

## Speaking and listening Read and then speak

You have 40 seconds to prepare. After the beep, read the text aloud in a clear voice. You have 40 seconds to read aloud.

**Recorded Answer**

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Beginning in 29 seconds.

The paradigm shift towards renewable energy infrastructure necessitates international cooperation and substantial capital investment. Notwithstanding the formidable technological and political obstacles, the transition represents an inexorable trajectory towards sustainable development. Emerging economies, whilst grappling with industrialization imperatives, must simultaneously navigate the complexities of decarbonization, balancing economic growth with environmental stewardship in an increasingly interconnected global economy.

## Speaking and listening Describe the image

Look at the picture. You have 25 seconds to prepare. After the beep, speak into the microphone and describe the picture. You have 40 seconds to give your response.



### Recorded Answer


Current Status:  
Beginning in 22 seconds.

## Speaking and listening

Listen and then speak

Listen to the recording. Repeat the sentence exactly as you hear it. You will hear the sentence only once.

Status: Beginning in 1 seconds.

Volume 

**Recorded Answer**

Current Status:  
Beginning in 3 seconds.

## Speaking and listening

Listen to the conversation

Listen to the conversation. Give a short, simple answer to the question.

What concern does Sarah express about cooking dinner?

Status: Beginning in 1 seconds.

Volume



### Recorded Answer

Current Status:


Beginning in 3 seconds.

## Speaking and listening

Listen to the passage and then speak

First, listen to a story. Then, you will hear 3 questions. Please give a short, simple answer after each question. Your answer could be a few words or a very short sentence.

Status: Beginning in 6 seconds.


Volume 

## Speaking and listening

Listen to the passage and then speak

Listen to the question and give a short, simple answer. Your answer could be a few words or a very short sentence.

Status: Beginning in 2 seconds.

Volume 

**Recorded Answer**


Current Status:  
Beginning in 9 seconds.

## Speaking and listening

Listen to the passage and then speak

Listen to the question and give a short, simple answer. Your answer could be a few words or a very short sentence.

Status: Beginning in 2 seconds.

Volume 

**Recorded Answer**


Current Status:  
Beginning in 9 seconds.

## Speaking and listening

Listen to the passage and then speak

Listen to the question and give a short, simple answer. Your answer could be a few words or a very short sentence.

Status: Beginning in 2 seconds.

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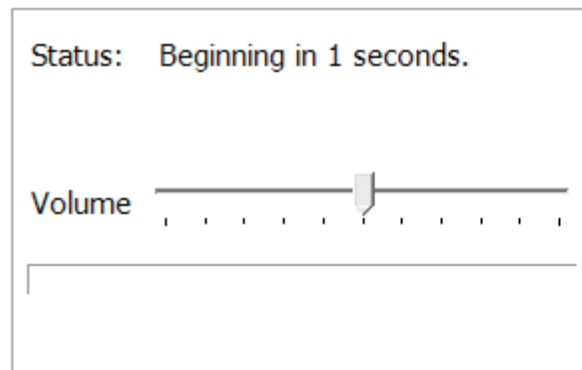
**Recorded Answer**

Current Status:  
Beginning in 9 seconds.



## Speaking and listening Listen and read (hotspots)

Listen to the recording. Click on the words in the text that are different from what you hear.





Last month, I attended a symposium on postcolonial literary theory organised by a collective of international scholars. Approximately fifty academics participated. We convened at the university's humanities centre to examine structuralist methodologies in contemporary criticism. I brought notes from preliminary research, hoping to refine my dissertation arguments on postmodern narratives. The proceedings extended beyond four hours, during which the keynote speaker elucidated how to interrogate dominant discourses in canonical texts. We concluded at seven o'clock, and several participants contributed papers to an edited anthology. It was an invaluable opportunity to engage with ideas I typically encounter in collaborative seminars.

## Speaking and listening Listen and then write (dictation)

Listen to the recording and type what you hear. You will hear the sentence only once.

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## Reading and writing Read the text and write the answer

Read the article and answer the questions. Use no more than 3 words for each answer.

### The Anthropocene and Urban Biodiversity

The concept of the Anthropocene, i.e. the geological epoch defined by significant human impact on Earth's ecosystems, has profound implications for urban planning and biodiversity conservation. Metropolitan areas, once considered ecological wastelands, are increasingly recognized as potential refugia for diverse species. Contemporary urban ecology research demonstrates that carefully designed green corridors can facilitate gene flow between fragmented populations, thereby mitigating the deleterious effects of habitat isolation. Vertical forests and biodiverse rooftop ecosystems exemplify innovative architectural interventions that reconcile density imperatives with conservation objectives. Municipal authorities are progressively implementing biophilic design principles, which integrate natural elements into built environments, enhancing both ecological resilience and human psychological wellbeing. These paradigmatic shifts in urban development philosophy represent a fundamental reconceptualization of the relationship between urbanization and environmental stewardship, challenging the anthropocentric assumption that cities are inherently antithetical to biodiversity.

