

TOEFL Reading Practice PDF: Original Skill Drills

Free printable worksheet with answers and explanations

Independent LingoLeap practice, not an official ETS test or a full adaptive mock. Complete the Words passages are short skill drills. Suggested timing is for study only. No TOEFL score conversion is provided.

How to use: write the missing letters, then answer the multiple-choice questions without checking the key. Review each explanation and find its evidence in the passage. Suggested study time: 15-20 minutes; this is not official test timing.

Contents: six short Complete the Words drills; one Daily Life notice with four questions; one Academic Passage with five questions. Answers begin after the practice pages.

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Complete the Words · Drill 1

Restore only the missing letters. Numbers identify the answer-key entries.

Weather describes the conditions of the atmosphere at a specific time and place. Temper_____ [1] and humi_____ [2] are two impor_____ [3] factors that scien_____ [4] measure every d_____ [5]. These measure_____ [6] help forecas_____ [7] predict sto_____ [8] and other eve_____ [9].

Your answers: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

Complete the Words · Drill 2

Restore only the missing letters. Numbers identify the answer-key entries.

A public library is a place where people can borrow books and other materials for free. Libra_____ [1] also prov_____ [2] access to compu_____ [3] and the inter_____ [4]. Many commun_____ [5] depend on the_____ [6] services for educa_____ [7] and rese_____ [8].

Your answers: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____

Complete the Words · Drill 3

Restore only the missing letters. Numbers identify the answer-key entries.

Sleep is essential for maintaining good physical and mental health. During sle__ [1], the bo__ [2] repairs dama__ [3] tissues and streng____ [4] the imm__ [5] system. Adu__ [6] generally ne__ [7] between seven a__ [8] nine hours o_ [9] sleep each night.

Your answers: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

Complete the Words · Drill 4

Restore only the missing letters. Numbers identify the answer-key entries.

Photosynthesis is the process by which green plants convert sunlight into chemical energy. During th__ [1] process, car__ [2] dioxide from th_ [3] atmosphere is absor__ [4] through tiny open____ [5] in the lea__ [6]. The resul____ [7] sugars provide fu__ [8] for growth a__ [9] reproduction throughout th_ [10] organism.

Your answers: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____

Complete the Words · Drill 5

Restore only the missing letters. Numbers identify the answer-key entries.

The Industrial Revolution began in Britain during the late eighteenth century. Facto____ [1] replaced tradi____ [2] workshops, and machi____ [3] powered by ste____ [4] engines dramatically increa____ [5] production capa____ [6]. These techno____ [7] advances transfo____ [8] economies across Eur____ [9] and North America within a few decades.

Your answers: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

Complete the Words · Drill 6

Restore only the missing letters. Numbers identify the answer-key entries.

Coral reefs are among the most biologically diverse ecosystems on Earth. They supp____ [1] approximately on_ [2] quarter of al_ [3] marine species desp____ [4] covering less th____ [5] one percent o_ [6] the ocean flo____ [7]. Rising water temper____ [8] and ocean acidif____ [9] now threaten these fragile structures worldwide.

Your answers: 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____

Read in Daily Life · Library study-room notice

Starting Monday, the North Library will accept study-room reservations through its online calendar. Groups of two to six students may reserve a room for up to ninety minutes. A reservation ends if nobody checks in at the service desk within fifteen minutes of the start time. Students who need only one seat should use the quiet study floor instead.

The calendar opens seven days before each booking date. Room 3 will be unavailable on Wednesday morning while its projector is replaced. Other rooms will remain open. Food is not permitted in any study room, but drinks in covered containers are allowed. For a group presentation, request a projector when booking; staff cannot guarantee one for requests made on arrival.

1. What is the main purpose of the notice?
 - A. To explain new room-booking rules
 - B. To recruit library staff
 - C. To announce a library closure
 - D. To advertise presentation classes
2. A group books a room for 10:00 but nobody checks in until 10:20. What happens under the stated rule?
 - A. The booking automatically lasts until noon
 - B. The group must buy a projector
 - C. The reservation has ended
 - D. The quiet floor is closed
3. Why will Room 3 be unavailable on Wednesday morning?
 - A. A class has booked it all day
 - B. Its projector is being replaced
 - C. The calendar opens that morning
 - D. Food will be served there
4. What should students do if their presentation requires a projector?
 - A. Request it while booking
 - B. Bring uncovered drinks
 - C. Wait until they arrive to request it
 - D. Reserve six rooms

Read an Academic Passage · City trees and summer heat

On a summer afternoon, a tree-lined street can feel cooler than a nearby street without trees. Part of this difference comes from shade: leaves intercept sunlight before it reaches pavement. A second process is less visible. Water absorbed by roots moves through the tree and evaporates from leaf surfaces. This evaporation uses energy, helping to cool the surrounding air.

The cooling effect is not identical in every location. A broad canopy may shade more pavement than a narrow one, while a tree with limited access to soil water may release less moisture. Planting a tree in a small opening surrounded by concrete can therefore restrict its cooling potential. Providing enough root space matters alongside selecting the species.

Researchers comparing planting plans also consider time. A newly planted tree usually casts less shade than a mature tree, so replacing large healthy trees with many small ones may not preserve immediate cooling. This does not mean young trees have no value. It means that a plan should account for both present conditions and the years required for new canopies to grow. Protecting existing trees and planting suitable replacements can serve different parts of the same long-term strategy.

