

TOEFL 26

This is an essay submitted to me by one of our TOEFL students. I have numbered the sentences to make it easier to correct. Find the errors and make corrections.

1. English, the most speaking language in the world seems to be difficult to speak, when it comes to a foreigner or non-native English speaker to learn and speak that beautiful language.
2. What makes English so difficult to speak?
3. The answer to this question will help us to understand why.
4. Several aspects make English looks tough to speak.
5. Between which aspects, we have: words, spelling and pronunciation.
6. In English, the spelling of words is some time different from the pronunciation.
7. This can make the language difficult to speak for a learner; for example we have the word "knight" at the beginning of this word we have a "K" but during the pronunciation we do not hear the Sound "K"; we also have "who" in which we cannot pronounce the "W".
8. The vowels pronunciation can both have different tone to someone who speaks a language like Spanish.
9. After all those examples we see that English can be really uneasy to a non-native English speaker who already have a tone and different word spelling from what, we can have in English.
10. Beside those aspects, we have vocabulary, Grammar, laziness and the fear to say words.
11. To speak a language we need vocabulary that can be a little bit hard to learn by oneself when you do not have someone to help you with pronunciation and also if you do not know the phonetic.
12. In what concerns grammar it can be narrowly different from what we observe in our native language.
13. For example to speak English we really need to know the past participle that is different from what we see for example in French.
14. For the fear, we do not want to be ridiculous of show people that we do not know how to speak because we do not want them to make fun of us.
15. Furthermore according to what I think English is the easy language in the world whose everyone can learn and speak easily but, because fear to be frustrated ti becomes arduous.
16. Ultimately, although English is the most speaking language in the world it remains difficult to speak for people who already speak another language and who have another tonality their own rules, and the word spelling can be completely different from the one in English.

Listening Exercise 17: Listen to the conversation and answer the choose the best answer.

1. What is the main subject of the conversation?
 - a-the man's last appointment
 - b-Professor Irwin's office hours
 - c-student advisement during registration
 - d-the man's health problems

2. When is the man's new appointment scheduled?

- a- Tuesday at two o'clock
- b- Thursday at two o'clock
- c- this afternoon at three o'clock
- d- now

3. What should the man have done about his first appointment?

- a- He should have made an appointment.
- b- He should have called to cancel his appointment.
- c- He should have come for his appointment.
- d- He should have stayed at home until he was well.

4. What is the man's excuse?

- a- He wasn't well.
- b- He was out of town.
- c- He didn't know what to do.
- d- He forgot the time.

5. What word best describes Professor Irwin's attitude toward the student?

- a- uninterested
- b- apologetic
- c- sick
- d- annoyed

1. What is the woman's main purpose in this conversation?

- a- to take her final exam
- b- to apologize to the professor
- c- to change the date of her exam
- d- to schedule her flight

2. Why does the woman have a problem?

- a- She is taking too many classes.
- b- She lives too far from her family.
- c- She made an error when she scheduled her trip.
- d- She did not do well on her final exam.

3. On what day is the exam scheduled?

- a- Monday
- b- Tuesday
- c- Wednesday
- d- Thursday

4. What does the professor decide to do?

- a- allow the woman to repeat the exam
- b- reschedule the woman's exam for another day
- c- let the woman skip the final exam
- d- give the woman a grade of incomplete

5. When does this conversation most probably take place?

- a- in March
- b- in May
- c- in November
- d- in December