

SKILL 22: LISTEN FOR ANSWERS IN ORDER

There are two possible methods to use while you listen to a long conversation:

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

Some students prefer to just listen to the conversation 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 conversation is being spoken. Because the detail questions are answered in order, it is possible to read along while you listen to the conversation on the recording.

Example from the Paper TOEFL® Test 

On the recording, you hear:

- (man) *Can I help you?*
 (woman) *I'm interested in opening an account.*
 (man) *Well, we have several different types of accounts: checking accounts, savings accounts, money market accounts, time deposit accounts.*
 (woman) *It's a checking account that I am interested in.*
 (man) *I can help you with that. First, you have to fill out a form, and then I need to see some identification. That's about all there is to it.*
 (woman) *That sounds easy enough. Thanks for your help.*

On the recording, you hear:

- (narrator) 1. *What type of account does the woman want?*
 2. *What does the man need for her to show him?*

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

1. (A) A checking account
 (B) A savings account
 (C) A money market account
 (D) A time deposit account
2. (A) A form
 (B) An account
 (C) A piece of identification
 (D) A check

When you read the answers to the first question, you can anticipate that the first question is: *What type of account?* As you listen, you determine that the woman wants a *checking account*. Therefore, you can anticipate that the best answer to the first question is (A).

When you read the answers to the second question, you can anticipate that the second question is going to ask *What thing...?* In the conversation, the man asks her to fill out a *form* and show some *identification*, so as you are listening you can anticipate that the correct answer to the second question is either (A) or (C). When you hear the question, you can determine that the best answer is answer (C).

TOEFL EXERCISE 22: Listen to each complete conversation and answer the questions that follow.



NOW BEGIN THE RECORDING AT TOEFL EXERCISE 22.

1. (A) Find work on campus
(B) Work in the employment office
(C) Help students find jobs
(D) Ask the woman questions
2. (A) In the library
(B) In a classroom
(C) In a campus office
(D) In an apartment
3. (A) No more than ten
(B) At least twenty
(C) Not more than twenty
(D) Up to ten
4. (A) Every morning
(B) Afternoons and weekends
(C) When he's in class
(D) Weekdays
5. (A) Fill out a form
(B) Give her some additional information
(C) Tell her some news
(D) Phone her
6. (A) Just before a vacation
(B) Just after the end of a school semester
(C) At the end of the summer
(D) Just after a break from school
7. (A) A trip to visit the Eskimos
(B) A trip the woman is planning to take
(C) A trip the man has already taken
(D) A camping trip the man and woman took
8. (A) Three hours
(B) Three complete days
(C) Three classes
(D) Three weeks
9. (A) Sleeping outside on the ground
(B) Spending time in a hot tub
(C) Relaxing at the lodge
(D) Enjoying excellent food
10. (A) She'd be scared, but she'd like to try.
(B) She can't wait.
(C) It would be quite exciting for her.
(D) She'd prefer not to try.
11. (A) All kinds of pollution
(B) How acid rain has harmed the earth
(C) Pollution from cars and factories
(D) The causes and possible effects of acid rain
12. (A) Nuclear power
(B) Electricity
(C) Burning coal and oil
(D) Solar power
13. (A) From sulfur dioxide and water vapor
(B) From sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide
(C) From nitric acid and sulfur dioxide
(D) From water vapor and nitric acid
14. (A) Only in North America
(B) At the North and South Poles
(C) In parts of several northern continents
(D) In equatorial areas
15. (A) She should protect herself from the rain.
(B) She should clean up the water supply.
(C) She should read a novel.
(D) She should get more information about acid rain.