SKILL PRACTICE 2 – LISTENING (PART 1) & READING (PART 5)

I. LISTENING - PART 1: PHOTOGRAPHS

Overview

In Part 1 of the TOEIC test, you will see photos and hear statements about them. There are a total of ten photos. For each photo, you will hear four statements about the photo. One of the statements gives true information about the photo. The other three statements are incorrect in some way. These incorrect answer options are called distracters. You must choose the statement that gives the correct information. You will see the photos, but you will only hear the statements. The statements are not written anywhere on the page, so you must listen to them carefully.

The photos show scenes of everyday life in **places** such as:

- Offices
- Restaurants
- Airports and airplanes
- Train stations and trains
- Hotels
- Stores
- Streets
- Parks

The photos may focus on objects and their location or on people and their activities. Photos of people show them involved in **everyday and business activities**, such as:

- Meetings and conferences
- Desk work
- Phone conversations
- Eating
- Shopping
- Traveling
- Checking into a hotel
- Playing sports

Strategy Review

Remember, in the test...

- Quickly preview the photographs before you hear the statements. Ask *yourself Where? What? Who?* Look for and identify any important details.
- Listen carefully to all four statements before making your decision.
- While you listen, eliminate any answers that you are sure are wrong.
- If you are not sure about the answer, don't waste time. Decide quickly!
- As soon as you answer, move on and preview the next photograph.

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A. Statement Types

Statements about Activities

Some statements in Part 1 describe an activity in the photo. These statements often use the *present continuous tense*: be + verb + -ing.

- They're shaking hands.
- He's reading the menu.
- The doctor is talking with the patient.
- She's buying a train ticket.

Look at the photos. Think of verbs that describe the activity you see.

1. She's _____ on the phone.

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2. They're _____ their luggage behind them.

3. He's _____ a cart loaded with boxes.

4. They're _____ the stairs.

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Statements about Condition

Some statements in Part 1 describe the condition of objects in the scene-*what they are, where they are, or what they are like*. These statements may use the expression **there is/are** or the verbs **is/are** or **has/have**.

- There are books on the shelf.
- The door is open.
- The house has two windows.

Look at each photo and the list of words next to it. Circle the words for the objects that you see in the photo. Then listen to two statements. Mark the letter of the statement that correctly describes the photo. [01]

1. clipboard boxes glasses
newspapers pens clocks

Statement (A) Statement (B)

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2. menus tablecloths trays
trees plates chairs
tables

Statement (A) Statement (B)

3. vase printer phone
clock chair drawers
stapler

Statement (A) Statement (B)

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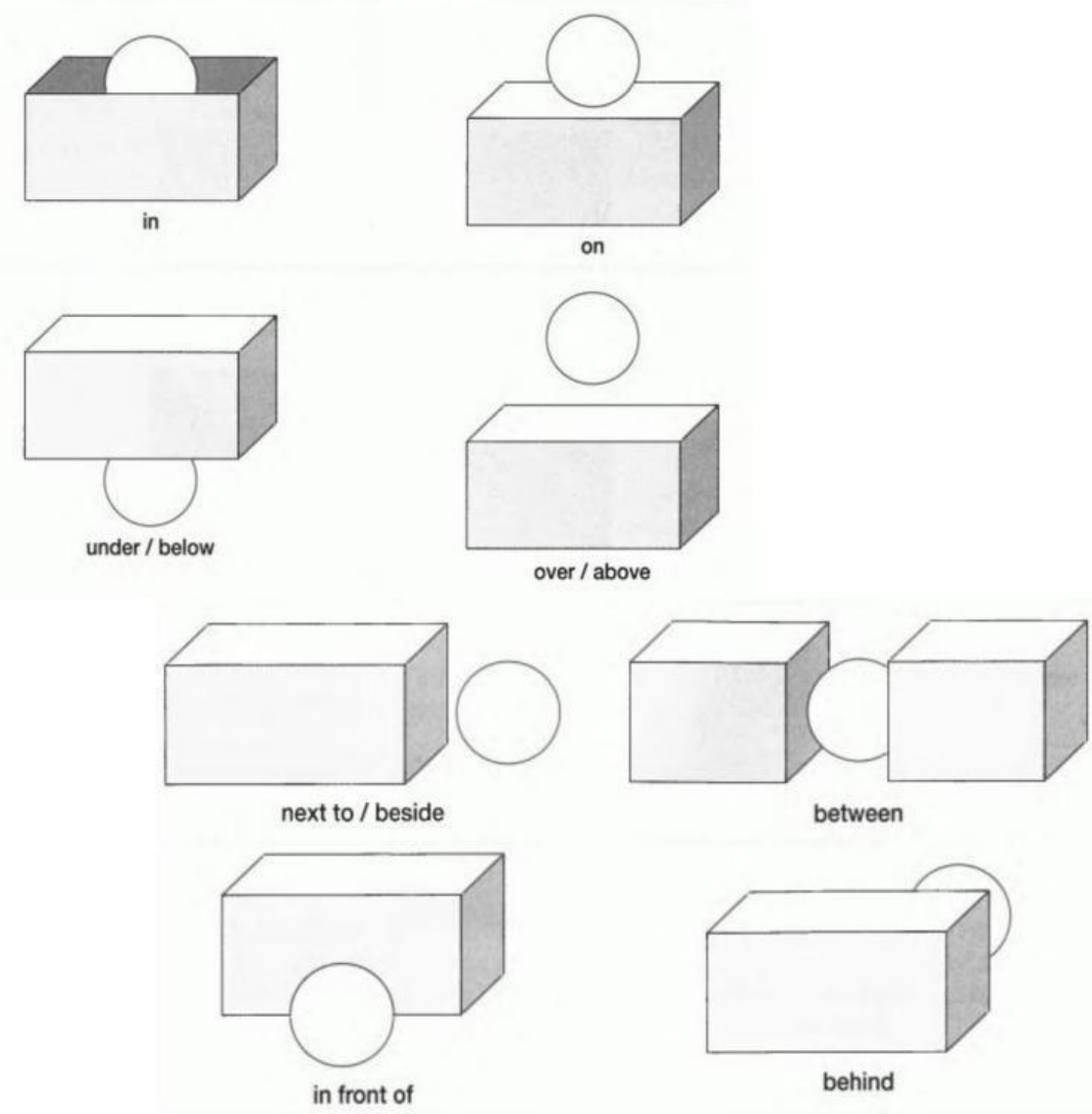
Statements About Location

