

English 106: TOEFL Success

TOEFL Success is a course to help students learn a high level of Listening Comprehension skills, Grammar and Sentence Structures, Reading Comprehension and writing. This course will enable students to achieve high scores on their TOEFL exams allowing them to confidently enroll in any college or university in America.

The Listening Comprehension section includes several real audio listening exercises like those found in the TOEFL test. Online resources are given for TOEFL preparation, English Grammar, and finding the right U.S. college for every student. Interactive games aid students in learning Structure and Written Expression.

Content Standards

Communication

1. Discuss issues, policies, and trends (e.g., immigration, world politics).
2. Express and support opinions about topics appropriate to college admissions (e.g., application essay, campus housing, reasons for choosing a college, etc).
3. Relate the main theme/idea of an audio recording of a lecture.
4. Relate the main theme/idea of an excerpt from an academic paper.
5. Paraphrase written information on a variety of topics (e.g., social issues, current events).

Culture

1. Analyze and discuss patterns of behavior typical of the college-age group in the U.S.
2. Identify, analyze, and discuss various patterns of behavior or interaction typical of the culture studied (e.g., issues of public transportation, religion, dating).
3. Identify, examine, and discuss connections between cultural perspectives and socially approved behavioral patterns.
4. Learn about extracurricular activities common to universities, such as sports, music and theater.
5. Explain cultural experiences and make comparisons between U.S. and native culture.
6. Become familiar with college and university demographics.

College Life Topics

Much of the cultural content in English 106 is focused on college and university life. The following topics are covered in the College life Sections that appear in 32 lessons. Topics

deal with both academic and personal issues and prepare students to answer some of the common questions they will be asked as foreign students.

Academic:

Different Types of Colleges and universities
Finding Schools with programs for Foreign Students
Living on campus/ Living off campus
Doing Research Online
Essays vs. Tests
Participating in Discussions
Academic Departments
Clubs and Unions for Foreign Students
Classroom Protocol

Social:

Travel Within the U.S.
Spring Break
Dorm Life
Religion
Finding a Job
Sports/fitness
Communication Skills
Social and Political Activism

Skill Standards

The skill areas in English 106 necessarily reflect the contents of the TOEFL.

Listening Comprehension

1. Understand spoken English.
2. Recognize idioms.
3. Distinguish between homonyms.
4. Make inferences.
5. Recognize opinions.
6. Recognize implications and suggestions.

Structure and Written Expression

1. Understand the construction of a correct sentence and its discreet parts.
2. Identify the main verb and the main subject in a sentence.
3. Identify phrases and clauses and their proper usage.
4. Correct for verb tense and agreement.
5. Correct for quantity and comparison words.
6. Correct for diction.
7. Correct for parallelism.
8. Correct for improper use of nouns and pronouns.

Writing

1. Form a proper sentence.
2. Form a proper paragraph and essay.
3. Write an effective thesis.
4. Write supporting paragraphs.
5. Write an effective conclusion.
6. Understand the logical progression of an argument in essay form.
7. Demonstrate the ability to formulate essays on many topics.
8. Employ academic tone.

Reading Comprehension

1. Understand the meanings of words in context.
2. Glean the main theme from a passage.
3. Understand an author's purpose.
4. Make inferences based upon a passage.
5. Follow references.
6. Understand the structure and tone of a passage.

Outline by Lesson

The course will be broken up into four units:

- Listening Comprehension
- Structure and Written Expression (Grammar)
- Writing
- Reading Comprehension
- Two full-length practice tests will be available. The diagnostic test in lesson two will show students their strengths and weaknesses.

Lesson Outlines by Unit

Each Unit deals with a different section of the TOEFL. For this reason, some of the lesson parts change to address section specific topics. Below are outlines of lesson sections for each unit in the course.

TOEFL Success - Unit One

Lesson Outline: Listening Comprehension

Section One: Welcoming Paragraph.

Tells the students what they will study in the lesson.

Section Two: Tips and practice

Gives test-taking strategies and helps students memorize test process.

Section Three: Unit Strategy.

Idioms, Homonyms and other challenges of the listening unit.

Helps students understand the phrasing and vocabulary.

Section Four: Listening Comprehension Practice Test.

Students complete a full set of Listening comprehension questions.

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Section Five: Vocabulary Builder Activity

Provides practice with TOEFL vocabulary. Students create sentences.

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Section Six: College Life Activity

Introduces many fun and practical aspects of college life in the U.S.

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TOEFL Success - Unit Two

Lesson Outline: Structure and Written Expression

Section One: Welcoming Paragraph.

Tells the students what they will study in the lesson.

Section Two: Tips and Practice

Gives test-taking strategies and helps students memorize test process.

Section Three: Unit Strategy

Gives an in depth grammar study for specific types of test questions for Structure and Written Expression.

