

TOEFL Integrated Writing Task – Student Worksheet

Topic: Online Education vs. Traditional Classroom Learning

Objective: Practice listening and reading comprehension and write a well-organized integrated essay.

Instructions – Please read carefully:

Hi students!

Today you'll complete a TOEFL-style Integrated Writing Task. That means you'll read a short article and listen to a lecture. Then, you'll compare both texts and write an essay.

Please follow the steps below carefully. Take your time, work with your partner when instructed, and do your best!

STEP 1: Reading – Read the article (3–4 min)

Title: The Effectiveness of Online Education

Online education has become a popular alternative to traditional classroom learning. Supporters say it allows students to study at their own pace, from any location, which is especially helpful for people with jobs or family responsibilities.

Another benefit is the variety of courses available. Many top universities offer online programs that students can join without moving or traveling. This makes high-quality education more accessible to learners around the world.

Finally, online learning helps students develop key skills such as time management, independence, and digital literacy. These are important skills for success in today's workplaces.

STEP 2: Listening – Listen to your teacher or the audio (2x if needed)

While listening, take notes. The lecture presents a different opinion.

(You will compare it with the article later!)

"While online education is becoming more common, it still cannot replace the benefits of in-person classroom learning. First, studying online often leads to a lack of motivation. Without a teacher's presence or peer interaction, many students struggle to stay focused or complete assignments on time.

Also, the idea that online programs are widely accessible is not entirely accurate. Many students in rural or low-income areas do not have reliable internet access or the necessary devices. This creates inequality and limits who can truly benefit from online education.

Finally, although online education may promote self-discipline, it lacks opportunities to develop soft skills like teamwork, communication, and public speaking—skills that are better practiced in traditional classroom settings."

STEP 3: Note-taking – Compare both texts (in pairs)

A. Reading Notes

Main Idea from Reading Supporting Details

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Listening Notes

Counterpoint from Listening Supporting Details

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

STEP 4: Organize your ideas – Essay Outline

Work with your partner to complete this outline before writing your essay.

Introduction

→ What is the topic?

→ What does the reading say?

→ What does the lecture say?

Body Paragraph 1

→ Reading Point 1

→ Listening Response

Body Paragraph 2

→ Reading Point 2

→ Listening Response

Body Paragraph 3

→ Reading Point 3

→ Listening Response

Conclusion

→ Restate the contrast between the reading and the listening.

→ No personal opinions!

STEP 5: Write your essay – You've got this!

Use the outline to write your integrated essay on a separate sheet of paper or in your notebook. Try to write 120–150 words, and remember:

No personal opinions

Use connectors: however, in contrast, while, on the other hand...

Be clear and organized

Would you like me to now generate a printable version in Word or PDF and/or an MP3 audio for the lecture?