

# **Student strategies of success for the internet-based TOEFL**

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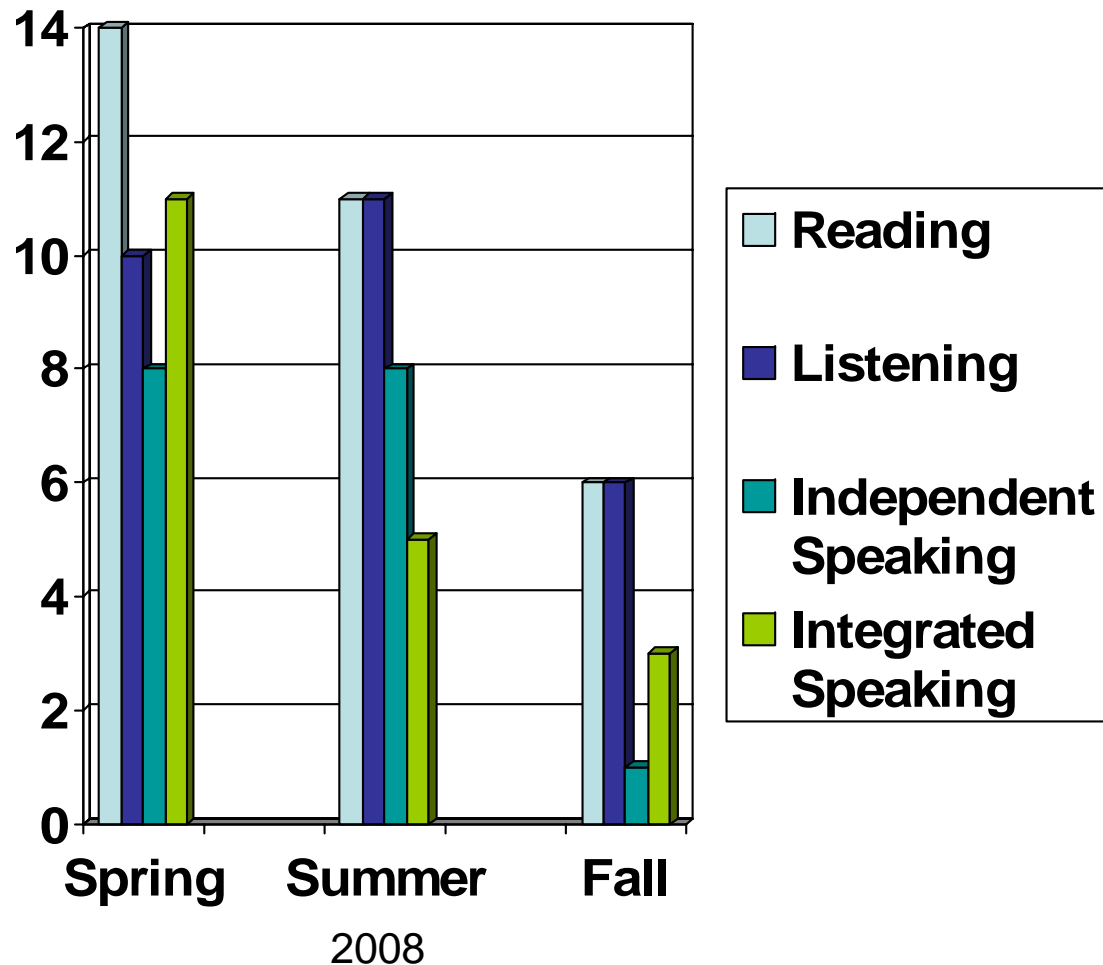
# Traditional Approach to TOEFL Teaching

