

TOEFL スピーキング事例集

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はじめに

キミは嘘をつく勇気があるか??

TOEFLスピーキングは嘘独り言力を競うテストです。断じて外人のビジネスマンとも交渉できるような英会話力問われるものではありません。ただ単に、コンピューターの前に腰を据えてマイクに自分の独り言英語を喋り通すだけです。さらに TOEFL スピーキング試験では嘘をつくことが合法化されています。ぼくたちは高得点をたたき出すために、筋の通った嘘ならばついていいのです。

このように TOEFL スピーキングは英会話とは全く異なります。このスピーキング試験の特殊性を利用すれば、英会話が死ぬほど苦手な日本人のぼくらでも高得点を取ることができるのです。しかしながら、多くの日本発の受験者の方々は「スピーキング」という外来語を耳にただけで縮こまり、TOEFL テストにおけるスピーキングテストで全面放棄の姿勢を貫く方が多いです。この書籍をご覧になっている方々にはその TOEFL の特殊性を十分に知っていただき、さらに高得点獲得のための対策を練ってほしいのです。

この「TOEFL スピーキング事例集」ではそんな方々のために、TOEFL スピーキングで問われるトピック集を掲載しています。これらのトピックは TOEFL のスピーキングで自由度の高い解答が求められる Q1 と Q2 に対応したものです。この書籍では TOEFL 高得点獲得者による 10 つのモデルアンサーと数え切れないほどのトピックを掲載しています。ここで紹介するモデルアンサーを参考にして己の解答の質を向上させましょう。

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おわりに～いつでも嘘をつけるようになろう。～

Chapter 1.

TOEFLスピーキング第一問目を制す6つのトピック

まずは TOEFL スピーキングの第一問を攻略しましょう。具体的な7つのトピックとモデルアンサーに触れる前にスピーキング大問一の問題形式を簡単に確認します。

Question 1. 身近な人・場所・もの・イベントについて答えよ。

第一問目では、受験者にとって身近な事項について質問が問われます。それは例えば、「あなたが昔好きだった異性は誰ですか。具体例を交えて説明してください」のような問いです。ぼくら受験者はこれに対する回答の準備を15秒で行い45秒間答えなくてはなりません。ここでのポイントはどれだけ私的な内容に解答を仕上げられるか、という一点です。架空の具体例をいつでも盛り込めるように準備しておきましょう。この種の独立問題はテンプレートの効力が比較的小さいため英会話能力により差が出ます。英会話に自信がない方は以下に挙げるトピックとそのモデルアンサーを参考にして、あらかじめこれらの問いに対する答えを作成しておきましょう。

スピーキング質問1で高得点を取るためのトピック群

トピック1. 記憶に残った人生経験は何か??

Question.

What is your most memorable experience? Describe it and give reasons to explain why it is your most memorable experience. Include specific examples and details in your explanation.

Model Answer.

The most memorable experience for me was when I traveled to the United States with my cousin when I was fourteen years old. We were there for vacation, we stayed there for 5 days. We went sightseeing and met a lot of new friends. I had so much fun at that time and because of that experience it inspired me to go back and study there for 10 months last year. I studied graphic design, which also helped me get the job that I want. So these are the reason why traveling to the US is the most memorable experience for me.

トピック 2. 旅行経験について

Question.

Describe a trip that you have taken recently and explain why you liked it. Include specific examples and details in your explanation.

Model Answer.

On March, I went to Las Vegas with my girlfriend. It was such a great trip. There are two reasons why I really liked it. First, it was first time for me to do gambling. I just invested 40 bucks, but I got 100 dollars. It was just for two hours to take. Although I do not like gambling, it was a wonderful experience. Second, I ate a lot of food. At the buffet I went to, there were different kinds of country food and deserts. However, it was not expensive. I just paid 20 bucks for dinner. That's why I enjoyed this trip.

トピック 3. 危険な冒険について

Question.

Describe the most dangerous experience you ever did and explain what happened as a result.

Include specific examples and details in your explanation.

Model Answer.

The most dangerous things that I ever did was to do skydiving in Las Vegas. It was the first experience for me. I rode on a small airplane to go to the spot where we can fly from. When I got there, I had to prepare to fly. My assistant said to me "you will be fine.", but I was really scared of it. However, once I jumped out from the airplane, I got used to the feeling. It was definitely the most dangerous experience but at the same time, it was a wonderful experience.

トピック 4. キミは世界を変えたいか??

Question.

If you could make one change in the world today, what would it be?

Include specific examples and details in your explanation.

Model Answer.

If I could make one change in the world, I would change education. In my opinion, in terms of education, everyone should have same opportunities.

When I went to the U.S, I felt that if people would not have enough money to go to the college, they might not be able to get chances to have splendid

education. However, this is not the only problem that U.S has. Actually, many children in other countries, especially in developing countries, do not have chances to get such an opportunity. That's why I would change education.

