

TACTICS FOR TOEIC

Unit 2

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FOCUS: Thinking about the meaning of factual questions

Think carefully about what the question is asking for. Some answers may closely relate to the topic in the question, but not answer it directly.

Test Tip 1

Answer in the TOEIC test do not always answer the questions directly

Listen for answers with related details or explanations.

1 Language building: Focus on meaning in *WH*- questions.

Match questions 1-3 with two answers from a-f.

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|---|---|
| 1. What are you doing on Sunday? | a. I heard Miller was chosen. |
| 2. Who is going to represent them at the meeting? | b. I always go to my brother's house. |
| 3. How did you get to the airport? | c. Mary gave me a lift. |
| | d. They haven't decided yet. |
| | e. Oh, I didn't. My trip was put off until next week. |
| | f. Actually I don't have any plans. |

Follow up: Write two more answers for each question. Read them to your partner and ask them which questions 1-3 they are the answer to.

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Test Tip

Often the question and answer will be different tenses.

Don't expect the tense to be always the same, the answer to a future or present question may explain something in the past.

Test Tip

The focus on part 2 is on meaning.

Listen for keywords (nouns/verbs/question words) to help you avoid distractors and find the correct answer choice.

2



Test Tactic: Focus on the key words and avoid common distractors.

Listening 1.5

Focus on the keywords

Listen to sentence 1 and write number 1 next to three keywords or phrases as you hear them. Compare your words with your partner's, and then make an appropriate answer for the question.

Why? When? rest get company last birthday
How? What? come improve Class TOEIC score

Now do the same for the next two sentences.

Avoid common distractors *Listening 1.5*

A. Read the information in the next box carefully. It shows examples of the ways in which the choices on the test may be incorrect.

A. Same word – unrelated meaning

If you hear the same word in the question and the answer choices, be careful, it could be a distractor

Q. Has the sale improved profits?

A. Yes, it is for sale.

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Test Tip

What out for common distractors

Being familiar with the ways incorrect answer choices may distract you can help you to make a good choice.

B. Related subject – doesn't answer the question

The test may use words that relate to one of the keywords in the question, but don't actually answer the question.

Q. Where can I buy a cheap air-conditioner?

A. I agree, that is very cheap.

C. Similar sound – different/unrelated word.

Sometimes the incorrect choices use words that sound similar to the ones in the recording.

Q. Have you met the new staff?

A. No, it's the same stuff.

B. Read questions 1-3 and underline the keywords. Then read the two incorrect distractors for each question and mark the type A-C from the box on page 13.

1. What did the customer cancel his contract for?

C *He says he can sell it quite cheaply.
(cancel sound like can sell)*

My customer live in Boston.

2. Why did you buy a new car?

No, traffic can be terrible in this city.

Yes, my wife usually drives a car.

3. How are they going to ship the documents?

Have you seen notice about the shop.

I just love Ocean Cruises..

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Tactics Checklist

Remember:

- ✓ Listen for keywords and focus on meaning.
- ✓ Don't expect the form of the answer to be the same as the question
- ✓ Listen for common distractors.

Follow up: Think of the correct answer choice for each of the questions, and then compare your answers and new sentences with your partner.



3 **Tactic Practice: Focus on the key words and avoid common distractors.**

Listening 1.6

You will hear six Part 2 questions. After each question pause the audio. Tell your partner the keywords you heard. As soon as the answer choices start, stop speaking, and mark your answer choice.

1	(A)	(B)	(C)	4	(A)	(B)	(C)
2	(A)	(B)	(C)	5	(A)	(B)	(C)
3	(A)	(B)	(C)	6	(A)	(B)	(C)



Listening 1.7

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.

..... leave your last company.

..... get for your last birthday.

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B Mini Test *Listening 1.8*

Now practice what you have learnt 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: Factual questions

Role Play: Student A use the information below.

Student B (**Teacher**) look at Activity file 2.

Student A

You just received the following fax from the director of your company. Unfortunately, your fax machine is broken and some of the words are unclear.

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Task

- Work with your partner and write out the questions you will ask him or her.
- Call him or her up, apologize for the problem and ask the questions to get the information you need.

Fax Message

Important

Re: August 14 meeting

Mr. Carson,

I am writing to let you know that I will be arriving on (1) ~~Tuesday August 18~~. I am flying with United Airlines and my plane is scheduled to land at (2) ~~11:45 PM~~. Could you arrange my hotel for me?

The main purpose of my visit is (3) ~~the problem with our~~ Accuron Line of watches. We have had many complaints about water damage. We must discuss (4) ~~how we can deal with the problem~~. Please invite (5) ~~Pat Smith and Mary Davis~~ also.

Barton Donovan.

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Useful Language

Opening

I'm sorry to bother you Mr. Donovan, but I'm afraid we couldn't read your fax properly.

Closing

Thanks very much. That's all the information I need. I will take care of this right away.

D Further study.

Write down one of the questions you asked Mr. Donovan, and then make up your own answer and two other Part 2 type distractors to test other students in your next lesson.

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Quiz 2

1. Choose the correct word.

- I'm going to give Mr. Hargreaves a(n) to the airport.
(A) notice (B) arrangement (C) lift
- The majority of customers have been satisfied with the way the company dealt with their
(A) customers (B) complaints (C) notices
- I've already made a(n) to meet Howard tomorrow.
(A) bother (B) lift (C) arrangement
- Please don't me again. I'm in a meeting.
(A) bother (B) received (C) discuss
- Helen's proposal was by most people at the conference.
(A) well received (B) got along (C) bothered
- I applied for a new job because I wanted more
(A) hour (B) presentation (C) responsibility

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1. Read the definitions and unscramble the words.

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|---|---------|
| 1. Items produces by a company (<i>doogs</i>) | g |
| 2. A package (<i>epracl</i>) | p |
| 3. A person who buys things (<i>erctusom</i>) | c |
| 4. A sign (<i>entoci</i>) | n |
| 5. Work done to fix something (<i>sparier</i>) | r |
| 6. Low in price (<i>eaphc</i>) | c |
| 7. Very bad (<i>ritrelbe</i>) | t |
| 8. Choose to do something after carefully thinking about it (<i>eeidcd</i>) | d |
| 9. Make plans to do something (<i>rrganae</i>) | a |

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Conversations

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