

Vocabulary E-Book

Bonus Material for

TOEFL Listening

Lesson 2

## Academic Lecture One: John Adams

### [Click to listen: John Adams](#)

1. With what topic is this lecture primarily concerned?

A biography of John Adams.

The American revolution.

The Stamp Act of 1765.

The drafting of the Declaration of Independence.

2. What can be inferred about the education of John Adam's family?

No one else had gone to college prior to his entering Harvard.

His family was well-educated.

Most of his family were politicians.

Majoring in agriculture, the rest of his family became farmers.

3. Which character trait does not describe Abigail Smith?

Wise.

Passionate.

Uneducated.

Patriotic.

4. For what purpose was the pamphlet titled "A Dissertation on the Canon and the Feudal Law" written?

To hold on trial all those responsible for the Boston Massacre.

To denounce the Stamp Act of 1765.

To repudiate mob violence.

To demand an end to social disintegration.

5. What topic will the professor most likely discuss next?

The American Revolution.

The Civil War.

The Declaration of Independence.

Modern day Philadelphia.

## Academic Lecture Two: The Sun

### [Click to listen: The Sun](#)

1. What would be the best title for this lecture?

The powerful sun.

How plants capture the sun's energy.

Eating habits of plants and animals.

The essential life processes of animals.

2. What is the primary difference between plants and animals?

Animals do not require as much food.

Green plants are unable to manufacture their own food.

Animals can capture light energy directly.

3. What is chlorophyll?

A type of plant pigment.

A certain species of plant.

Ocean seaweed.

A complex carbohydrate.

4. Which of the following is not a raw material needed for photosynthesis?

Carbon.

Hydrogen.

Oxygen.

Helium.

5. Which of the following are final products of photosynthesis?

Click on two answers.

Glucose.

Carbohydrates.

Sucrose.

Hydrogen.

6. A compound of group or atoms refers to which answer?

Simple carbohydrate.

Complex carbohydrate.

Starch.

Molecule.

7. What do plants use glucose for?

To manufacture chlorophyll.

As protection from the sun.

To create more complex carbohydrates.

Increased cell growth.

## Academic Lecture Three: Politeness Strategies

[Click to listen: Politeness Strategies](#)

1. What is the main idea of this conversation?

The importance of respect in the spoken language.

How to apologize to others.

Politeness strategies in conversational English.

Why protecting one's feelings is important.

2. What is face?

The respect that an individual has for himself.

The respect an individual has for others.

A embarrassing situation.

The polite act of refusing someone else's request.

3. What are face threatening acts?

Physical violence inflicted on others.

A verbal argument between two strangers.

Acts infringing on the hearers' need to maintain his self esteem.

A polite way of protecting others' feelings.

4. What politeness strategy would a person be using if he said, "So, is it O.K. if I borrow your notes for a second?"

Bald On Record.

Negative Politeness

Positive Politeness

Off-Record-indirect strategy.

5. What politeness strategy would a person be using if he said, "So, I got to have one of those pens?"

Bald On Record.

Negative Politeness

Positive Politeness

Off-Record-indirect strategy.

## Academic Lecture Four: Gay Marriage

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1. What is the main idea of this lecture?

Marriage patterns in the United States.

The legal history of same sex marriages

Homosexuality.

The reasons for divorce in the United States.



2. According to the lecture, why might lesbian and gay couples apply for marriage licenses?

To make it more difficult for their to break up.

To get a reduction in their state and national income taxes.

To bring societal recognition to them and their families.

To encourage more people to seek the alternative lifestyle.

3. What is true about the gay and lesbian community regarding the same-sex marriage issue?

Unitedly, they agree marriage should be legally recognized among gays?

Similar to other communities, there is considerable disagreement about whether or not gays should be legally allowed to marry.

Most are not enjoying a high level of economic prosperity to have an opinion on the issue.

Most believe marriage is a sexist institution and should not be allowed among gays or heterosexuals alike.

4. What can be learned from the 1978 United States Supreme Court's decision regarding marriage?

Click on two answers.

It is a right given to all.

It is a privilege which must be earned.

It is of fundamental importance.

It is the second most important relation in life.

5. What can be inferred from this lecture?

All states recognize different-sex marriages in the United States.

No state will ever recognize same-sex marriages.

Several states now recognize same-sex marriages.

The United States legislature is not preparing laws to accept same-sex marriages.

# Academic Lecture Five: The Physics of Airplane Flight

## [Click to listen: The Physics of Airplane Flight](#)

1. What is the main purpose of this lecture?

To give someone a short lesson in aviation.

To show how an airplane changes directions.

To explain the physics involved in flying an airplane.

To show the forces which act on the wing of an airplane.

2. Which force pulls the plane toward the ground?

Gravity.

Lift.

Drag.

Thrust.

3. Which force pulls the plane forward?

Gravity.

Lift.

Drag.

Thrust.

4. What will happen if the plane cannot overcome the force of gravity upon takeoff?

The plane will take off.

The plane will take more time to get off the ground.

The plane will fly slower.

The plane will not fly.

5. Flaps on the wing are called what?

Rudders.

Ailerons.

Propellers.

Banks.

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