability as well as earning you a high score on the TOEIC Speaking test.

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## ● New TOEIC Speaking Test Guidelines

### What is TOEIC Speaking test?

Developed and administered by Educational Testing Service, the new TOEIC Speaking test measures test-takers' ability to speak in English in the workplace environment, using key expressions and everyday vocabulary. Together with the new TOEIC Writing test, this test complements the traditional TOEIC test to provide a comprehensive assessment of the test-taker's ability to communicate in English across all four language skills.

The TOEIC Speaking test is administered on fixed dates at secure internet-based centers worldwide. Contact IIG for information about the TOEIC Speaking tests in Vietnam, or visit their website at: <http://www.iigvietnam.com/VN/Home/Newdetail.aspx?catid=1&newid=22>.

### What is the test format?

Question	Question Type / Task Description	Number of Question	Duration
Questions 1-2	<b>Read a text aloud</b> Test-taker reads aloud a short text, such as an announcement or advertisement.	2	Response time: 45 seconds per question Preparation time: 45 seconds per question
Question 3	<b>Describe a picture</b> Test-taker gives a verbal description of a photograph.	1	Response time: 45 seconds Preparation time: 30 seconds
Questions 4-6	<b>Respond to questions</b> Test-taker responds to questions on a commonplace topic, as if responding in an interview.	3	Response time: • 15 seconds to respond to Questions 4 and 5 • 30 seconds to respond to Question 6 No preparation time is provided.
Questions 7-9	<b>Respond to questions using information provided</b> Test-taker responds to questions based on written information (such as a schedule of events) that appears on the screen.	3	30 seconds to read the information before the questions begin. No additional preparation time is provided. Response time: • 15 seconds to respond to Questions 7 and 8 • 30 seconds to respond to Question 9
Question 10	<b>Propose a solution</b> Test-taker listens to a voicemail message describing a problem and gives a response. In the response, the test-taker indicates recognition of the problem and proposes a solution.	1	Response time: 60 seconds Preparation time: 30 seconds
Question 11	<b>Express an opinion</b> Test-taker expresses an opinion about a specific topic and the reasons for that opinion.	1	Response time: 60 seconds Preparation time: 15 seconds

## What are the evaluation criteria?

The TOEIC Speaking test maintains high standards of a globally recognized English proficiency test by using a centralized team of scorers via the internet. Test-takers' responses are sent directly to the team based in Princeton where every test is scored and checked by at least 3 human scorers.

The TOEIC Speaking score range is 0-200. In addition to the scaled score, the test-taker is assigned a proficiency level, which ranges from 1 to 8. Evaluation criteria for each question type are given in the following table.

Question	Evaluation Criteria
Questions 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Pronunciation</li><li>- Stress and intonation</li></ul>
Question 3	All of the above, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Grammar</li><li>- Vocabulary</li><li>- Cohesion</li></ul>
Questions 4-6	All of the above, plus <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Relevance of content</li><li>- Completeness of content</li></ul>
Questions 7-11	All of the above

## What is the correlation between the TOEIC Speaking scores and the standard TOEIC scores?

TOEIC Speaking		TOEIC R/L	
Speaking Level	Scaled Score	TOEIC Score	TOEIC Score Range
3 and below	70 and below	285	0-345
4	80	370	350-390
	90	430	395-460
	100	500	465-530
5	110	570	535-600
	120	640	605-670
6	130	710	675-740
	140	780	745-810
	150	845	815-875
7 and above	160	910	880-945
	170 and above	975	950-990

## ● How to Register for the TOEIC Speaking Test

### How to register for the TOEIC Speaking test?

- Contact IIG Vietnam for registration information:

Văn phòng tại Tp. Hồ Chí Minh

Số 03, Đường 3 Tháng 2, Phường 11, Quận 10, Tp. Hồ Chí Minh, Việt Nam

Tel: (08)3929 2633/34 Fax: (08)3929 2635

Email: saigon@iigvietnam.com

Văn phòng tại Thủ đô Hà Nội

Số 75, Đường Giang Văn Minh, Quận Ba Đình, Hà Nội, Việt Nam

Tel: (04)3773 2411/3773 2602/03 Fax: (04)38359 418

Email: info@iigvietnam.com

hanoi@iigvietnam.com

Văn phòng tại Tp. Đà Nẵng

Số 268, Đường Trần Phú, Quận Hải Châu, Tp. Đà Nẵng, Việt Nam

Tel: (0511)3565 888 Fax: (0511)3565 154

Email: danang@iigvietnam.com

You may want to register at:


<http://www.iigvietnam.com/VN/Home/Registerdirectly.aspx>



## ● Foreword

There are main ways that a non-native English speaker can improve his English speaking ability. No one method is the best for everyone and as such, you have to experiment with different methods and come up with a few that work best for you. Following are some suggestions for improving English speaking ability.

- ① Online language exchanges allow you to e-mail, text chat, and voice chat with English speakers. Many bloggers are more than willing to help a new English speaker improve.
- ② There are online English courses and language schools that will teach you to speak English. By the way, the better you speak, read, and write your native language, the better you will do in English.
- ③ One of the most effective techniques for learning to speak English is to live in an English-speaking country for several months. Being immersed in your target language, you will find that you can speak English naturally in no time.
- ④ Ask an English-speaking friend to help you by modeling the language. Ask your friend to repeat your words, but correctly, after you make a mistake. For example, when you say, "That MP3 player is top of the range!" Your friend replies by saying, "Yes, that player is top of the line!" In the real world, conversations with sympathetic native speakers who are willing to help the acquirer understand are very helpful.
- ⑤ Give yourself a "listening period". It takes six months to three years of listening to a language being spoken before you will begin to speak it. Be patient.
- ⑥ Remember that meaningful, real-life interaction in English, focusing on natural communication is most important. The form of your speech is not as crucial as whether you understand others' messages and they understand yours. Try to relax and not to worry about your speech and it will flow more easily and be easier to understand.
- ⑦ Ask your English-speaking friends to slow down and simplify their speech to make it easier to understand.
- ⑧ Ask your English-speaking friends to use gestures, facial expressions, and simplified language.
- ⑨ When learning a new skill of any kind, have an English speaker explain and demonstrate the skill as you watch, listen, and follow along.
- ⑩ Take sufficient time to think before responding to a question.
- ⑪ Ask your English-speaking friends to give you choices when a response is expected. The choices could be **Yes** or **No** or chosen from several simple responses.
- ⑫ Learning songs and poems helps learn a new language. The rhythms, rhymes, and melodies help you remember words and phrases.

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- ⑩ Reading out loud helps you develop the correct accent and learn the cadence of a language.
  - ⑪ A good English/native-language dictionary and a thesaurus are essential for learning word meanings.
  - ⑫ Preview and Review is a technique that helps an English learner understand concepts in any situation. Ask an English-speaking friend to briefly explain the English-language movie you are going to see before you go and you will understand more of it. If someone can explain it in your native language, that will help even more. After you see the movie, ask your friend to review the plot and ask you some simple questions about it.
  - ⑬ Television is a wonderful resource for learning a new language. Watch the news in your native language and again in English. Watch programs made for children, such as “Sesame Street” and “Reading Rainbow”. Their use of pictures and films makes the language much easier to comprehend. Programs like soap operas don’t help a lot because they are full of “talking heads” and little else that makes the words comprehensible.

Learning to speak a second language depends on many factors. Your educational level, ability to speak your native language, exposure to the new language, personality, desire to learn, and willingness to work hard all factor into learning another language. Hopefully, the information and techniques in this book will help you learn to speak better English.