Primary Skills  
Reading, Listening,  
Speaking, Writing

Secondary Skills  
Grammar, Vocabulary  
Pronunciation

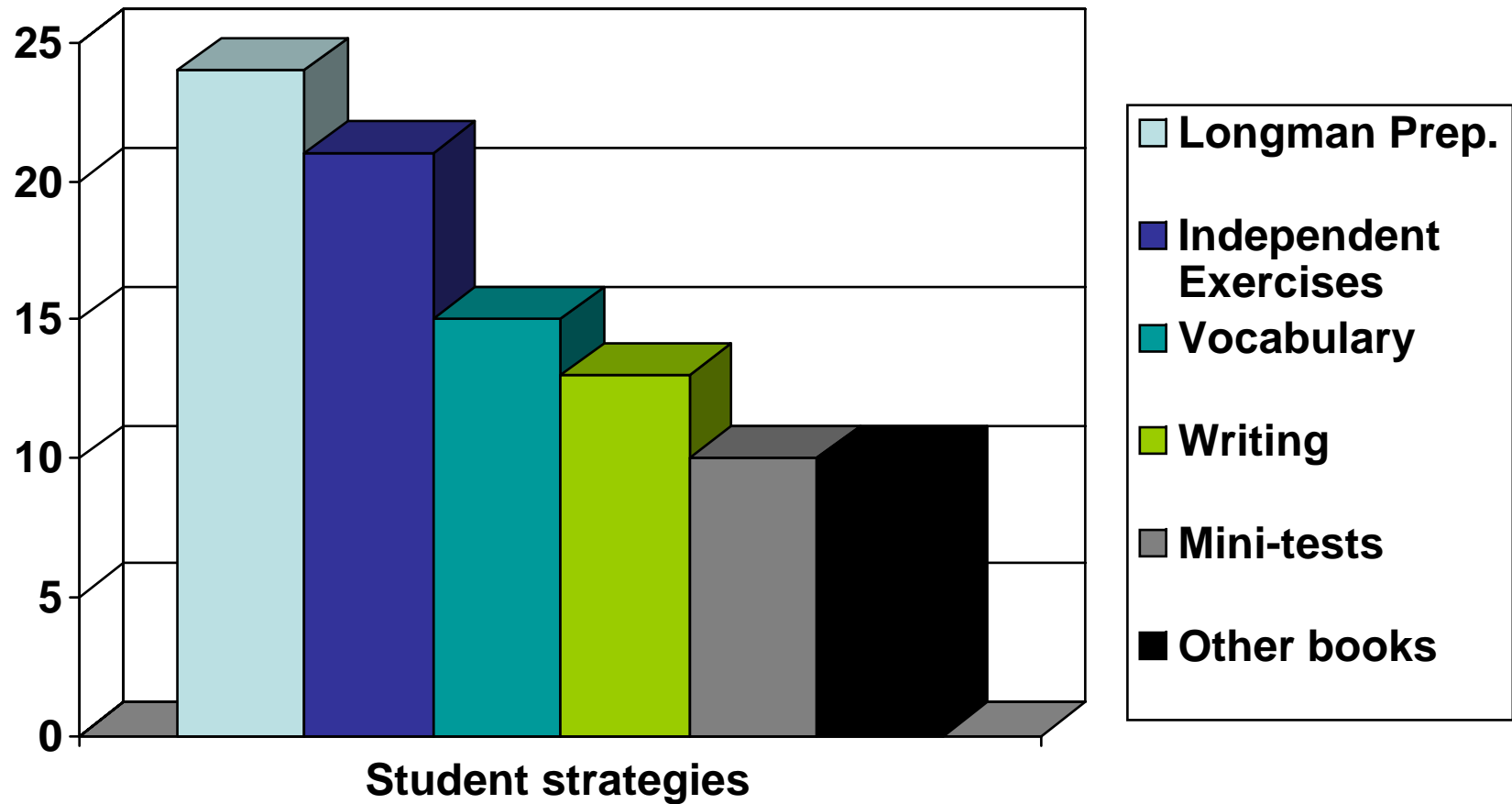
Support Skills  
Notetaking, Summarizing, Paraphrasing  
Outlining, Mind Mapping, Skimming,  
Scanning, Synthesizing

# Difficult Sections of the iBT TOEFL



- Student perceptions of difficult areas on the iBT: Spring, Summer and Fall, 2008
- No. 1 and No. 2 rankings only

# Common Strategies



# Successful students:



- -practice mini and complete tests on their own
- -work on listening, reading, and speaking skills outside of class; examples are newspaper articles, conversation partners, and listening to lectures.
  - participate well in all of their other classes
- -may use their native language for composing in the speaking and writing sections
- -do not expect to pass TOEFL in one attempt. They take multiple exams spread throughout the term or over several months while practicing their own strategies in addition to class work

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