

7. Click on **Next**. Then click on **Confirm Answer** to record your answer. After you click on this button, you cannot go back and change your answer.
8. Be prepared for the next question. After you click on **Confirm Answer**, the next question begins automatically.

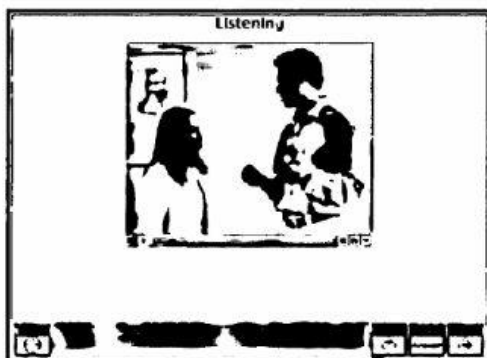
The following language skill will help you to implement these procedures with the casual conversations on the computer TOEFL test.

## SKILL 28: UNDERSTAND CASUAL CONVERSATIONS

As you listen to each casual conversation in Part B of the computer TOEFL test, you should be thinking about the overall ideas and the supporting details in the casual conversation. Questions that accompany casual conversations most commonly test the overall ideas of the conversation (i.e., *what are the man and woman discussing and what do they finally decide to do*, or *what is the woman's problem and what does the man suggest*), but they may also test supporting details from the passage (i.e., *what time will they leave*, or *how many assignments are there*). It is unusual for the questions that accompany a casual conversation to depend on the meaning of a specific vocabulary word, or idiom, or grammatical structure as the questions that accompany the short dialogues often do.

**TOEFL EXERCISE 28:** Look at the picture as you listen to each casual conversation. Do not look at the questions or answer choices until the conversation is complete. (On the computer TOEFL test, you will not be able to see the questions or answer choices during the conversation.)

### Questions 1–3



1. Where is the man going?
  - ☐ To listen to a concert
  - ☐ To give a performance
  - ☐ To attend a class
  - ☐ To take part in a practice
2. How often does the orchestra meet for practice?
  - ☐ Once each week
  - ☐ Twice each week
  - ☐ Three times each week
  - ☐ Four times each week
3. How many musical instruments does the woman play?
  - ☐ Zero
  - ☐ One
  - ☐ Two
  - ☐ Three

## Questions 4–5



4. What is the woman confused about?
- ☐ Where to get the syllabus
  - ☐ How many papers to write
  - ☐ When the papers are due
  - ☐ Where to find the professor
5. What do they decide to do?
- ☐ Ask at the next class
  - ☐ Write a paper before the next class
  - ☐ Follow the course syllabus
  - ☐ See the professor immediately

## Questions 6–8



6. What is true about the man?
- ☐ He has a car.
  - ☐ He has a parking sticker.
  - ☐ He will never drive to school.
  - ☐ He intends to get a car.
7. What does the woman say about parking on campus?
- ☐ There are enough spaces.
  - ☐ It's hard to find space.
  - ☐ All students have permanent parking stickers.
  - ☐ The lots are difficult to find.
8. What does the man say that he needs?
- ☐ A daily parking sticker
  - ☐ A different type of car
  - ☐ A permanent parking sticker
  - ☐ A private parking space

## Questions 9–11



9. What was true about the exam?
- ☐ It had fifteen true-false questions.
  - ☐ It was sixty minutes long.
  - ☐ It had only one type of question.
  - ☐ It took two hours.
10. How did the man feel about the true-false questions?
- ☐ He minded doing them.
  - ☐ He liked them less than the essays.
  - ☐ He didn't think they were too bad.
  - ☐ He didn't know the answers to them.
11. How did the woman do on the essay questions?
- ☐ She was rushed when she wrote them.
  - ☐ She didn't know the answers.
  - ☐ She had enough time to finish them.
  - ☐ She wrote her answers clearly.