

TOEFL listening conversation 1

Narrator

Listen to a conversation between a student and a university advisor. The student is trying to decide where to go to school next year.

Advisor: Now, then, Mr., uh, Vickstad. How can I help you?

Student: Well, I'm thinking about transferring, but I'm, I'm not sure ... I was hoping you could help me make a decision.

A: I'll try. Where are you thinking of transferring to? And why do you want to leave Kryptos U?

S: Um...I'm thinking of going to Central University, because it's in my hometown. I've uh, been kind of homesick here this year, and I haven't made many friends...I just feel so lonely. So, I thought that uh, maybe, it'd be better to be closer to my parents and friends and all.

A: I see. And would you keep the same major if you transferred? What is it...business administration?

S: Yeah, I would. The credits I've earned here will transfer to Central. I've already checked.

A: May I ask why you chose to come to Kryptos University in the first place?

S: Sure. Um, well, the main reason is you have a great business school. And the second reason is that I...I wanted to get away from home.

A: You're right, Mr. Vickstad, we do have an excellent business school. But, so does Central. The thing is, you've got almost a year under your belt here now. At Central, you'll be starting from scratch.

S: Yeah, I know that. But I'm a little bit familiar with Central, 'cuz I had older friends who went there, and I visited it before I came here.

A: You know, freshman year is usually the hardest. I remember how homesick I was my first year. I'll tell you, I was ready to pack it in after the first two weeks. But the longer I stayed, the more comfortable I felt. By senior year, I was glad I chose to stay.

S: Really? Did it get a lot better your sophomore year?

A: Yes, it did. You might well find the same is true for you. Also, even though your credits here will transfer, you will have to take extra courses, because Central has different requirements. You'll probably have to go to school for an extra year.

S: Hmm...I hadn't thought about that. I'll have to check into it. Maybe I should give it one

more year. I mean, it's probably good for me to learn to live away from my family and friends, right? It'll make me stronger in the future.

A: You can always move back there after you graduate. Of course, by that time you may not want to!

S: Thank you for all your help. I guess I'll find out the exact transfer requirements. You've given me a lot to think about.

A: Don't mention it. If you feel like you want to talk more, don't hesitate to come back and see me.

These answer keys refer to the audio file TOEFL_1_conversation.mp3

1. Why is the student talking to the advisor?

- (A) To try and determine the best subject for him to major in.
- (B) To ask about the advisor's experiences as an undergraduate.
- (C) To get advice about transferring to a different university.
- (D) To decide which classes would be best to take next quarter.

2. Which of these statements about the student's experience are true?

- (A) He is senior at Kryptos University.
- (B) He is majoring in business administration.
- (C) He wanted to go to a school close to home.
- (D) He has made lots of friends at Kryptos.

Narrator: Listen again to part of the passage and answer the following question(s).
(audio file *TOEFL_1_conversation_excerpt.mp3*)

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3. Why does the advisor say this: "I was ready to pack it in after the first two weeks"?

- (A) To show that she empathizes with the student's feelings.
- (B) To make the student feel foolish about wanting to leave.
- (C) To demonstrate how brave he was for staying in school.
- (D) To illustrate an example of his poor decision-making.

4. What will the student have to do if he transfers?

- (A) Send educational records.
- (B) Take extra courses.**
- (C) Change majors.
- (D) Visit his friends.

5. What will most likely happen next?

- (A) The advisor will call the students' parents.
- (B) The student will search for more information.**
- (C) The student will move back to his hometown.
- (D) The advisor will do research in the lab.