

TOEFL Academic discussion task

1. **Professor:** Lately we've talked a lot about the impact of technology on our lives. With the prevalence of smartphones and other devices, we're more connected than ever, but some people are distressed by this trend. We'll discuss this in our next class, but before we do I'd like to hear your thoughts on the issue. Overall, do devices like smartphones have a positive impact on the way we communicate? Or a negative one?

Your professor is teaching a class on sociology. Write a post responding to the professor's question. In your response, you should express and support your personal opinion
make a contribution to the discussion in your own words
An effective response will contain at least 100 words.
2. **Professor:** In next week's class we'll talk about different approaches to education. You know, not everyone agrees about the best way for young people to gain knowledge and learn new skills. Let's prepare by discussing whether it's better for students to take classes with a lot of discussions or classes mainly focused on lectures. What do you think?

Your professor is teaching a class on education. Write a post responding to the professor's question. In your response, you should express and support your personal opinion
make a contribution to the discussion in your own words
An effective response will contain at least 100 words.
3. **Professor:** Hello class! Next week we will be discussing the impact of social media influencers on consumer behavior. With the rise of social media platforms like Instagram and YouTube, we've seen the emergence of a new type of celebrity: the social media influencer. These influencers have large followings and can sway consumer behavior by endorsing products or services. What are your thoughts on this?

Your professor is teaching a class on marketing. Write a post responding to the professor's question. In your response, you should express and support your personal opinion
make a contribution to the discussion in your own words
An effective response will contain at least 100 words.
4. **Professor:** As I briefly mentioned in class last week, starting a small business involves both risks and rewards. So, let's explore this topic a little more. Before we meet again next week, I would like to have your responses to this question: If you were offered a position with a large company and also an opportunity to start your own business, which would you choose to do? Why?

The professor is teaching a class on business. Respond to the post with the professor's question in it and the posts by two other students. You should

express and support your opinion and add new information to the discussion. You will have 10 minutes to read the question and the student responses and to write your own response. Your response should be at least 100 words in length.