

## Writing Scoring Guide

#### Task 1: Edit

Task 1: Edit		Part of the TOEFL
Score	Language Use Descriptors	Young  Students Series
4	Correctly completes all four sentences.	Series V
3	Correctly completes three out of four sentences.	
2	Correctly completes two out of four sentences.	
1	Correctly completes one out of four sentences.	
0	Attempts to complete all sentences but does so incorrectly.	

### Task 2: Email

Score	Development and Language Use Descriptors
4	A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:  responds to all questions in the email, directly or indirectly  is coherent  shows lexical variation appropriate for the task  displays a varied sentence structure appropriate for the task  may contain minor errors but they do not interfere with meaning
3	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>responds to most of the questions in the email, directly or indirectly</li> <li>is generally coherent</li> <li>shows some lexical variation appropriate for the task</li> <li>may display variation in sentence structure appropriate for the task</li> <li>may contain errors that occasionally interfere with meaning</li> </ul>
2	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>responds to some questions in the email</li> <li>may be incoherent at times</li> <li>shows little lexical variation (e.g., vocabulary is simple and repetitive), or often uses vocabulary incorrectly</li> <li>may show little control of sentence structures</li> <li>may contain errors that frequently interfere with meaning</li> </ul>
1	A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:  • responds minimally to questions in the email  • is generally incoherent  • displays limited vocabulary that may be used incorrectly  • uses mostly incorrect sentence structures  • displays many errors that seriously interfere with meaning
0	Only copies words from the prompt, rejects the prompt, is completely off topic, consists of keystroke characters, is written in a foreign language, or is blank.



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### Task 3: Opinion

Score	Development and Language Use Descriptors
4	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>states a position on the topic</li> <li>provides support for the position, with specific details and/or examples</li> <li>is mostly well organized and coherent</li> <li>shows lexical variation appropriate for the task</li> <li>displays a varied sentence structure appropriate for the task</li> <li>may contain minor errors but they do not interfere with meaning or clarity</li> </ul>
3	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>states a position on the topic</li> <li>provides support for the stated position, but may have difficulty doing so fully</li> <li>is generally well organized, with an occasional lapse of clarity when connecting ideas</li> <li>shows some lexical variation appropriate for the task</li> <li>may display some variation in sentence structure appropriate for the task</li> <li>may contain some errors that occasionally interfere with meaning</li> </ul>
2	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>states a position on the topic, but provides inadequate/incomplete support, OR</li> <li>only vaguely implies a position on the topic, and provides inadequate/incomplete support</li> <li>connections between ideas are attempted, but are sometimes unclear or missing</li> <li>shows little lexical variation (e.g., vocabulary is simple and repetitive), or frequently uses vocabulary incorrectly</li> <li>shows little variation in sentence structure (e.g., sentences are mostly simple and short), and shows little control of sentence structures</li> <li>may contain errors that frequently interfere with meaning</li> </ul>
1	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>states a position but provides incoherent or no support OR</li> <li>does not state a position, or makes only a minimal connection to the prompt and provides minimal or no support</li> <li>is generally unorganized and incoherent</li> <li>displays extremely limited vocabulary that is frequently used incorrectly</li> <li>uses mostly incorrect sentence structures</li> <li>displays many errors that seriously interfere with meaning</li> </ul>
0	Only copies words from the prompt, rejects the prompt, is completely off topic, consists of keystroke characters, is written in a foreign language, or is blank.



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#### **Task 4: Listen-Write**

Score	Development and Language Use Descriptors
4	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>accurately provides all key points</li> <li>provides support using relevant details from the talk</li> <li>is mostly well organized and coherent</li> <li>shows lexical variation appropriate for the task</li> <li>displays a varied sentence structure appropriate for the task</li> <li>may contain errors but they do not interfere with meaning or clarity</li> </ul>
3	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>accurately provides most key points</li> <li>provides some supporting details from the talk</li> <li>is generally organized, with an occasional lapse of clarity when connecting ideas</li> <li>shows some lexical variation appropriate for the task</li> <li>may display some varied sentence structure appropriate for the task</li> <li>may contain errors that occasionally interfere with meaning</li> </ul>
2	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>provides some accurate content from the key points</li> <li>provides minimal or no supporting details from the talk</li> <li>connections between ideas are attempted but are often unclear or missing</li> <li>shows little lexical variation (e.g., vocabulary is simple and repetitive), or frequently uses vocabulary incorrectly</li> <li>shows little variation in sentence structure (e.g., sentences are mostly simple and short), or shows little control of sentence structures</li> <li>may contain errors that frequently interfere with meaning</li> </ul>
1	<ul> <li>A typical response at this level is characterized by the following:</li> <li>provides minimal or no content from the key points</li> <li>does not provide details beyond those shown in the visuals</li> <li>provides incoherent or no support for any of the points</li> <li>is generally unorganized and incoherent</li> <li>displays extremely limited vocabulary that is frequently used incorrectly</li> <li>uses mostly incorrect sentence structures</li> <li>displays many errors that seriously interfere with meaning</li> </ul>