Some statements in Part 1 describe the location of objects or people in the photograph. These statements use prepositions of place, such as *in, on, under, over, above, next to, beside, between, behind*, and *in front of*.

- The computer is on the desk.
- The glass is next to the man's hand.
- The car is in front of the building.

Prepositions of location describe where things are. Here are some common prepositions.



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Complete each sentence with a preposition that correctly describes the photo. The preposition may be a phrase, and there may be more than one correct answer.

1. The lamp is _____ the beds.
2. The pictures are _____ the beds.
3. The pillows are _____ the beds.

4. The car is parked _____ the building.
5. The trees are _____ the building.

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B. Practice Exercises

Exercise 1:

Directions: Look at each photo. You will hear four statements about the photo. The statements are not in your book. Mark the letter of the statement that best describes the photo. You will hear each statement only once. [🔊 02]

1. (A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

2. (A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

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3. (A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

4. (A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

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5. (A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

6. (A)

(B)

(C)

(D)

Exercise 2:

Directions: For each question in this part, you will hear four statements about a picture in your test book. When you hear the statements, you must select the one statement that best describes what you see in the picture. Then find the number of the question on your answer sheet and mark your answer. The statements will not be printed in your test book and will be spoken only one time. [03]

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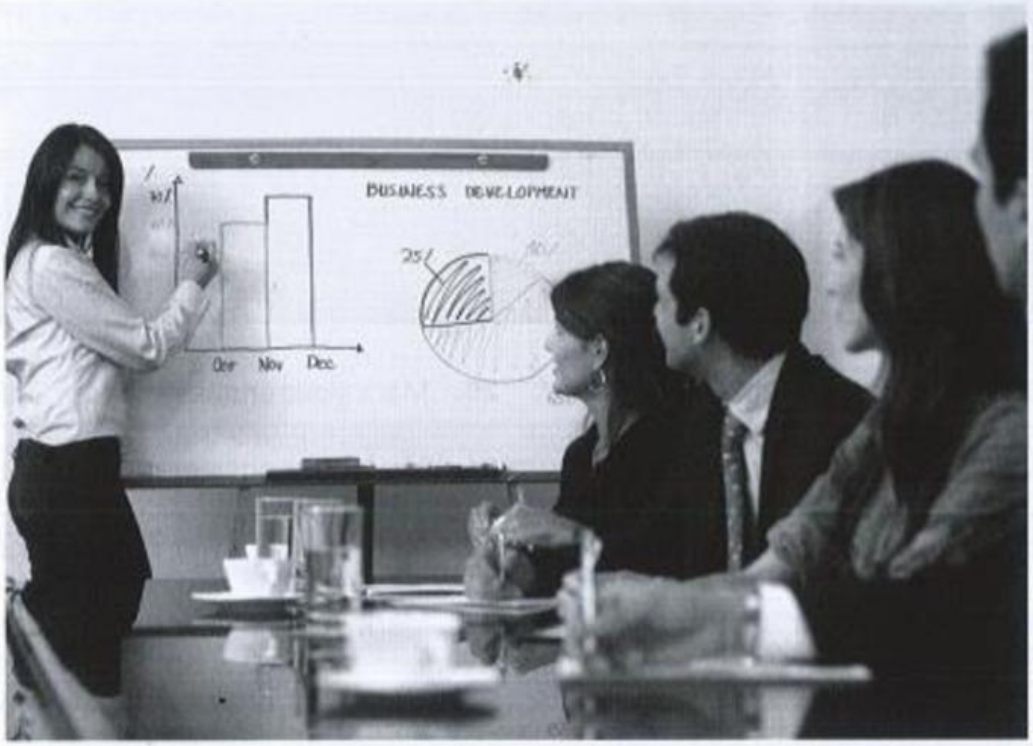

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Exercise 3:

Directions: For each question in this part, you will hear four statements about a picture in your test book. When you hear the statements, you must select the one statement that best describes what you see in the picture. Then find the number of the question on your answer sheet and mark your answer. The statements will not be printed in your test book and will be spoken only one time. [🔊 04]

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