

# **TACTICS FOR TOEIC**

## **Unit 8**

### **Listening Test Part 1 - Photographs**

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Part 1

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**FOCUS:** Listening for the correct verb

Many of the incorrect answer choices in this section feature an inappropriate verb for the situation. This section will concentrate on identifying the sentence with the verb that best describes what is seen in the picture.

## Test Tip

**Listen carefully  
check that the verb  
relates the picture**

Echo the sentence  
silently as you listen  
and compare the verb  
used with what you see  
in the picture.

## 1 Language building: Present continuous / Present Simple

- A. Look at the list of verbs and make possible sentences about each of the pictures using the present continuous or present simple tense. The first one is done for you.

1



Study -> They are studying in the library.  
Read -> They're all ...  
Sit -> The students ...  
Stand -> Nobody ...  
Revise -> They ...

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Run -> The highway runs under the overpass.

Run-> The overpass ...

Be (a sign) -> The is ...

Be (cars) -> There ...

Divide (a guardrail) -> A guardrail ...

## **Listening 1.18**

- B.** Listen to four correct sentences about these pictures. Listen carefully, and after each one pause the audio and try to echo as much of the sentences as possible. Decide with a partner which picture you think the sentence matches.

*Follow up:* Make up one new sentence for each picture. You may use different verbs. Ask your partner to echo your sentence and choose the correct picture.

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## 2 Test Tactic: Select an answer quickly *Listening 1.19*



A. Listen to three sentences describing the pictures. When you have listened to all of the sentences, choose an answer quickly.

1. (A)   
(B)   
(C)



2. (A)   
(B)   
(C)



B. Now write two sentences to describe the following pictures.

Example: *The woman is holding a coffee cup.*

1



2



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## Listening 1.20

- C. You will hear four sentences describing each picture. After each sentence, pause the audio and tell your partner the verbs you heard, then mark below whether you think it 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

*Follow up:* With your partner, compare the sentences you first made and the correct sentence.

## 3 Tactic Practice Listening 1.21

Use Tactics you have practiced for the next three photographs. You will have one minute to a) brainstorm vocabulary and b) predict possible sentences with your partner. Then listen to and echo (silently) the answer choices, and as you listen, tick whether you think it is correct, maybe correct, or wrong.

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## Tactics Checklist

- ✓ Listen carefully for verbs.
- ✓ As you listen, echo the sentences. Keep your pen over sentences that are possibly correct.

1



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

2



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

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## Listening 1.22

### 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.

..... folding the newspaper.

The ..... riding his horse by the sea.

3



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



## Mini Test



## Listening 1.23

Now practice what you have learnt at the actual test speed with questions 1-8.



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



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3



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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)
7	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
8	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

5



7



6



8



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## **C** Learn by doing: Picture Bingo

Student A: Look at Activity file 8a.

Student B: Look at Activity file 8b.

Choose one of the words on your bingo card in Activity file, then pick a picture that you think relates to that word. Tell your partner the picture number and ask them to make a sentence about the picture. There are some words to help you below. Listen to your partner's sentence and, if you hear the word, you can mark it off and your bingo card. Take turns until one person has marked off all their words. Bingo! They are the winner.

1



2



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4



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## Activity File 8b.

When your partner chooses a number, make a sentence to describe the picture. When it's your turn, choose a number and listen carefully to your partner. If they say one of the words on your bingo card you can mark it off. The first person to get all the words marked off is the winner.

## Bingo Card 1.

B	I	N	G	O
Standing	Getting into	Walking	Enjoying	pushing

1. family mother father children	road walk lift hold	2. passenger taxi suit street	get into take travel	3. car boats dock men	woman door sit open
4. customers water glasses table café	outdoors drink sit sip enjoy	5. boy gate hat sweater snow	ground wear open walk stand	6. old man bicycle lake sun cap	push walk going fishing wear shine

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## **D** Further study.

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Find three pictures from newspapers and magazines. Write Part 1 type statements (one correct answer, three that are close but wrong) to test your classmates in the next lesson. The incorrect answers should include correct subject or object words, but incorrect verbs.

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## Quiz 8

### 1. Choose the correct word.

1. A(n) overpass / freeway is a road that passes over another road.
2. A monitor / skyscraper is a very tall building.
3. A customer/ passenger is somebody who travels.
4. A harbor / tent is an area where there are boats.
5. To hold / collect means to gather things together.
6. To revise / withdraw means to study before the exam.

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

**Customer**  
**monitor**

**guardrail**  
**shining**

**holding**  
**tent**

**lie**  
**tower**

**over**  
**withdraw**

1. I need to ..... some money for my holiday.
2. It's a dangerous road and should have a .....

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4. The screen on my ..... is dirty . I can't read the information clearly.
5. I'm so tall, I ..... my colleagues.
6. The ..... asked for coffee, but the waiter brought him tea.
7. The sun was ..... so we went for a walk.
8. The man was ..... a bag and an umbrella.
9. I enjoyed sleeping in a ..... when we were on a holiday even though it was cold.



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Part 2**

**Question - Response**

**Unit 9**