

HW Assignment #10 - Task 5 Practice

This is an example of a Task 5 Question, and it should take you less than 4 minutes to complete. Keep in mind, during the exam you will listen to a short passage (**take notes as you listen**), then you will receive the question. After that you will have 20 seconds to prepare your response, and 60 seconds to deliver it.

[Begin audio at 2:35 -- [TOEFL Speaking, Task 5 Samples](#)]

Q: "The students discuss two possible solutions to the woman's problem. Describe the problem, then state which of the two solutions you prefer and explain why."

Key Points:

- Describe the woman's problem, here is a summary of her problem:
 - A famous philosopher is visiting the school to give a speech next week, and she's concerned that not enough students are aware of it -- which will result in a disappointing turnout. She doesn't want him to be looking out at a large room full of empty seats.
 - Give reasons for your preferred solution, like this:
 - She should email everyone in the philosophy department, asking them to encourage their students to attend. She should also email all of the philosophy students directly because they'll want to know more about it. I do realize that the speech was mentioned in the school's bulletin, but not everyone is going to read that -- and, regardless, the emails will increase awareness. Furthermore, this is more likely to boost attendance than changing the speech into a discussion because not everyone has read the book, and discussions with prominent philosophers can be intimidating.
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As ever, pay special attention to the following when critiquing your student's responses:

1. **Delivery:** How clear is your speech? Good responses are those in which the speech is fluid and clear, with good pronunciation, natural pacing, and natural-sounding intonation patterns.
2. **Language Use:** How effectively do you use grammar and vocabulary to convey your ideas? How well can you control both basic and more complex language structures? Did you use appropriate vocabulary?
3. **Topic Development:** How fully did you answer the question, and how coherently did you present your ideas? Good responses generally use all or most of the time allotted, and the relationship between ideas and the progression from one idea to the next is clear and easy to follow.