

TOEFL Reading Practice Test 4

2026 Format – Complete the Words | Daily Life | Academic Passage

TASK 1: Complete the Words

Directions: Complete the missing parts of the words so that the paragraph makes sense. Type the full words.

Renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power produce electri_____ with lower greenhouse gas emis_____ than fossil fuels. As technology improves and costs fall, more countries are investing in renewable capac_____. Challenges remain, including energy stor_____ and the need for reliable grid infrastruc_____.

TASK 2: Read in Daily Life

Directions: Read the short text and answer the questions.

Lost and Found Notice

A blue backpack was found in Lecture Hall B on Tuesday afternoon. It contains notebooks and a water bottle. The owner can collect it from the Student Services desk on Level 1 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on weekdays. Please bring student ID.

Question 1

What is the purpose of this notice?

- (A) To sell a backpack
- (B) To inform the owner how to reclaim a lost backpack
- (C) To announce a new lecture hall
- (D) To close Student Services

Question 2

What must the owner bring to collect the backpack?

- (A) Nothing
- (B) Student ID
- (C) A receipt
- (D) Another backpack

TASK 3: Read an Academic Passage

Directions: Read the passage and answer the questions.

The concept of opportunity cost is central to economics. It refers to the value of the next-best alternative that is given up when a choice is made. For example, the opportunity cost of attending university includes not only tuition fees but also the income a student could have earned by working full-time instead. Understanding opportunity cost helps individuals and governments make more informed decisions about how to allocate limited resources.

Question 1

What is the main idea of the passage?

- (A) University is always free
- (B) Opportunity cost is the value of the next-best alternative given up when making a choice
- (C) Economics only studies money
- (D) Students should never work

Question 2

According to the example, what is included in the opportunity cost of attending university?

- (A) Only tuition fees
- (B) Tuition fees and the income that could have been earned by working
- (C) Only books
- (D) Nothing

Question 3

The word “allocate” in the last sentence is closest in meaning to:

- (A) waste
- (B) distribute or assign
- (C) ignore
- (D) increase

Question 4

Who can benefit from understanding opportunity cost according to the passage?

- (A) Only economists
- (B) Individuals and governments
- (C) Only students
- (D) No one

Question 5

What can be inferred from the passage?

- (A) Every choice has no cost
- (B) Considering alternatives can lead to better resource decisions
- (C) Opportunity cost only applies to money
- (D) Universities should not charge fees

ANSWERS

TASK 1: Complete the Words

Correct completions: electricity; emissions; capacity; storage; infrastructure

Full paragraph: Renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power produce electricity with lower greenhouse gas emissions than fossil fuels. As technology improves and costs fall, more countries are investing in renewable capacity. Challenges remain, including energy storage and the need for reliable grid infrastructure.

TASK 2: Read in Daily Life

Question 1 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 2 – Correct Answer: (B)

TASK 3: Academic Passage

Question 1 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 2 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 3 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 4 – Correct Answer: (B)

Question 5 – Correct Answer: (B)