

TOEFL Worksheet: Opinion and Transition Language in Speaking Task 2

The sentences below are from a response to the second speaking task. The question was this:

Some students prefer to work in groups with their classmates, while others prefer to work alone. Which do you prefer, and why?

1. I can't _____ but to feel that individual projects are nearly always the _____ option.

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2. When comparing the two, there are a few things to take into _____ about group projects.

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3. _____, we should _____ in mind that group projects require social interaction, a skill not related to the subject at hand.

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4. _____, we should _____ the issue of grading—it would be unfair to give all students in a group the same grade if they didn't do the same amount of work.

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5. _____, there are _____ and cons to both types.

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6. _____, if you _____ me, group projects are, on the whole, more of a bad idea than a good one.

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Part A

The answers to the blanks above are provided in the box, along with ten other incorrect words. Check your answers and find the best match to each blank.

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Part B

After each sentence, write a paraphrase using your own words. Try to keep the main point of the sentence, and include words and phrases that show opinion and transition.