

So TOEFL template for speaking and writing.

Use **right** and **now** for transition in speaking.

Speaking Templates

Task 1

Well, Let's see. That's an interesting question. // I've never thought about this before but, // I've never given it much thought before, though,

If I could choose, I think I'd select ___. Let me explain why.

It occurs to me that ___

it was just a slip of the tongue.

First, ___, I remember

Also, ... , As an example, ___

So, to sum up, I would definitely choose the first option. // and my grounds are ___.

Task 2

Well,

The reading passage announces a change on the campus. Specifically,

That's mainly because ...

However/ In the conversation, the man/woman completely objects//supports with this policy.

First, he/she claims that ...

Also, he/she explains that ...

So, As I explained // in other words, he/she clearly supports/opposes the idea proposed by the university.

Task 3

Based on the reading, (topic) refers to (topic definition). To describe more about the idea, he/she says ___.

Throughout the lecture, the professor goes deeper into this subject by providing an example of/two examples of (topic).

The professor provides an example

Gives an example

To make his point clear

At first, the lecturer explains that (first example of the topic).

The speaker goes on to say (second example of the topic).

\\So after listening,

I now have a better understanding of what (topic) is all about.

Task 4

There is a lecture on _____

Using two examples, the professor demonstrates how _____

In the first example, _____

In the second example, _____

In summary/Therefore/Ultimately, _____

Integrated Writing task 1

Disagree

Reading = Passage

According to = states = suggests = claims = believes = thinks = feels = argue

Although = Whereas = While

The reading and the lecture are both about _____. Whereas the author of the reading states that _____, the lecturer suggests that _____. The lecturer casts doubt on the main points made in the reading by providing two/three reasons.

First of all, Both the reading and the lecture talk about _____.

According to the reading, _____. However, **the lecturer disputes this point.** He/She says that _____. Furthermore, he/she mentions that _____.

Secondly, the reading and the lecture both discuss the issue of _____.

The reading states that _____. **Nevertheless, the lecturer refutes this argument.** He/She argues that _____. In addition, he/she points out _____.

Finally, the author and the speaker enlighten us on _____.

The reading claims that _____. **On the other hand,** the lecturer believes that _____. He/She thinks that _____. Moreover, he/she feels that _____.

This last sentence is better not to be used.

In conclusion, although the reading and the lecture are both about _____, the two/three main points made in the reading are effectively challenged by the lecturer.

In sum, the lecturer, using scientific logical reasons, in contrast to reading, mentions that ...

Agree

The reading and the lecture are both about _____. The reading states that _____. The lecture builds upon those same ideas to give a more comprehensive picture with two/three examples. // With two/three examples, the lecture builds upon those same ideas. // // Based on those same ideas, the lecture provides two or three examples to give a more comprehensive picture of the situation.

First of all, according to the reading, _____. Supporting this idea, the lecturer explains that _____. Furthermore, he/she mentions that _____.

Secondly, the reading states that _____. The lecturer then goes on to explain that _____. In addition, he/she points out _____.

Finally, the reading claims that _____. In support of this idea, the lecturer brings up the point that _____. (Optional) Moreover, he/she feels that _____.

In conclusion, although the reading and the lecture both discuss _____, the two/three main points made in the reading are effectively supported by the lecturer.

Independent Writing Task 2

Needless to say = of course

In fact = emphasize

Good sentences and structures

In this progressive and sophisticated world

... Is not a contemporary issue. Throughout history, there has always been a debate whether ____.

As modern ____ continues to develop, the usefulness of ____ as a form of ____ has been called into question.

and I elaborate on this issue in the following paragraphs.

My own experience as a student demonstrates convincing evidence of this.

My younger brother is a compelling example of this.

My personal example may shed some light on this point.

No matter whether, one thing is for sure: by

I should use inversion in the last sentence of the body paragraph.

It is dreadful even to contemplate how difficult it would have been for me to live with Italian-speaking people if it had not been for those required history courses.

This example justifies the policy that requires all students, regardless of their major, to take history courses.

In general, you should use the following expression in the second sentence of each body paragraph.

To elaborate upon this,

To be specific,

Last Paragraph, I hope that in the near future ____.

However, just as an English proverb goes, "a coin has two sides." Those who maintain an opposite view are also partly reasonable.

