

TACTICS FOR TOEIC

Unit 15

Listening Test Part 1 - Photographs

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A. FOCUS: Listening carefully to every detail.

Most incorrect choices in this part will use some correct subject, verb and object words and some wrong ones. This unit will help you to pick out and eliminate incorrect answer choices.

Test Tip

Listening for SVO words

Most distractors in TOEIC Part 1 questions follow a subject, verb, object pattern (SVO). Listen carefully for SVO words and compare the words you hear to what is in the picture.

1 Language building: Listen for subject/verb/object words

A. Look at the list of possible subjects/objects and verbs and make up sentences about each of the pictures with a partner.

1



2



Possible subjects/objects used

man train newspaper
baker suit
bread oven

Possible verbs used

standing sitting reading
making baking wearing
putting



B. Listen to four correct sentences about these pictures. Listen carefully to the subjects/objects and verbs, and after each one pause the audio and tell your partner the words you heard. Decide together which picture you think the sentence matches. **Listening 1.39**

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Follow up: Write one new sentence for each picture. You may use different words. Test your partners to pick out the SVO words and choose the correct picture.

Test Tip

Listen for wrong main subject, verb and object

Some distractors use correct key words and incorrect ones. If you hear an incorrect one you can immediately ignore that answer choice.

2 Test Tactic: Be careful of subject/verb/object problems

A. For the following sentences underline the incorrect words and say how you could correct them.



1. The woman is carrying the baby.
2. The shopping cart is empty.



3. The man is carrying a drill.
4. The man is holding some gloves..

B. Now write two correct sentences about each of the following pictures. Underline the subjects, verbs and objects.

Example: *The man is sitting on the ground.*

1.



2.



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C. You will hear four sentences about each picture. After each sentence, stop the audio and tell the SVO words you heard, then mark below whether you think the sentence is Correct or Wrong.

1. (A) Correct Wrong
(B) Correct Wrong
(C) Correct Wrong
(D) Correct Wrong

2. (A) Correct Wrong
(B) Correct Wrong
(C) Correct Wrong
(D) Correct Wrong

3 Tactic practice Listening 1.41

Use the tactics you have practiced for the next three photographs. You will have one minute to a) brainstorm vocabulary and b) predict possible statements with a partner. Then listen to and echo (silently) the answer choices, and after you hear each, mark whether it is correct, maybe correct, or wrong.

Tactics Checklist

- ✓ Listen for SVO words
- ✓ Listen for wrong subjects, verbs and objects

1.



- (A) Correct Maybe correct Wrong
(B) Correct Maybe correct Wrong
(C) Correct Maybe correct Wrong
(D) Correct Maybe correct Wrong

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Understanding Natural English

In natural spoken English, sounds are sometimes changed, combined and dropped, listen to these three sentences spoken naturally and write in the missing words.

A forest grows valley.

The man is standing wall.



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2.



(A) Correct

Maybe correct Wrong

(B) Correct

Maybe correct Wrong

(C) Correct

Maybe correct Wrong

(D) Correct

Maybe correct Wrong

3.



(A) Correct

Maybe correct Wrong

(B) Correct

Maybe correct Wrong

(C) Correct

Maybe correct Wrong

(D) Correct

Maybe correct Wrong

Follow up: Now compare your answers with your partner, explaining your reasons, and what you remember hearing.



Mini Test



Listening 1.43

Now practice what you have learnt at the actual test speed with questions 1-6.



Use any time available to skim the first pictures before the listening starts. After that you will have 5 seconds between each question to make your answer and focus on the next picture.

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1



2



3



4



5



6



1	A	B	C	D
2	A	B	C	D
3	A	B	C	D
4	A	B	C	D
5	A	B	C	D
6	A	B	C	D

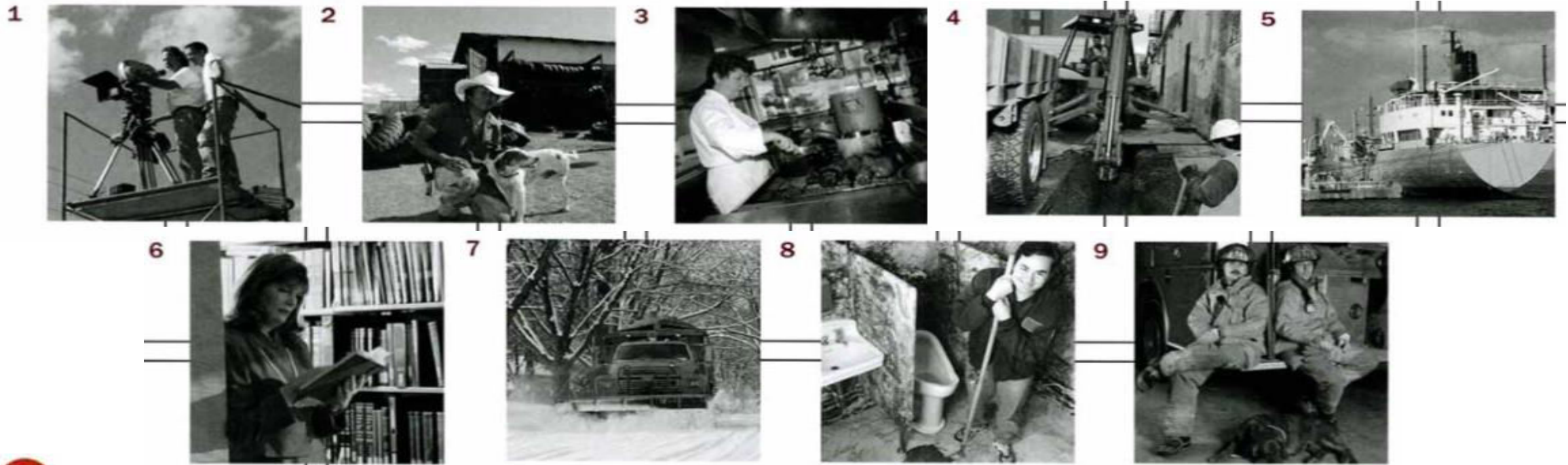
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C Learn by doing: Three in a row game

To win this game you must make a line of three pictures in a row. Choose a picture and say the number. Your partner will read a sentence and you must say if it is correct or wrong (and explain why). If you are right, you will get the square. Take turns until you have a winner.

