

Unit 3

Speaking Task

(1) Summarize the main points shown in Figure 1.

The chart shows the top five Asian destinations that U.S. students find most appealing for studying abroad. Malaysia is the most common choice, and Taiwan ranks second.

(2) In your opinion, why does Taiwan appeal to international students? You can refer to Figure 2.

I think Taiwan appeals to international students mainly because of its safe and open environment. According to Figure 2, a safe and open society is the factor students consider most important. The crime rate in Taiwan is quite low, and more importantly, Taiwanese people are open to different ideas.

(3) Look at Figure 2 again. What factors do you think are important when selecting an overseas university to study at? Please explain.

In my opinion, the top two factors in the survey are both important. I would like to study in a safe and open environment. Additionally, as a business major, learning a new language will help me communicate with more people around the world in the future.

Suggested Response Strategies

This speaking task focuses on how students choose their destinations for studying abroad. The bar chart presents U.S. students' perceptions of different destinations, while the pie chart shows the factors students consider when selecting a destination for studying abroad. According to

the task instructions, the following requirements should be addressed in sequence:

- Question (1) requires a general description of the bar chart and an explanation of the key information. Please note how *common* and *rank* are used in the sample answer.
- Question (2) asks students to discuss why Taiwan attracts international students and to state their own opinions. Please note that in the sample answer, information from the pie chart is cited when expressing personal views, which makes the argument more complete.
- Question (3) requires students to refer to the information in the pie chart and present their own opinions. The sample answer considers the top two factors to be equally important and explains the reasons for each, thus expressing a coherent and well-organized response.

Writing Task

As technology advances and globalization changes education, online learning is becoming more important. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted this shift, forcing schools to transition to virtual classrooms. However, online learning presents challenges that need to be addressed before it can become part of regular instruction.

The first figure shows that students find online learning less attractive due to a lack of social interaction and difficulty focusing. The second figure indicates that teachers struggle with keeping students engaged and adjusting their teaching methods. Both students and teachers are concerned about participation in online classes.

To address these challenges, in my opinion, teachers should add interactive elements to their lessons, such as online quiz games, to enhance student engagement. This approach can help make up for the lack of traditional classroom interaction and keep students motivated.

In conclusion, online learning will become a necessary resource in regular school instruction. If the disadvantages can be effectively addressed, it will bring significant benefits to both students and teachers.

Suggested Response Strategies

This writing task includes two charts and two questions on the topic of online learning. The bar chart illustrates students' concerns about online learning, while the pie chart shows the challenges teachers face in online teaching. According to the task instructions, the following requirements should be addressed in sequence:

- Question (1) requires a general description of the charts and an explanation of the key information shown by the data.
- Question (2) asks students to evaluate the information and express their viewpoints on whether online learning should be incorporated into formal school instruction. It is recommended that students synthesize the four concerns shown in the bar chart and the four challenges faced by teachers in the pie chart, identifying similarities, differences, and how they complement each other.
- Please note that the sample answer not only fulfills the requirements of Questions (1) and (2) but also includes an **introduction** and a **conclusion**, which explain the main focus of the essay and summarize the findings, respectively, resulting in a more complete overall structure.