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## **Top 10 TOEFL Tips from Kaplan Access America**

### **10. Learn English.**

Taking practice TOEFLs is not enough. If you want to get a higher TOEFL score, you must study English and especially vocabulary.

### **9. Be sure about your goal.**

If you need TOEFL, you have probably decided to go to a university or professional training program. So your ultimate goal is success at the university. Learn academic English so you can succeed on the TOEFL and in your classes.

### **8. Answer all questions.**

There is no penalty for guessing. Never leave anything blank on the TOEFL. If you don't know the answer, guess.

### **7. Work quickly through the easy questions.**

Answer questions you are sure about as quickly as you can, to leave yourself time to think about complicated questions.

### **6. Erase thoroughly.**

A machine reads your answer grid, so you must fill in the ovals carefully. If you erase, erase completely. If you skip a difficult question to come back to later, be careful to leave that space blank.

### **5. When you practice, notice how you change a correct response.**

When doing TOEFL exercises, many students find changed answers that they had originally answered correctly. If you see yourself doing this, stop changing answers.

### **4. Identify your problem areas.**

To improve, do a variety of exercises, and do exercises which help you grow in English. If your problem is Reading Comprehension, don't just do TOEFL Reading Comprehension questions. Read many different things.

### **3. Practice budgeting your time.**

When you take a TOEFL practice test, be strict with yourself. Work within the allotted time for each section. This will help you feel for how much time you can spend on each question.

### **2. All English practice is helpful.**

Anything you do in English will help you learn the language both for school and for informal situations. Don't rule out movies, TV or other "non-academic" forms of English.

### **1. Study regularly.**

Begin studying English daily as soon as you can. You can forget English very quickly, so don't "take a break" from it.

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