# TACTICS FOR TOEIC

### Unit 17 Listening Test Part 3 – Conversations



### **FOCUS**: Using vocabulary clues to infer meaning.

The answers for many of the questions in this part of the test are not stated directly. You will have to listen carefully and use your knowledge of related vocabulary and context to choose many of the answers

#### **Test Tip**

#### Sometimes the answers are nit stated directly in the passage. Before the listening, think of other words related to the answer choices and listen to infer the general meaning.

**1** Language building: Brainstorm vocabulary for ,locations, activities and occupations A. For each of the following choose the words on the right that best relate to each answer choice, then add two more words for each answer choice. The first word is done for you.

1.Where is the man?

(A) At a hotel
(B) At a car rental agency
(C) At a train station

(D) At a sports event

	rail
	room
	track
	bed
	Stadium
rail	fans
	car
	license

*Follow up*: Compare your list with a partner. Then think of another common place and brainstorm three related words. Say your words to your partner and see is they can guess the location.

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	2. What is the first man doing?		
	(A) Making a hotel reservation		ble ide
	(B) Getting married		om iner
	(C) Borrowing a book from the library		y card ncies
	(D) Making a restaurant reservation		ovel ess

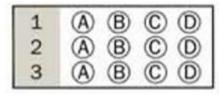
*Follow up*: Compare your list with a partner. Then think of another common activity and brainstorm three related words. Say your words to your partner and see is they can guess the activity. 3. What is the man's job?

(A) A delivery man	deposit	order
(B) A musician	truck	recording
(C) A banker	discount concert	package
(D) A salesman	withdraw	

*Follow up*: Compare your list with your partner. Then think of another common job and brainstorm three related words. Say your words to your partner and see is they can guess the job.

**B**. Now listen to the three conversations and choose the correct answer to each question. After each one, circle the word(s) on the lists in A that helped you find the answer.

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#### **2** Test Tactic: Identify inference markers

Look at the three common inference questions in **bold.** Read the conversation below, choose the correct answer and underline the words in the typescript that tell you it is correct.

1. What can be said about the weather?	2. Where most likely are the speakers?	3. What is implied about the woman?
(A) It is raining.	(A) They are in a restaurant.	(A) She often walks to work.
(B) It is warmer than Arizona.	(B) They are waiting at a bus stop.	(B) She used to live in another city.
(C) It has no effect on transportation.	(C) They are at work.	(C) She dislikes her job.
(D) It is sunny.	(D) They are in a taxi.	(D) She is often late.

#### Typescript

M: Hi, Brenda. It's really pouring today, isn't it? My bus was late because of the weather.

W: Oh no. I don't have an umbrella and I have to walk across town to deliver some documents before lunch.

M: Well, you'd better take a taxi. It's supposed to stay like this all day.

W: It's not going to be easy to find one today. I really miss living in Arizona on days like this!

Follow up: Compare the words that you have underlines with a partner and discuss your answers.

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#### Tactics Checklist

- ✓ Think of other words related to the answer choices before listening.
- Look for common inference markers and listen for related information.

### Tactic PracticeListening 1.50

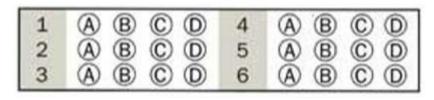
Use the tactics you have practiced for the next six questions. Before each passage begins, use the time to a) predict the context and b) think of other ways to say the answer choices with a partner.

- Where are the speakers?
   (A) In a library.
  - (B) In a book store.
  - (C) In a music store.
  - (D) In a gift shop.
- 2. What is the woman doing?
  - (A) Recording a CD
  - (B) Looking for a present
  - (C) Taking an order
  - (D) Paying for something.

- 3. What does the main imply?(A) The item is in stock.(B) The item will arrive very soon.(C) The item is extremely rare.(D) the item is popular.
- 4. What are the speakers doing?
  (A) Watching the news.
  (B) Going overseas.
  (C) Looking at a job ad..
  (D) Planning a holiday.

5. What can be inferred about the speakers' relationship?

- (A) They have known each other for a time.
- (B) They have just met.
- (C) They work together.
- (D) They live together.





Now practice what you have learnt at the actual test speed with questions 1-12.



Use any time available to skim the questions and answer choices before the first listening starts. When you finish answering the questions about one conversation, immediately start previewing the questions for the next conversation.

- 6. What does the man imply?
  - (A) He is desperate to work overseas.
  - (B) He wants to go on holiday.
  - (C) He has enough money to live for a while.
  - (D) he would like to get a new place.

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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. That's what we were ......expert. You've always ......work overseas.

