



Meet Our TOEFL Class!

The TOEFL class at GEOS New York is an intensive preparation for the TOEFL iBT. The class meets from 8:30-12:30, Monday-Friday, and focuses on reading, writing, listening and speaking, as well as specific test taking skills and strategies. Every Friday the students take an interactive practice test so that they gain real test-taking experience, and all 20 hours per week are teacher-taught. The teacher, Dee, has been teaching at GEOS New York for over 12 years, with more than 8 years experience preparing students for the TOEFL test.



At GEOS New York, we track the entrance and exit scores of all of our TOEFL students. All students interested in the TOEFL course must first take an in-house TOEFL test and earn a minimum score of 61; however, the average entrance score has been 75 over the past six months. The average exit score for students enrolled in the class for six weeks or more is 93, which means that our preparation course helps students improve their score by an average of 18 points!!

And for those students who are not yet ready to enter the TOEFL course, we are piloting a Pre-TOEFL elective on Mondays and Wednesdays in the Chelsea campus, 2:45-4:45. The objective of this elective is to expose students to the skills needed to prepare for the test, while also focusing on broadening their vocabulary base and further developing English communication skills.

If you are interested in joining the TOEFL preparation class or the Pre-TOEFL elective, please talk to Ben in Chelsea or Briana in Midtown! Ready to register for the test? Visit the ETS official website at <http://www.ets.org>





Meet Veronica (on left), a Level 6 student from Spain, and her teacher Jennifer (on right), who lived in Spain for many years!

1. Where were you born? I was born in Massachusetts.
2. How long have you been living in New York? Since August.
3. What do you think is the most beautiful thing of New York? Anything goes... people are very open minded; there is something new every corner.
4. What do you think is the worst thing of New York? The rents of the apartments.
5. In New York, there are lots of different kinds of restaurants. Which one is your favorite? And what is your favorite kind of food? I love Japanese food. There is one Japanese restaurant that I love. It's near Union Square. I like it because of the good price and because it's very healthy.
6. Why did you decide to become a teacher? I have always thought about being a teacher because I wanted to help people. I have a passion for foreign languages and teaching have the opportunity to work and travel.
7. What do you think a good teacher should be like? Really care about their students, should be patient, should know what they're teaching, guide their students, enjoy what they are teaching, make the classroom interesting.
8. What do you think are your strengths? I intend to have compassion for people. I'm a good listener.
9. What do you think are your weaknesses? I'm not good at math.
10. How long have you been working in GEOS? Since August.
11. Are you happy working in GEOS? If so, what makes you happy in GEOS? I'm happy because I enjoy the students. I like to work with different personalities. It's an intimate environment. It's not a crowded place so I can give my students individual attention. I like the other teachers and I like my boss.
12. Would you prefer to work with children or are you happy working with adults? And why? I have worked with children before, but now I prefer this because it motivates me. It's very different.

Check out these pictures from last month's activities!!!



Here's what's happening this month!

GEOS Language Institute March, 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Intake Day		TIMES SQUARE TOUR		free lesson 3pm	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Battery Park		St. Patrick's Day activity		Movie and Popcorn	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	HAVE FUN		BOWLING!		free lesson 3pm	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Intake Day		free lesson 3pm		Kareoke Night!!!	
29	30	31				
	Intake Day					



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