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Synopsis

Increase your TOEFL iBT score by increasing your speaking and writing scores. How? By using the strategy called argument mapping. Why argument mapping? Because the TOEFL iBT speaking and writing sections are all argument-based tasks. That means if you want high speaking and writing scores, you must know how to map out (develop and deliver) spoken and written arguments, quickly and proficiently. With argument mapping, you will be able to do just that. Best of all, you can apply argument mapping to all six speaking tasks and both writing tasks. That means you will spend less time reading about strategies and more time practicing them. You Will Also Learn: * Essential rhetorical strategies and opinion development strategies * Step-by-step basic responses for all speaking and writing tasks * Step-by-step advanced responses for all speaking and writing tasks * Step-by-step emergency responses for all speaking and writing tasks * How to revise your spoken and written responses to maximize scoring * How to rate spoken and written responses quickly and proficiently

ARGUMENT DEVELOPMENT Learn basic and advanced argument development strategies to maximize your speaking and writing scores. By doing so, you can increase your TOEFL score.

ARGUMENT MAPPING Learn test-proven speaking and writing strategies quickly and proficiently using the graphics-based strategy called argument mapping.

SCORING STRATEGIES Learn how to think like a TOEFL rater so you know exactly what to say and write to maximize scoring.

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I have tried several TOEFL books before, but I believe this book was the best. It has a different way of teaching TOEFL, different strategies to win the game of TOEFL. I used this book to prepare for my TOEFL test, and I was amazed with the results. This book helps you to deal with the pressure on the day of the test, because it makes the process simple. Moreover, this book does offer a variety of academic vocabulary and simple steps to improve you confidence on the speaking, writing, listening, and reading.

Reading and listening is one thing i.e. how you perceive information, but speaking and writing is a totally different story, which is how you construct and convey information. Reading and listening was not a problem for me as I am used to it a lot. However, I lacked the speaking and writing skills as I don't do that as often. I wondered if there is something available, which could help me master those skills. My quest was over. This is the one. I have several books for TOEFL preparation. I must say
nothing handles speaking and writing strategies as beautifully as this book does. It’s not to undermine other books. I did get good information from those. However, this book was right on the target. It teaches you the skills by letting you know what graders are looking for and how they do the evaluation. As a result, you focus on those very essential and critical points, which graders are measuring you against. To me it is one of the best book available on the subject.

I have taken TOEFL recently and scored 29 on writing section and 25 on speaking. I am very satisfied with my scores, and I can assure you that the tips you will find in this book will help you improve your scores drastically. This books, without doubt, gives you excellent strategies for writing section. It shows explicitly how you can write better introduction and conclusion paragraphs. It also makes you accustomed to the 3-paragraph reasoning format of American students’ essays. I previously scored 25 on writing section, but using the strategies in this book I improved my score by 4 points up. The speaking strategies are very similar to the writing strategies of the book, but they give you the idea of how to approach to the possible question types you might find on the real exam. I strongly suggest you to take a look at this book before the exam. Good luck on the test.

I have been reviewing for TOEFL exam. I already used the ETS review book, which is also very useful in getting general tips and ideas on specific parts of the test, but I am using this one to develop my speaking and writing skills. The materials presented in this book are very specific and strategical in teaching students on how to coherently and proficiently demonstrate constructive tasks in the TOEFL test. Argument mapping, which was presented in this book, is very helpful for these tasks. This book will teach you two major things that relate specifically to writing and speaking parts of TOEFL: how to present your argument with automaticity, coherence and efficiency; and how to analyze and rate your essay or speech which should demonstrate OPDUL=C, a guide which will assist you to significantly raise your speaking and writing scores as you learn how to think and analyze like an ETS rater. What is “OPDUL=C”? That, you will find out, as you study this highly recommended book for TOEFL (writing and speaking) review.

After reading this book with limit time to practice (only 3 days), my speaking scores has improved from 22 to 26. It’s a good book with easy-to-remember and effective strategies. However, I’ve got the same score in the writing—no more, no less. May be because I was a bit blanked out when I did the exam. Overall, to me, this book stands out among all the toefl prep books, especially for those who want to work on Speaking skill! Ps. to the author: I couldn’t thank you more! :)
After reading dozens of useless books I have put my hand on this amazing book which has by far the best writing strategy for the Toefl IBT. I followed the instructions of the writing section of the book and I got 29 in my writing section so I strongly recommend this book for anyone interested in increasing his writing score.

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