- 1. What has the man heard about Kingston?
  - (A) It is an interesting place.
  - (B) It is very sunny there.
  - (C) It is usually crowded.
  - (D) it has many festivals.
- 2. What does the woman say about her trip?
  - (A) It was relaxing.
  - (B) It was more expensive than she had anticipated
  - (C) It was exciting.
  - (D) It was different from what she had expected.
- 3. Where was the woman's hotel located?
  - (A) Next to the airport
  - (B) In the carnival area
  - (C) Outside of the town
  - (D) Near the beach

- 4. Where does the conversation probably take place?
  - (A) In a bank
  - (B) In a department store
  - (C) In a restaurant
  - (D) In a doctor's office
- 5. What is the problem?
  - (A) The man misunderstands a sign.
  - (B) A bill ha been calculated incorrectly.
  - (C) The man cannot pay the bill.
  - (D) the sale has not started yet.
- 6. Until what time was the offer available?(A) 1:15(B) 1:30
  - (C) 2:00
  - (D) 2:30

- 7. What are the speakers mainly discussing?
  - (A) A sports team
  - (B) A business meeting
  - (C) A group project
  - (D) A building design
- 8. What is schedules to happen on Thursday?
  - (A) A new project will begin.
  - (B) An important game will be played.
  - (C) A team will make a presentation.
  - (D) A report will be sent out.
- 9. What is the man's concern?
  - (A) His team will not finish on time.
  - (B) He does not understand an assignment.
  - (C) His team cannot work on other projects.
  - (D) He disagrees with his team members.

- 10. Who most likely is the man?
  - (A) A truck driver
  - (B) A gardener
  - (C) A repairperson
  - (D) A car salesperson
- 11. How much time does the man probably need?
  - (A) One hour.
  - (B) Two hours
  - (C) Two and half hours
  - (D) More than three hours
- 12. Where are the speakers?
  - (A) At a factory
  - (B) At a garage
  - (C) At a gardening store
  - (D) At a home

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### Learn by doing

**Student A:** Look at Activity file 17a on slide 10. **Student B**: Look at Activity file 17b on slide 11.

Jobs	Locations	Activities
office worker	restaurant	buying clothes
shoe salesman	art museum	talking about a movie
teacher	supermarket	changing an appointment
train conductor	sports club	asking for direction

*Follow up*: Now choose a job, location or activity and make up your own sentences to test your partner..

### **D** Further study.

Think of a common job, location and an activity and write a short conversation. In the next class read your conversation and see if the other students can guess the job, location and activity you chose.

#### Activity file 17a

With your partner take turns reading one sentence at a time. They will try to guess the correct job, location or activity.

- Sorry, I have to go to Boston on Tuesday. Could we make it for next Monday? (activities changing an appointment)
- 2. Please open your books to page 20 and look at Unit 1. (jobs teacher)
- 3. Would you like anything to drink with your meal? (locations **restaurant**)
- 4. If you want to go to Bramston, you have to change at Union station to the central line. (jobs **train conductor**)
- 5. This picture was painted by Samuel Evans just before his death in 1934. (locations art museum)
- 6. Could you tell me how to get to the Miller building? (activities **asking for directions**)

#### Activity file 17b

With your partner take turns reading one sentence at a time. They will try to guess the correct job, location or activity.

- 1. The acting was good but there wasn't much action. (activities talking about a movie)
- 2. What time does the pool close this evening? (locations sport club)
- 3. Yes, we have one with the same heel, but in brown leather. (jobs shoe salesman)
- 4. How much is a pound of tomatoes? (locations supermarket)
- 5. I'm not sure I like the color and the sleeves are a bit short. (activities **buying clothes**)
- 6. Can you help me copy these? I have a meeting in 15 minutes (jobs office worker)

#### Quiz 17

#### **1. Choose the correct word.**

- 1. The museum section of the library has a special collection of .....books.
  - (A) available
  - (B) rare
  - (C) desperate
- 2. The hikers were .....to reach their destination; they didn't have enough food, water or medicine.
  - (A) remarkable
  - (B) rare
  - (C) desperate
- 3. I've booked two tickets ......class to New York.
  - (A) reservation
  - (B) available
  - (C) coach

- 4. The car hire company needs to see your driving .....and a form of ID
  (A) license
  (B) vacancy
  (C) reservation
- 5. I'd like to make a .....my savings account.

(A) deposit form(B) deposit info(C) deposit around

6. Special weekend rates are .....on all rooms- call today to make a reservation
(A) available
(B) rare
(C) vacancies

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<ul> <li>7. I couldn't stay at the same hotel because they didn't have any</li> <li>(A) vacancies</li> <li>(B) calculations</li> <li>(C) withdrawals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>9. She hadfinding a suitable jacket.</li> <li>(A) difficulty</li> <li>(B) concern</li> <li>(C) desperate</li> </ul>	
There is a farway in this	10. The toner in the printer has	
<ul> <li>B. There is afor you in this morning's mail.</li> <li>(A) package</li> <li>(B) deposit</li> <li>(C) withdrawals</li> </ul>	(A) run out (B) gone (C) lost	
	<ul><li>11. The jacket almost fits but theare a bit too long.</li><li>(A) heels</li></ul>	

- (A) heels
- (B) sleeves
- (C) concerns

#### Quiz 17

#### 2. Match the words with the definitions.

celebration	concern	disappointing	heel
reservation	stadium	withdrawal	right away

- 1. a special occasion
- 2. part of a shoe
- 3. immediately
- 4. something you are worried about and think about a lot.
- 5. large sporting events are held here.
- 6. not as good as expected
- 7. taking money out of a bank account
- 8. a booking agreement; for example, for a hotel room, or a plane ticket.

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