

TOEFL Writing: Achieving Your Target Score

Introduction

TOEFL Writing is an essential component of the TOEFL exam, which is required for admission to many universities and colleges around the world. A high score on the TOEFL Writing section can demonstrate your English language proficiency and your ability to communicate effectively in academic settings.

This book is designed to help you achieve your target score on the TOEFL Writing section. It provides comprehensive coverage of all the skills you need to succeed, including grammar, vocabulary, sentence correction, and essay writing.

Chapter 2 of this book will guide you through the Task 1 essay, which requires you to summarize a reading

passage and provide your own opinion. Chapter 3 will focus on the Task 2 essay, which requires you to develop an argument and support it with evidence.

In addition to providing instruction on the specific skills tested on the TOEFL Writing section, this book also includes practice exercises and full-length practice tests. These exercises and tests will help you improve your skills and build your confidence before taking the actual exam.

Whether you are a beginner or an advanced learner, this book can help you achieve your target score on the TOEFL Writing section. With its clear explanations, helpful examples, and abundant practice opportunities, this book is the ultimate resource for TOEFL Writing success.

This book is written by Pasquale De Marco, an experienced TOEFL instructor with a proven track record of helping students achieve their target scores. Pasquale De Marco has helped hundreds of students

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Book Description

TOEFL Writing: Achieving Your Target Score is the ultimate resource for TOEFL Writing success. This comprehensive guide provides everything you need to know to achieve your target score on the exam, including:

- Clear explanations of all the skills tested on the TOEFL Writing section
- Hundreds of practice exercises to help you improve your grammar, vocabulary, and sentence correction skills
- Full-length practice tests to help you build your confidence and stamina
- Expert tips and strategies from an experienced TOEFL instructor

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Chapter 1: Introduction

1. Importance of TOEFL Writing

TOEFL Writing is an essential component of the TOEFL exam, which is required for admission to many universities and colleges around the world. A high score on the TOEFL Writing section can demonstrate your English language proficiency and your ability to communicate effectively in academic settings.

In today's globalized world, English has become the language of international communication. It is the language of business, academia, and diplomacy. As a result, the demand for English language proficiency is growing rapidly.

For non-native English speakers, the TOEFL Writing section can be a challenging but important step on the path to academic success. A high score on the TOEFL Writing section can open doors to opportunities for study, work, and travel.

There are many reasons why TOEFL Writing is important. First, it is a measure of your English language proficiency. A high score on the TOEFL Writing section can demonstrate to universities and colleges that you have the language skills necessary to succeed in an academic environment.

Second, TOEFL Writing is a test of your critical thinking and writing skills. The TOEFL Writing section requires you to read, analyze, and synthesize information from a variety of sources. You must also be able to organize your thoughts and express them clearly and concisely. These skills are essential for success in any academic field.

Third, TOEFL Writing is a way to prepare for the challenges of academic writing. The TOEFL Writing section is similar to the writing assignments that you will encounter in college and university courses. By practicing your writing skills on the TOEFL Writing

section, you can improve your ability to write clear, concise, and persuasive essays.

If you are planning to study abroad, the TOEFL Writing section is an essential part of the application process. A high score on the TOEFL Writing section can give you a competitive edge over other applicants.

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2. Overview of the TOEFL Writing Test

The TOEFL Writing Test is an essential component of the TOEFL exam, which is required for admission to many universities and colleges around the world. The TOEFL Writing Test measures your ability to write in English in an academic setting. The test consists of two tasks:

- **Task 1:** Summarize a reading passage and provide your own opinion.
- **Task 2:** Develop an argument and support it with evidence.

Each task is worth 30 points, and the total score for the TOEFL Writing Test is 120 points.

Task 1

The Task 1 essay is based on a reading passage that you will read on the test. The passage will be about an

academic topic, such as science, history, or culture. You will have 20 minutes to read the passage and write your essay.

Your essay should be about 150-200 words long. It should include a summary of the main points of the passage, as well as your own opinion on the topic.

Task 2

The Task 2 essay is based on a prompt that you will receive on the test. The prompt will ask you to develop an argument and support it with evidence. You will have 30 minutes to write your essay.

Your essay should be about 300-400 words long. It should include an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. Your introduction should state your thesis statement, which is the main argument of your essay. Your body paragraphs should provide evidence to support your thesis statement. Your conclusion should

restate your thesis statement and summarize your main points.

Scoring

The TOEFL Writing Test is scored on a scale of 0-30 points for each task. The essays are scored by two trained raters. The raters assess the essays based on four criteria:

- **Task Achievement:** How well you completed the task.
- **Coherence and Cohesion:** How well the essay is organized and how well the ideas flow together.
- **Language Use:** How well you use grammar, vocabulary, and mechanics.
- **Overall Score:** How well the essay meets all of the scoring criteria.

Preparing for the TOEFL Writing Test

There are a number of things you can do to prepare for the TOEFL Writing Test. Here are a few tips:

- **Practice writing essays.** The more you practice, the better you will become at writing essays. You can find practice prompts online or in TOEFL preparation books.
- **Read academic texts.** Reading academic texts will help you improve your vocabulary and your understanding of academic topics.
- **Take a TOEFL preparation course.** A TOEFL preparation course can help you improve your skills in all areas of the TOEFL exam, including the Writing Test.

By following these tips, you can improve your score on the TOEFL Writing Test and increase your chances of getting into the university of your choice.

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3. Scoring Rubric for TOEFL Writing

The TOEFL Writing section is scored on a scale of 0 to 5 points. The scoring rubric is based on four criteria:

1. Task Achievement
2. Language Use
3. Coherence and Cohesion
4. Vocabulary and Grammar

Task Achievement measures how well you have completed the writing task. This includes your ability to:

- Understand the task prompt
- Organize your ideas in a logical way
- Develop your ideas fully
- Support your ideas with evidence

Language Use measures your ability to use English grammar, vocabulary, and mechanics correctly. This includes your ability to:

- Use correct grammar and punctuation
- Use a variety of vocabulary words
- Write in a clear and concise style

Coherence and Cohesion measures how well your writing flows together. This includes your ability to:

- Use transitions to connect your ideas
- Use pronouns and other cohesive devices to make your writing clear
- Organize your writing in a logical way

Vocabulary and Grammar measures your ability to use English vocabulary and grammar correctly. This includes your ability to:

- Use a variety of vocabulary words
- Use correct grammar and punctuation
- Write in a clear and concise style

To score well on the TOEFL Writing section, you need to demonstrate your ability to meet all four of these criteria. You should also be aware of the time constraints of the test. You have 30 minutes to complete the Task 1 essay and 50 minutes to complete the Task 2 essay.

By understanding the scoring rubric and practicing your writing skills, you can improve your chances of achieving a high score on the TOEFL Writing section.

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