**Question 1:** What geological term describes human impact on Earth's ecosystems?

**Question 2:** What urban features help connect fragmented animal populations?

**Question 3:** What design approach incorporates nature into buildings?

**Question 4:** What assumption about cities is being challenged?

## Reading and writing Choose the right word or phrase (gap-fill)

**Read the text. Choose a word or phrase to fill the gap.**

The academic community remains divided on whether the observed correlation between variables constitutes genuine causation or merely reflects \_\_\_\_\_ statistical artifacts arising from methodological limitations.

- ☐ spurious
- ☐ fraudulent
- ☐ artificial

## Reading and writing Read and write

**Read the passage. After 30 seconds the passage will disappear. Rewrite the passage in your own words. You have 120 seconds to write your answer.**

A tempestuous dawn revealed an inexplicable anomaly on the desolate strand. Half-buried in the sand, a massive, patina-covered bronze coffer lay at an impossible angle. The lone beachcomber, transfixed by the object's sheer antiquity, quickly realised its discovery was the inevitable preamble to a media frenzy and a protracted legal imbroglio.

**Please write your answer below.**

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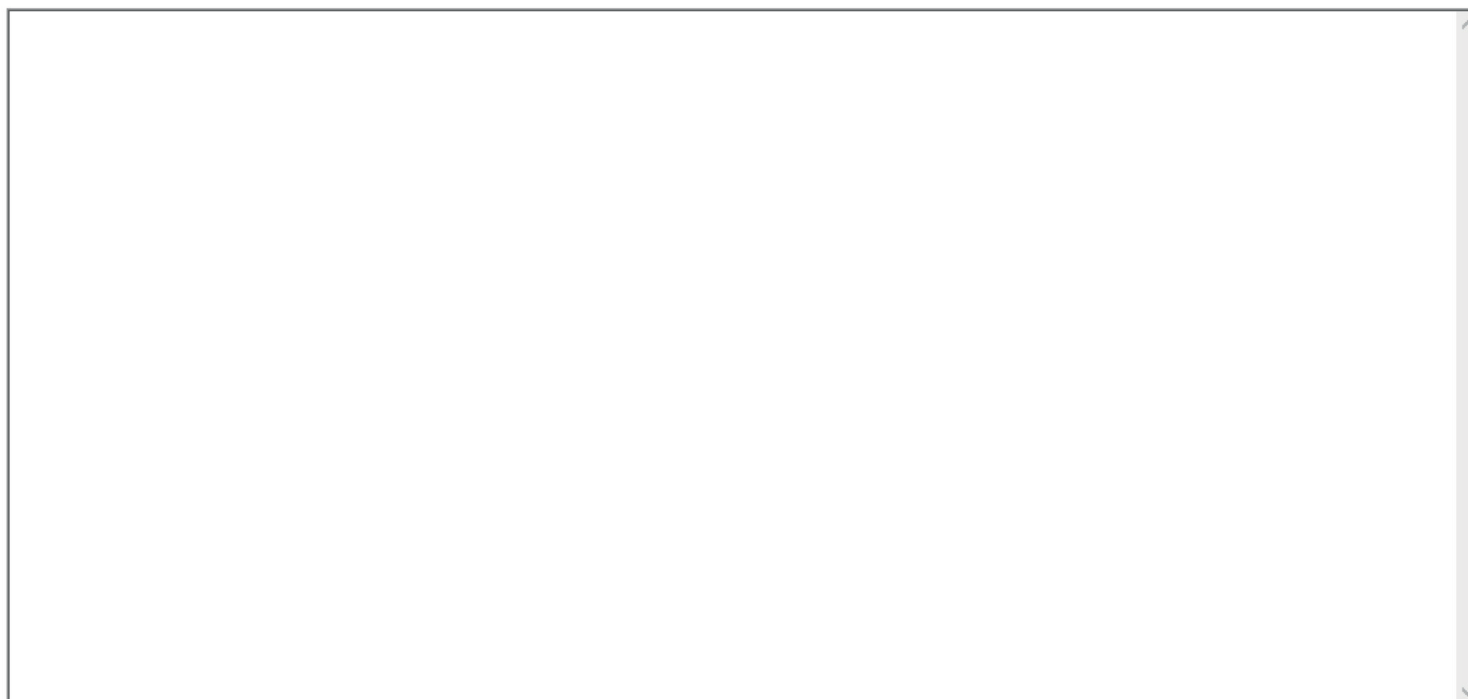
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## Reading and writing Write an essay

Read the question. You have 10 minutes to write your response. You must write at least 100 words.

The widespread cultivation of genetically engineered crops is not merely a scientific inevitability; it represents a potentially irreversible, encroachment upon the delicate ecological equilibrium.

Do you agree or disagree? Why?



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