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Section Four: Structure and Written Expression Practice Test.

Students complete a full set of Structure and Written Expression questions.

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Section Five: Vocabulary Builder Activity

Provides practice with TOEFL vocabulary. Students create sentences.

Section Six: College Life Activity

Introduces many fun and practical aspects of college life in the U.S.

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TOEFL Success - Unit Three

Lesson Outline: Reading Comprehension

Section One: Welcoming Paragraph.

Tells the students what they will study in the lesson.

Section Two: Strategy and Instructions

Gives test-taking strategies and helps students memorize test process.

Section Three: Study of Question Types

Gives in depth study for specific types of Reading Comprehension questions.

Section Four: Structure and Written Expression Practice Test.

Students complete a full set of Reading comprehension questions.

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Section Five: Vocabulary Builder Activity

Provides practice with vocabulary “in context” for section three.

Section Six: College Life Activity

Introduces many fun and practical aspects of college life in the U.S.

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TOEFL Success - Unit Four

Lesson Outline: Test of Written English

Section One: Welcoming Paragraph.

Tells the students what they will study in the lesson.

Section Two: Strategy and Instructions

Gives writing strategies and helps students memorize test process.

Section Three: Study of Composition

Teaches correct composition of paragraphs and essays. Also gives many examples of essay topics.

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Section Four: Test of Written English Practice Test.

Students write an essay on a given topic.

Section Five: Vocabulary Builder Activity

Provides practice with transitions, introductions and conclusions for essay writing.

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Section Six: College Life Activity

Introduces many fun and practical aspects of college life in the U.S.

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Unit One: Listening Comprehension

LESSON 1 – general introduction

Introduction to the TOEFL Test

What makes up the TOEFL test?

How long does it take?

The Basics

Strategy

LESSON 2 - general introduction

Diagnostic Test

LESSON 3

1. Welcome: Introduction to Listening Comprehension
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Idioms
4. Listening Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 4

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Idioms
4. Listening Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 5

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Clichés
4. Listening Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 6

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Clichés
4. Listening Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 7

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Homonyms
4. Listening Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 8

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Homonyms
4. Listening Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 9

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Working on speed
4. Test on Unit Strategies
5. Vocabulary Review
6. College Life

Unit Two: Structure and Written Expression

LESSON 10

1. Welcome: Introduction to Structure and Written Expression
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Nouns and Pronouns
4. Structure and Written Expression questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 11

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Verbs, Adverbs and Modifiers
4. Structure and Written Expression questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 12

1. Welcome

2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Articles and Adjectives
4. Structure and Written Expression questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 13

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Prepositions and Conjunctions
4. Structure and Written Expression questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 14

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Flexible Verbs. Participle, Gerund and Infinitive.
4. Structure and Written Expression questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 15

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Phrases and Clauses
4. Structure and Written Expression questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 16

1. Welcome: Introduction to Sentence Completion
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Sentences with no main verb.
4. Structure and Written Expression questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 17

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Sentences with no main subject. Sentence Completion.
4. Structure and Written Expression questions
5. Vocabulary

6. College Life

LESSON 18

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Sentences with no main subject or main verb. Sentence Completion.
4. Test on Unit Strategies
5. Vocabulary Review
6. College Life

Unit Three: Reading Comprehension

LESSON 19

1. Welcome: Introduction to Reading Comprehension
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Verb Tense Agreement
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 20

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Singular and Plural Nouns
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 21

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Countable and non countable nouns
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 22

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Pronouns: agreement and missing pronouns.
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary

6. College Life

LESSON 23

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Diction: noun-verb, noun-adjective and noun-adverb
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 24

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Parallel Construction
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 25

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Quantity and comparison verbs
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 26

1. Welcome:
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Specific questions and lead word questions
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 27

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Question Types
4. Reading Comprehension questions
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 28

1. Welcome

2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Question Types
4. Test on Unit Strategies
5. Vocabulary Review
6. College Life

Unit Four: Writing

LESSON 29

1. Welcome: Introduction to the Test of Written English
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Essay topics and the basic essay format.
4. Writing an essay
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 30

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Review of Strategies and Topics
4. Writing an Essay
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 31

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Parts of an Essay, mapping technique and scoring scale
4. Writing an Essay
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 32

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Building a paragraph and building an essay
4. Writing an Essay
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 33

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Finding an opinion quickly. Using evidence and examples to support your point.
4. Writing an Essay
5. Vocabulary
6. College Life

LESSON 34

1. Welcome
2. Tips and Practice
3. Unit Strategy: Reading essays.
4. Writing an Essay
5. Vocabulary review
6. College Life

LESSON 35 - Testing

Full Length Practice Test
(all four sections)

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Full Length Practice Test
(all four sections)