トピック 6. 死人とディナー、キミは誰を選ぶ??

Question.

Imagine that you could dine with any famous person, living or dead. What kind of dinner would you have and what would you talk about? Include specific examples and details in your explanation.

Model Answer.

If I could dine with any famous person, I would choose Steve Jobs who was the CEO of Apple. The reason why I want to dine with him is that I really love products that he made as the CEO of apple. I would like to eat Japanese Sushi because he really liked sushi. Of course, I also do. In addition, I would like to talk about what kind of products he would launch next if he would have not died.

トピック 7. 母国の風俗習慣は何??

Question.

What is the most popular custom in your country? Describe the custom and explain why it is popular. Include specific details and examples in your answers.

Model Answer.

One of the most popular customs in my country is called “Omiyage”. It is a kind of souvenir that you buy for your friends and family when you travel abroad. One of the things that people usually buy for “Omiyage” is traditional food, key chains, ref magnets and post cards. This has already been part of Japanese culture and customs, since Japanese people love to travel a lot. So this is one of the most popular customs in my country.

その他のトピック群

- ❖ Every person is essential to the development of a country. Talk about what you think is your role in the development of your country. Use specific reasons and examples in your explanation.
- ❖ What moment in your high school is worth remembering? Describe the moment and explain why it is important. Include reasons and details in your explanation.
- ❖ Describe any academic class you have taken at school and explain why it's a good class. Give details and examples in your explanation.
- ❖ Can the accent or dialect of a person determine the educational background of a person? Include details to support your answer.
- ❖ Talk about the major you took in college. Describe it and give reasons why you chose to study it. Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

- ❖ What is the greatest contribution of your country in the field of medicine? Describe it and explain why it is of great importance. Include details and examples in your answer.
 - ❖ Have you taken extra-curricular lesson such as piano or dance lessons? Discuss why you chose to learn them aside from your academics. Give specific details and examples in your answer.
 - ❖ Talk about an important national holiday in your home country. Describe it and explain why it is important. Give details and examples in your explanation.
 - ❖ What is the greatest contribution of your country in the field of science and technology? Describe it and explain why it is of great importance. Give details and examples in your explanation.
 - ❖ Which practice in your country should be adapted by other people in other countries? Describe it and explain why it should be adapted. Give details and examples in your explanation.
 - ❖ Talk about the most useful plant/tree in your country and explain why it is useful. Include reasons and details.
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Chapter 2.

スピーキング第二問目を完全網羅するトピック

つぎに TOEFL スピーキングの第二問目を攻略しましょう。役に立つトピック群と面会する前にまずは問い2の問題形式を確認します。

Question 2. ふたつの意見のどちらを支持するか表明せよ。

第二問目ではある行動・状況・意見に対して賛成か反対、もしくはどちらを好むか、という問いが発せられます。基本的には問題1に酷似していますが「解答が2択である」という制約がつけられている点が異なります。例を出しましょう。

「ある生徒は一人だけ恋人がいます。またある生徒は複数の恋人がいます。あなたはどちらが生徒の精神状態にとっていい恋愛方法だと思いますか?? 具体例を交えて説明しなさい」

ポイントは問題1と同様です。自分の立場を確立させてからその理由と具体例を盛り込みましょう。あ、あと残念ながら、15秒準備・45秒回答という方法も同じです笑。

スピーキング問い2で高得点を取るためのトピック群

トピック1. 成功には金が必要か否か??

Question.

Some people believe that only people who have a lot of money are successful. Others believe that success does not always equate to having lots of money. Which statement do you agree with and why? Give specific details and examples in your answer.

Model Answer.

I agree with the former opinion, that more money means more success. For one reason, you will have more choices in life with more money. Having more choices means you can travel anywhere and anytime you want to. You can buy the things that you want, like expensive cars, expensive houses, jewelries or clothes. You can do all of these things without any worries. So this is the reason why I think success means more money.

トピック 2. 公共交通機関の発達に政府は手を貸すべきか否か？

Question.

Some people think the government should spend money on improving roads and highways, while others think the government should improve public transportation. Which opinion do you agree with and why? Include specific details and examples to support your choice.

Model Answer.

I think the government should open more public transportations like trains and subways because of two reasons. First is, air pollution has become a big problem nowadays. If there are many cars and buses or motorcycles, it can worsen the situation. So I think one of the ways to solve this problem is for the government to open more trains and subways. Second is, if these forms of transportation are made available for everyone then we wouldn't have any problems when we want to go somewhere. So these are the two reasons why I think the government should open more trains and subways.

トピック 3. 環境破壊に政府が介入すべきか否か??

Question.

Some people think that the government should stop big businesses from destroying natural resources by banning them. Others think that the economy shouldn't take a beating because of environmental concerns. Which point of view do you agree? Use specific reasons and details to support your answer.

Model Answer.

