

# **TACTICS FOR TOEIC**

## **Unit 16**

### **Listening Test Part 2 – Question - Response**

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## **A FOCUS:** Becoming familiar with time and location structures

Questions about time and location are common in TOEIC test. This unit will familiarize you with the type of questions and answer choices you will see in this part of the test.

### Test Tip 1

**Answer to time and location questions often use common marker words**

Being familiar with the prepositions and other words common to these answers will help you choose the correct answer.

### **1 Language building: Be familiar with time and location marker words.**

A. The table below contains sentences that answer different time and location questions. Common marker words are shown in **bold**.

Match each answer to the correct question type. The first one is done for you.

**1. Where/ Direction? b**

**2. How long?**

**3. When?**

- a. We will be finished **in February**.
- b. It's **at** Easter State University, **on** the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.
- c. She's been working here **for** several months.
- d. Down** the hall, **turn left** and it's just **across** from the cafeteria.
- e. The packages was delivered about **an hour ago**.
- f. They've been in the meeting **since** 6:00.
- g. To** Florida, as usual.
- h. I've had it **about** a month
- i. On Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>, at** 1:00.
- j. It's in the refrigerator, **behind** the vegetables.

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## Test Tip

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## Test Tip

**Learn to identify questions about location**

Usually they involve the word *where*, but other words can also be used when asking for directions to a place.

B. Some questions do not have obvious time or location marker words. Write in the space whether the answer is for “Where/ Directions”, “How long”, or “when” questions. The first one is done for you.

1. <i>Where / Directions?</i>	Berlin
2.	It could take all night.
3.	Sorry, I’m not from around here.
4.	Bermuda again. I can’t wait!
5.	It hasn’t arrived yet.



C. Now listen to four answer choices and for each one mark whether it is a “Where/Direction”, “When” or “How long” question. After the recording, compare your answer with a partner.

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> | Where/Directions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | When? | <input type="checkbox"/> | How long? |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> | Where/Directions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | When? | <input type="checkbox"/> | How long? |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> | Where/Directions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | When? | <input type="checkbox"/> | How long? |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> | Where/Directions? | <input type="checkbox"/> | When? | <input type="checkbox"/> | How long? |

**Listening 1.44**

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## Test Tip

“Where” questions can sometimes have a “Directions” answer

Listen carefully for this

## Test Tip

Learn to identify “When” questions

Usually “When” questions involve the phrases *How long ...?*, or *When .../ What time ...?*

## 2 Test Tactic: Identify and answer time and location questions.

A. For each question below, mark whether it is a “Where” , “Directions”, “When” or “How long” question. The first one is done for you.

1. Excuse me. Where are the stairs?

Where?

Directions?

When?

How long?

(A) Go out this door and walk around the corner.

(B) They’re away on business.

(C) It’s not polite to stare.

2. When did they cancel the order?

Where?

Directions?

When?

How long?

(A) Back in March, I think.

(B) Yes, they were ordered to do it.

(C) I really think we have to cancel it.

3. How long did you have to wait?

Where?

Directions?

When?

How long?

(A) Yes, it is very long

(B) I was waiting for it on Tuesday.

(C) Not as long as I expected.

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## Tactics Checklist

Remember:

- ✓ Listen for location questions, decide the type and listen for the appropriate answer..
- ✓ Listen for marker words in time questions

## Understanding Natural English

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

..... A4 paper kept?

.....taxi coming?

4. Do you know where my keys are?

Where?

Directions?

When?

How long?

(A) Yes. It's the wrong key.

(B) In the drawer, as usual.

(C) They went out.

5. Do you know of a good cleaner near here?

Where?

Directions?


When?

How long?

(A) I think it's not so clean.

(B) I prefer a different cleaner.

(C) There's one on Bank Street.

 **B.** Now listen and choose the best answers for each question. Be careful of the distractors noted in activity 1. **Listening 1.45**

*Follow up:* Compare your answers with a partner.

 **3** **Tactic Practice** **Listening 1.46**

*Follow up:* Discuss with a partner which answers you Choose and why.

 Understanding natural English **Listening 1.47**

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

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## **B** Mini Test *Listening 1.48*

Now apply the Test tactics at the actual test speed with questions 1-12.



You will have 5 seconds at the end of each item to make your choice. You must then be ready to listen to the next question.

1	(A)	(B)	(C)	7	(A)	(B)	(C)
2	(A)	(B)	(C)	8	(A)	(B)	(C)
3	(A)	(B)	(C)	9	(A)	(B)	(C)
4	(A)	(B)	(C)	10	(A)	(B)	(C)
5	(A)	(B)	(C)	11	(A)	(B)	(C)
6	(A)	(B)	(C)	12	(A)	(B)	(C)

## **C** Learn by doing: Time and location questions

A. Look at the model conversation below. Use the words on the right to complete the conversation.

A: Where do you live, Ken?

B: Right now .....

A: Oh yeah? How long have you lived there?

B: Oh, ..... I moved there .....

A: Really? Where did you live before?

B: .....

I lived in Georgetown with my family.

just after university

I'm living in Hamilton

for about 5 years.

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B. Now make a similar conversation with a partner, using the questionnaire below.  
Add some more questions of your own.

## Interview your partner

Where do you live?

How long have you lived there?

Where did you live before?

How long does it take you to come to class?

Where do you think is the best place to eat around here?

If you could take a holiday anywhere in this country, where would you go?

How long would you like to stay there?

What time of year do you think would be best to go?

What other country would you most like to visit?

How long have you been studying for TOEIC test?

When do you think you will be able to get the score you want?

## **D** Further study.

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Think of a famous person and write two “Where”, two “When”, and two “How long” questions you could ask them. Then write the answers you think they would give. In the next class read the answers you wrote to see if your partner can guess the questions you asked and the famous person you chose.

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## Quiz 16

### 1. Complete the sentences with the following words.

actually	bank	cafeteria	drawer	kept
blocks	ordered	polite	several	

1. Walk down three .....and turn right into 39<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. The holiday request forms are kept in the top .....of the filing cabinet.
3. You can use your credit card to withdraw foreign currency at the .....
4. Following the health inspection they were .....to close the kitchen immediately.
5. Let's have lunch in the .....: it's quicker than going to a restaurant.
6. I can't find the key to storeroom. Do you know where it is .....
7. We have .....new products going on the market this season.
8. We live in the center of town, ....., not the suburbs.
9. It is .....to greet your neighbors when you see them.



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## 2. Read the definitions and write *true* or *false*.

1. You keep warm in the *refrigerator*.
2. You can send a *package* by mail.
3. The *boardroom* is where staff can enjoy cheap meals.
4. If you are *bored* by a presentation, the speaker has your attention.
5. To *deliver* something means to pick it up from the Post Office.
6. A *journey* is a kind of magazines.
7. To *stare* means to listen to someone very carefully.

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