LISTENING SKILL 2: CHOOSE ANSWERS WITH SYNONYMS

Often the correct answer in Listening Part A is an answer that contain s synonym s (words with similar meanings but different sounds) for key word s in the conversation.

1. As you listen to the second line of the conversation, focus on key words in that line.

2. If you see any synonyms for key words in a particular answer, then you have probably found the correct answer.

TOEFL EXERCISE 2: In this exercise, listen carefully to the short conversation and question in the recording program, and then choose the best answer to the question. You should look for synonyms for key words in the second line.

NOW BEGIN THE RECORDING PROGRAM AT TOEFL EXERCISE 2.

1. (A) The final exam was harder than the others.
   (B) There were two exams rather than one.
   (C) He thought the exam would be easier.
   (D) The exam was not very difficult.

2. (A) He's not feeling very well.
   (B) He's rather sick of working.
   (C) He's feeling better today than yesterday.
   (D) He'd really rather not answer the question.

3. (A) The company was founded about a year ago.
   (B) It was just established that he could go into business.
   (C) The family is well established.
   (D) The business only lasted a year.

4. (A) He did not look at the right schedule.
   (B) The plane landed in the right place.
   (C) The plane arrived on time.
   (D) He had to wait for the plane to land.

5. (A) She'd rather go running.
   (B) She doesn't want to go into the pool.
   (C) She'll change clothes quickly and go swimming.
   (D) She needs a sweatsuit to go running.

6. (A) The firefighters saved the homes for last.
   (B) A firefighter saved the hillside last night.
   (C) The homes on the hillside were burned.
   (D) The houses weren't destroyed.

7. (A) There's enough soup.
   (B) The spices are adequate.
   (C) She thinks the soup's too salty.
   (D) The man should add more salt and pepper.

8. (A) He was lucky to receive a grant for his studies.
   (B) He used his fortune to pay his fees.
   (C) He is a scholar at a college with low fees.
   (D) He paid to get a scholarship.

9. (A) It profited from previous mistakes.
   (B) It earned a lot of money.
   (C) This was the last year that it would make a profit.
   (D) It was not so successful.

10. (A) Chuck's bank account has too much money in it.
    (B) He thinks Chuck has the wrong kind of bank account.
    (C) He thinks that Chuck is on his way home from the bank.
    (D) There isn't enough money in Chuck's account.

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