Template

First and foremost, _____. To be specific, _____. On the other hand, _____. My own experience is a compelling example of this.

Furthermore, _____, To elaborate upon this, _____. However, _____. My own experience may also shed some light on this point.

To put it into a nutshell, with all these taken into account, no one can cast doubt on.

So I can write convincing body paragraphs with four points:

1- First state the idea and write a topic sentence.

- 2- Be more specific and give some supporting details
- 3- Say the other side of the issue
- 4- give an example

This is the pattern I should use.

MY TOEFL Phrases

Emphasis - Something is important

It is worth bearing in mind that 90% of the scientists researching herbicides in the US are employed by chemical companies.

I would like to stress that the research is still at an early stage.

Emphasis - something is more important

The climate is much colder, **especially** in the far north.

The work of Sally Mann, **in particular**, has made us question representations of children and childhood.

Some economists, most **notably** J. M. Keynes, recommended increasing government spending in times of recession, in order to stimulate the economy.

Cycling is not only pollution-free but also flexible, cheap, and **above all**, healthy.

Most of all, we need an approach that works.

Perhaps most importantly, the nation seemed to have lost its pride and its sense of direction.

Emphasis - Verbs

She **stresses** that death is not always the aim of those who try to commit suicide.

Campbell is more concerned with **highlighting** the issues involved, rather than providing solutions.

The high rate of mortality **underlines/underscores** the need for a greater understanding of the causes of the disease.

The study was one of the first to **draw attention** to the problems faced by severely disabled adults.

Making Generalizations

1 . Ways of saying that something is true about most people or things

The condition predominantly affects middle-aged women.

The vast majority of Algerians are Muslim.

It is now generally accepted that even the smallest dose of radiation carries a health risk.

For the most part, local people welcomed the plan.

The scheme was, **by and large**, a success.

On the whole, the system worked well.

To say that something is true about most people or things

English people love animals. **As a broad generalization**, there is much truth in this Statement.

To disagree with someone or with an opinion

I feel that I must **take issue with** the article's conclusion.

America's doctors remain **deeply divided** on the issue of whether it should be legal for a physician to help a terminally ill patient commit suicide.

Scientists were **split** on the uses to which the discoveries of atomic physics were being put.

Such a view is, however, **seriously mistaken**.

He became involved in a **long legal dispute** with his publisher.

There is considerable **dispute** over the precise definition of this term.

There has been a lot of controversy over abortion in the US.

Alice Walker writes about the controversy surrounding the film version of her novel, *The Color Purple*.

Causing disagreement

Water has been a **contentious** issue between Turkey and its neighbors for years.

One particularly **contentious** area in the field of health and safety is the valuation of human life itself.

The use of genetic tests is a **controversial issue**.

• The judge's decision was **highly controversial** at the time.

Same-sex marriage remains a **divisive** issue in many parts of the US.

Effects

It was a major economic crisis with serious social and political **repercussions**

The results of the study could have important **implications** for future educational policy.

The recession in the US has **negatively impacted** sales of luxury cars. (=it has had a bad effect on sales)

Building hundreds of new homes is likely to have an **adverse effect** on the environment. (=a bad effect)

The food we eat has a **significant effect** on our mental ability. (=an important and noticeable effect)

The decision could have **far-reaching effects**.

The war had a **devastating impact** on the country's industries. (=it caused a great amount of damage)

Population growth will have a **profound impact** on world demand for food. (=a very big impact)

The English philosopher Thomas Hobbes **had a considerable influence** on Spinoza.

For much of the 20th century, Berlin exerted a unique influence on the world. (=it had a unique influence)

Experts warn that this is a powerful drug that can have dangerous **side effects**.

The country is still suffering from the aftereffects of war.

2. To affect something or someone

New drugs have made a big difference in the treatment of some forms of cancer.

Morgan was heavily influenced by Darwin's ideas on evolution. (=he was greatly influenced by them)

Levels of ozone are strongly influenced by annual variations in the weather.

Explaining

- There is a shortage of hospital doctors, **which means that** patients often have to wait a long time for treatment.

- The bank's current interest rate is 3.5%. **This means that** for every £100 you have in your savings account, you will get £3.50 in interest.

In a democracy, the government must be accountable to the people. The people should, **in other words**, be able to get rid of their rulers through elections.

- Using this software would offer a 15% saving in space. **To put it another way**, this will mean an extra 12Gb free on an 80Gb disk.