I agree with the former opinion. I think the government should ban businesses from destroying the environment because of one main reason. And that reason is, in order for us to survive we must maintain a sustainable environment. If these big businesses destroy everything for their personal gains, then imagine what would be left for us. So this is the main reason why I think the government should ban these big businesses from destroying the environment.

トピック 4. 終身雇用賛成か反対か??

Question.

Some people think that companies should hire employees for their entire lives. Other companies don't think that way. Which point of view do you agree?? Use your specific examples to support your answers.

Model Answer.

I disagree with the idea that companies should hire employees for their entire lives. There are two reasons for this; cost and flexibility. The first reason why companies should not hire workers for their entire lives is that it can cause

cost problems. For instance, if companies would try to keep all of them, it would be burden for companies to pay salaries for them. Most Japanese companies have such problems. After the World War II, Japanese companies dramatically became bigger and they tried to hire a lot of people and keep them for their entire lives. However, nowadays, that is the biggest issue among companies because companies do not have enough money to pay for them. Secondly, companies should adjust economy flexibly. To adjust economy, they need to hire more appropriate people. That means workers who demand for companies are always different. As I mentioned in previous paragraph, although nowadays Japanese companies need to adjust economy, they can't fire people because companies promised that they would keep them for their entire lives. However, to survive in capitalism, companies should fire inappropriate workers and hire appropriate employees. For all of these reasons, companies should not hire employees for their entire lives.

トピック 5. 家派か？それとも団地派か？

Question.

Chose a house or apartment where you want to live and explain why you would like to live there. Include specific examples and details in your explanation.

Model Answer.

I would like to live in an apartment because of two main reasons. First, it's going to be easier to move out. I do not want to stay in only one place. If I have a house, it is very difficult to move somewhere, especially abroad. In terms of movability, apartment is more useful. Second, in terms of cost, apartment is cheaper. If I want to buy a house in Japan, ordinary people have

to loan a bunch of money. It basically takes for around 30 years. If I have a plan to move out somewhere, it is impossible to pay. That's why I want to live in an apartment.

その他のトピック

- ❖ Do you think schools should not allow their students to bring cellphones to schools? Why or why not? Give specific details and examples in your answer.
- ❖ Can the accent or dialect of a person determine the educational background of a person? Include details to support your answer.
- ❖ Some people would purchase a house if they had enough money. Other people would start a business. Which approach do you agree with and why? Include specific details and examples to support your choice.
- ❖ Some people regard famous scientists and mathematicians more highly than others. Others think more highly of literary authors and artists than scientists or mathematicians. Which group of professionals do you regard more highly and why? Include specific details and examples to support your choice.
- ❖ Some people think that borrowing money from a friend can destroy the friendship. Others think that borrowing money from a friend does not damage the friendship. Which viewpoint do you agree with and why? Include specific details and examples to support your choice.
- ❖ Some people prefer to use words to express their love to their loved ones. Others prefer to show their love through actions. Which do you think is the best expression of love and why? Use specific reasons and details to

support your answer.

- ❖ Some families think that having a pet is important to provide enjoyment to the members. Others think that a pet would only be a burden at home. Which opinion do you agree with and why? Give specific details and examples in your answer.

 - ❖ Do you think that libraries should be allowed to have copies of books that have been banned? Why or why not? Include specific details and examples to support your choice.

 - ❖ Some students prefer to work on school projects on their own. Others prefer to work with other people. Which approach do you prefer and why? Use specific reasons and examples to support your opinion.

 - ❖ Some people believe that success comes from hard work. Others believe that success has to do with luck. Which opinion do you agree with and why? Give specific details and examples to support your opinion.
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おわりに

いつでも嘘をつけるようになろう。

大事なことなので何度も言わせていただきます。

TOEFL のスピーキングは英会話のテストではありません。この試験での英語のスピーキングは、自分の話を聞いてくれる相手がいない独り言なのです。つまり、独り言ならば相手からの受け答えを気にせずただ自分勝手に話まくれればいいことになります。

じつは、独り言というのは一人でも練習できます。この事実は日本語でも英語でも同様です。したがって、ネイティブの友人がいない方でも安心して TOEFL スピーキングの対策を練ることができるのです。これは詰まるところ、英語を話すチャンスがない日本人の受験者にもスピーキングセクションで高得点を獲得できる余地があるということを意味します。

この「TOEFL スピーキング事例集」を読破した方はもうすでに嘘をゼロから作るための武器を手にしたのも同然です。あとは一人、もしくは友人と共に英語の嘘をつく練習をするだけです。勇気を出してどんどん嘘をついていきましょう。

TOEFL スピーキングのスコアは練習量に比例します。鍛錬を怠るものは TOEFL という戦場から蹴落とされます。しかし、ここで踏ん張るのがぼくら日本人です。この参考書を読了した読者の方のスピーキングの得点が飛躍することを日本の方田舎から見守っています。

それでは。

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