

2. Reading

Starter Quiz · 课前小测

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Name: _____ Score: _____

1. About how many minutes is TOEFL Reading? Use the figure ETS publishes.

2. 'The results were very _____. ' What kind of word belongs in the gap?
 - ☐ A noun
 - ☐ An adjective
 - ☐ A past-tense verb
3. A notice says: 'The library is open daily from 8am, except Sundays.' It is Sunday morning. Is the library open?
 - ☐ Yes — it says open daily from 8am
 - ☐ No — 'except Sundays' removes Sunday from 'daily'
 - ☐ It opens later on Sundays
4. A question asks which paragraph explains a cause. What do you compare it against?
 - ☐ Every sentence of every paragraph, in order
 - ☐ The topic sentence of each paragraph
 - ☐ The last sentence of the passage
5. Complete: Reading has about ____ items.

6. 'The first trial failed, but the second was _____. ' What does 'but' tell you?
 - ☐ The missing word means something similar to 'failed'
 - ☐ The missing word is the opposite — something like 'successful'
 - ☐ 'But' gives no information about the missing word
7. Your tutor writes: 'You may wish to consider submitting a draft before the deadline.' What is this?
 - ☐ An optional idea you can ignore
 - ☐ A polite instruction — submit a draft
 - ☐ A complaint about your work so far
8. A correct word with one letter missing still earns the mark.
 - ☐ True
 - ☐ False

9. A vocabulary question is asking for the word's usual dictionary meaning.

☐ True ☐ False

10. Everyone sees the same Reading questions in the same order.

☐ True ☐ False

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1. **30**

ETS says about 30 minutes and 50 items. The test is adaptive, so the exact time can vary.

2. **An adjective**

'Very' modifies adjectives and adverbs. Fixing the word class first removes most of the wrong answers before you think about meaning.

3. **No — 'except Sundays' removes Sunday from 'daily'**

One word reverses the sentence. These tasks are built around exactly this, which is why you mark exception words as you read.

4. **The topic sentence of each paragraph**

A topic sentence says what its paragraph is for. Matching against them turns re-reading the whole passage into four quick comparisons.

5. **50**

About 50 items across the three task types.

6. **The missing word is the opposite — something like 'successful'**

A contrast word promises a change of direction. That is a free clue and it appears constantly in this task.

7. **A polite instruction — submit a draft**

Academic English is indirect. Politeness is not optionality, and reading it as optional is a common and expensive mistake.

8. **False**

Spelling counts in this task. Reading the sentence back is what catches a missing -s or -ed.

9. **False**

It asks what the word means in THIS passage. Answer from the sentence, not from memory.

10. **False**

From January 2026 the test adapts. A stronger first block leads to a harder second block.