SKILL 27: LISTEN FOR ANSWERS IN ORDER

There are two possible methods to use while you listen to the talks.

- *You can just listen to the talk (and ignore the answers).*
- *You can follow along with the answers while you listen.*

Some students prefer to just listen to the talk while it is being spoken, and if that method works well for you, then that is what you should do. Other students find that they can answer more questions correctly if they read along with the answers while the talk is being given. Because the detail questions are answered in order, it is possible to read along while you listen to the talk on the recording.

Example from the Paper TOEFL® Test

On the recording, you hear:

(woman) *The Great Chicago Fire began on October 8, 1871, and according to legend began when a cow knocked over a lantern in Mrs. O'Leary's barn. No matter how it began, it was a disastrous fire. The preceding summer had been exceedingly dry in the Chicago area, and the extreme dryness accompanied by Chicago's infamous winds created an inferno that destroyed 18,000 buildings and killed more than 300 people before it was extinguished the following day.*

On the recording, you hear:

(narrator) 1. *According to legend, where did the Great Chicago Fire begin?*
2. *Which of the following is **not** true about the Great Chicago Fire?*

In your test book, you read (same time):

1. (A) In a barn
   (B) In Mrs. O'Leary's home
   (C) In a cow pasture
   (D) In a lantern factory

2. (A) The dry weather prior to the fire made it worse.
   (B) It happened during the summer.
   (C) Chicago's winds made it worse.
   (D) It killed many people.

When you read the answers to the first question, you can anticipate that the first question is: *Where did something happen?* As you listen, you determine that the fire began *in Mrs. O'Leary's barn.* Therefore, you can anticipate that the best answer to the first question is (A).

If you read the answers to the second question while you listen to the talk, you can determine that answers (A), (C), and (D) are true. Answer (B) is not true: the fire did not begin in the summer, it began in *October*, which is in autumn. Therefore, answer (B) is the best answer to the question *Which of the following is **not** true about the Great Chicago Fire?*

LIVEWORKSHEETS

TOEFL EXERCISE 27: Listen to each complete talk and answer the questions that follow.

NOW BEGIN THE RECORDING AT TOEFL EXERCISE 27.

1. (A) During a biology laboratory session
   (B) In a biology study group
   (C) On the first day of class
   (D) Just before the final exam
2. (A) Once a week
   (B) Two times a week
   (C) Three times a week
   (D) For fifteen hours
3. (A) To do the first laboratory assignment
   (B) To take the first exam
   (C) To study the laboratory manual
   (D) To read one chapter of the text
4. (A) Room assignments
   (B) Exam topics
   (C) Reading assignments
   (D) The first lecture
5. (A) Exams and lab work
   (B) Reading and writing assignments
   (C) Class participation and grades on examinations
   (D) Lecture and laboratory attendance
6. (A) What caused the Ring of Fire
   (B) The volcanoes of the Ring of Fire
   (C) Hawaiian volcanoes
   (D) Different types of volcanoes
7. (A) The Ring of Fire
   (B) The characteristics of volcanoes in the Ring of Fire
   (C) The volcanoes of Hawaii
   (D) Mauna Loa
8. (A) In Hawaii
   (B) In the United States
   (C) Along the Ring of Fire
   (D) Within the Ring of Fire
9. (A) They are not so violent.
   (B) They are located along the Ring of Fire.
   (C) They contain a lot of gas.
   (D) They contain thick lava.
10. (A) A volcano on the Ring of Fire
    (B) An island in Hawaii
    (C) A long, low volcanic mountain
    (D) An explosive volcano
11. (A) An artist
    (B) A tour guide
    (C) An Indian
    (D) Orville Wright
12. (A) Several
    (B) Sixty thousand
    (C) Sixteen million
    (D) Millions and millions
13. (A) The National Air and Space Museum
    (B) The Museum of Natural History
    (C) The American History Museum
    (D) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building
14. (A) The American History Museum
    (B) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building
    (C) The Washington Museum
    (D) The National Air and Space Museum
15. (A) To the White House
    (B) To the Smithsonian
    (C) To the mall
    (D) To various other museums

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