What the treatment aims to do, **to put it simply**, is to make the skin grow back over the wound.

What we need is a stable economic climate that encourages companies to invest on a long-term basis. **More specifically**, we need to get rid of the current high taxes on investment income.

Words meaning to explain something

It is possible that some recent research by NASA scientists could offer an explanation for this phenomenon.

- They were unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for their behavior.

- The document **sets out** exactly how the money will be spent.

She begins her article by **going through** all the reasons why people have opposed the use of nuclear energy.

In his introduction, Piaget **outlines** the four main stages in a child's development.

Melville saw the ocean as the source of all life. **He expands on this idea** in his novel, 'Moby Dick'.

What you say when giving an example

The government has consistently ignored basic human rights. **A case in point** is the recent killing of 10 political prisoners.

Many students are bored with their studies. **Consider the case of Christina**. She is a hard-working student who plans to go to college. Yet she says of her education, "It's not like I'm thinking a lot here."

- The people who live there are quite rich. **This is shown by** the size of their houses.

Many writers have suffered from discrimination. **This was true of** Oscar Wilde, and also of André Gide.

2. What you say when there are a lot of other examples of something

- She has many interests, including opera and ballet.

He wrote several famous books: '1984', 'Animal Farm', and 'The Road to Wigan Pier', to name but a few.

- Sendak **cites** Tolstoy **as an example** of an author who needs no illustrator.

1. Ways of saying that something or someone is an exception

The area looks very much like the state of Iowa, **except that** it is surrounded by beautiful snow-covered mountains.

Aside from one or two minor errors, this is an excellent piece of research.

The weather was not very good in the first week. Apart from that, it was a good holiday.

- Excluding students, the total number of unemployed rose from 2 million to 2.3 million.

With the exception of skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women.

- Daley has said little about his childhood, other than that it was happy and normal.
- He had no interests other than teaching.

All societies, **without exception**, share the same characteristics. (=used when saying that there are no exceptions)

1. What you say when giving your opinion about something

Problems & Solutions

- A special force was set up to try to deal with the problem of gun crime.

The US government needs to do more to help tackle the problem (=deal with the problem) of global warming.

- It is in everyone's interest to address the problem (=find ways of solving the problem) of global poverty.
- Problems can arise (=problems can happen) when people try to defend themselves in court without help from a lawyer.

International terrorism is the biggest issue (=the most important issue) facing the world today.

- The company has managed to overcome (=deal with) its recent financial difficulties.

The project should finish in June, provided that there are no more complications.

- The surgeons knew it would be a difficult operation. A further complication (=another complication) was that the patient was in her 60s.
- Criminal gangs are the biggest obstacle to democratic reform.
- The lack of child care is an enormous obstacle to women's participation in the workforce.

- The book shows you how to avoid the **usual pitfalls** when you are at an interview.
- The most **common pitfall** when treating the disease is to give too much treatment too

late.

The doctors were **faced** with a moral **dilemma**. Should they carry out the operation, when there was such a small chance of success?

Stress at work can create a vicious circle. If you feel stressed and under pressure, you take longer to do your job, and because you take longer you become more stressed.

Small problems

There have been some teething troubles with the new rail service.

- With any computer system, there are likely to be one or two teething problems at first.

Solutions

Politicians have been trying to find a solution to the housing crisis for many years now.

- In this essay I shall consider the main causes of the problem of air pollution, and **try to put forward (=suggest) some possible solutions**.
- Unless scientists **can come up with a solution** (=think of a solution) quickly, we may soon run out of sources of energy.

Some people believe that the only answer to the problem of rising crime is to build more prisons.

There is no magic bullet for dealing with inflation.

Although a magic bullet for curing cancer is still not likely any time soon, researchers are making slow and steady progress.

7. Words meaning 'therefore'

She already had a lot of experience and therefore seemed the best candidate for the job.

The farmer could not pump water onto his field and, as a result, he had grown only twenty tons of melons compared to eighty before the war.

More people are using their cars, and as a consequence, many rural bus services have been severely reduced.

Both laboratories were completely re-equipped last year, **with the result that** we now have the most modern facilities in the country.

- The two companies were merged, thereby creating a single company.

Too much alcohol can be harmful to health. Accordingly, on this diet you are allowed only one or two units of alcohol per day.