1. What is the passage mainly about?
 - A. Why every city tree needs the same amount of water
 - B. How trees cool streets and what affects that cooling
 - C. Why cities should stop planting young trees
 - D. How to replace concrete with leaf surfaces
2. According to the first paragraph, how does evaporation contribute to cooling?
 - A. It creates new pavement
 - B. It prevents roots from absorbing water
 - C. It uses energy as water leaves leaf surfaces
 - D. It makes sunlight stronger
3. The word 'restrict' in the second paragraph is closest in meaning to:
 - A. measure
 - B. announce
 - C. limit
 - D. ignore
4. What can be inferred about replacing one large healthy tree with several small trees?
 - A. Immediate shade may decrease even if the tree count rises
 - B. Cooling will certainly double that afternoon
 - C. The small trees will never provide shade
 - D. Root space no longer matters
5. Why does the author say that young trees still have value?
 - A. To reject the claim that leaves intercept sunlight
 - B. To distinguish short-term cooling from long-term growth
 - C. To prove young trees need no water
 - D. To recommend removing all mature trees

Answer key and explanations

Mark one point for each restored word or correct choice. Use the result to identify skills to practise, not to estimate a TOEFL band or section score.

Complete the Words · Drill 1

1. Temperature — Noun — topic word from first sentence context
2. humidity — Noun — paired with 'Temperature' via 'and'
3. important — Adjective modifying 'factors'
4. scientists — Plural noun — subject of 'measure'
5. day — Short noun — 'every day' is a common collocation
6. measurements — Plural noun — refers back to what scientists do
7. forecasters — Plural noun — people who predict weather
8. storms — Plural noun — a type of weather event
9. events — Plural noun — 'other events' completes the list

Complete the Words · Drill 2

1. Libraries — Plural noun — subject of 'also provide'
2. provide — Verb — 'also provide access'
3. computers — Plural noun — things you access at a library
4. internet — Noun — paired with 'computers' via 'and the'
5. communities — Plural noun — groups of people
6. these — Demonstrative — refers back to library services
7. education — Noun — paired with 'research'
8. research — Noun — common academic activity at libraries

Complete the Words · Drill 3

1. sleep — Noun — repeats topic word from first sentence
2. body — Noun — 'the body repairs' is the subject
3. damaged — Adjective (past participle) modifying 'tissues'
4. strengthens — Verb — parallel with 'repairs'
5. immune — Adjective — 'immune system' is a fixed phrase
6. Adults — Plural noun — subject of the sentence
7. need — Verb — 'Adults need between...'
8. and — Conjunction — 'seven and nine'
9. of — Preposition — 'hours of sleep'

Complete the Words · Drill 4

1. this — Demonstrative — 'this process' refers back to photosynthesis

2. carbon — Noun — 'carbon dioxide' is a fixed scientific term
3. the — Article — 'the atmosphere' is definite
4. absorbed — Past participle — passive voice 'is absorbed'
5. openings — Plural noun — tiny openings (stomata) in leaves
6. leaves — Plural noun — plant leaves
7. resulting — Present participle as adjective — 'resulting sugars'
8. fuel — Noun — sugars provide fuel (energy source)
9. and — Conjunction — 'growth and reproduction'
10. the — Article — 'the organism'

Complete the Words · Drill 5

1. Factories — Plural noun — subject of 'replaced'
2. traditional — Adjective modifying 'workshops'
3. machines — Plural noun — subject of 'increased'
4. steam — Noun — 'steam engines' is a compound noun
5. increased — Past tense verb — 'machines increased production'
6. capacity — Noun — 'production capacity' is a common collocation
7. technological — Adjective — 'technological advances'
8. transformed — Past tense verb — 'advances transformed economies'
9. Europe — Proper noun — geographic name

Complete the Words · Drill 6

1. support — Verb — 'They support approximately...'
2. one — Number — 'one quarter'
3. all — Determiner — 'all marine species'
4. despite — Preposition — contrast: support many species despite small area
5. than — Conjunction — 'less than one percent'
6. of — Preposition — 'percent of the ocean'
7. floor — Noun — 'ocean floor'
8. temperatures — Plural noun — 'water temperatures'
9. acidification — Noun — 'ocean acidification' is a scientific term

Daily Life answers

1. A — The notice explains reservations, check-in, equipment and room-use rules. The library remains open.
2. C — A reservation ends after fifteen minutes without check-in. At 10:20 the group is five minutes beyond that window.
3. B — The second paragraph directly gives projector replacement as the reason. No all-day closure is stated.
4. A — The notice tells students to request a projector when booking; requests on arrival are not guaranteed.

Academic Passage answers

1. B — The passage explains shade and evaporation, then root space, canopy size and the time needed for growth.
2. C — The passage explicitly states that evaporation uses energy and helps cool surrounding air.
3. C — Limited soil-water access can limit, or restrict, the tree's cooling potential.
4. A — New trees usually cast less shade; increasing their number does not necessarily preserve the mature tree's immediate cooling.
5. B — The final paragraph balances current shade against future canopy growth instead of dismissing young trees.