Student A. Look at Activity file 15a on slide 8.

Student B. Look at Activity file 15b on slide 9.



D Further study.

Choose two pictures from C above, and write Part 1 type statements (one correct answer, three that are close but wrong) to test on your classmate in the next lesson. The incorrect answer should include some correct SVO words and at least one wrong one.

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Activity File 15a

When your partner chooses a square read one of the questions from the same number square below. They must say whether it is “Correct” or “Wrong”. If they are right, they get the square.

<p>1.</p> <p>A. The photographer is carrying the camera. (Wrong)</p> <p>B. They are filming a scene. (Correct)</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>A. The man is holding the dog. (Wrong)</p> <p>B. The dog is standing near the cowboy. (Correct)</p>	<p>3.</p> <p>A. The chef is cooking. (Correct)</p> <p>B. The woman is cleaning the kitchen. (Wrong)</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>A. The machine is making a hole. (Correct)</p> <p>B. The worker is digging. (Wrong)</p>	<p>5.</p> <p>A. The boat is tied to the pier. (Correct)</p> <p>B. The ship is sailing across the bay. (Wrong)</p>	<p>6.</p> <p>A. The woman is making a bookshelf. (Wrong)</p> <p>B. She is reading. (Correct)</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>A. The truck is plowing the road. (Correct)</p> <p>B. The road is clear of snow. (Wrong)</p>	<p>8.</p> <p>A. The man is using the restroom. (Wrong)</p> <p>B. The worker has stopped cleaning. (Correct)</p>	<p>9.</p> <p>A. The firemen are having a break. (Correct)</p> <p>B. The dog is standing near the truck. (Wrong)</p>

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Activity File 15b

When your partner chooses a square read one of the questions from the same number square below. They must say whether it is “Correct” or “Wrong”. If they are right, they get the square.

<p>1.</p> <p>A. Two men are standing near the camera. (Correct)</p> <p>B. They are watching the film. (Wrong)</p>	<p>2.</p> <p>A. The dog is running near the tires. (Wrong)</p> <p>B. The man is kneeling near the dog. (Correct)</p>	<p>3.</p> <p>A. The chef is working near the kitchen. (Correct)</p> <p>B. The kitchen is very dirty. (Wrong)</p>
<p>4.</p> <p>A. The worker is watching the digging (Correct)</p> <p>B. The man is fixing the machine. (Wrong)</p>	<p>5.</p> <p>A. There is a lot of equipment on the pier. (Correct)</p> <p>B. The ship leaving the water. (Wrong)</p>	<p>6.</p> <p>A. The woman is holding many books. (Wrong)</p> <p>B. She is standing near the shelf. (Correct)</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>A. The truck is pushing the snow. (Correct)</p> <p>B. It is snowing heavily. (Wrong)</p>	<p>8.</p> <p>A. The man is washing the sink. (Wrong)</p> <p>B. The worker is holding the mop. (Correct)</p>	<p>9.</p> <p>A. The firemen sitting on the truck. (Correct)</p> <p>B. The dog is watching the men. (Wrong)</p>

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Quiz 15

1. Choose the correct word.

1. After dinner the children all the dishes in the kitchen.
(A) ruined (B) fixed (C) stacked
2. The path to the top of the mountain was too, so we were unable to reach the summit.
(A) steep (B) valley (C) popular
3. Please don't interrupt. I'm an important contract.
(A) discussing (B) crying (C) drawing
4. During exam week the students were their revision.
(A) focused on (B) focused to (C) focused with
5. Our day out to the was fantastic – we swam and walked along the beach.
(A) forest (B) seaside (C) valley
6. The enjoyed cooking on an open fire when they reached the campsite.
(A) applications (B) figurines (C) hikers
7. The Golden Temple is very: more than half a million visitors go there every year.
(A) wooden (B) bored (C) popular

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Quiz 15

2. Choose the correct word to complete the definition.

1. A *chef / hiker* is a personally trained cook.
2. A *valley / forest* is an area of low land between mountains
3. A *grill / weight* is a flat metal plate that you can cook things on.
4. If you *draw / discuss* something you need a pencil and some paper.
5. A *studio / study* is usually full of paintings and brushes.
6. If you *brush / spill* something you clean it.
7. To *plow / fix* something means to cut a path through it.

3. Complete the sentences with the following words.

backpack

figurine

fixed

forest

pier

scene

wooden

yard

1. My grandmother made this old chair from a tree that fell down in the yard.
2. My watch is not working properly. I must get it
3. I'm going to get a new for my trip to the Rocky Mountains.
4. We have to move the old desks into the because new office furniture is arriving tomorrow.
5. Hikers are not allowed to light fires in the at any time of year.
6. They put the pottery On the shelf next to the other decorations.
7. Let's go down to the And watch the boats.
8. The film starts with a very dramatic

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Question - Response

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