

TOEFL UPSKILL





ABOUT THE TOEFL

TEST

- The Paper Version: Listening Comprehension; Structure & Written Expression; Reading Comprehension
- The Computer Version: Listening; Structure, Reading & Writing



1	Listening Comprehesion: 50 questions, 35 Minutes
2	Structure & Written Expression : 40 questions, 25 minutes
3	Reading Comprehension : 50 questions, 55 minutes



Part1. Listening Comprehension

Listening on The Paper TOEFL Test
1. Short Dialogues; 2. Casual
Conversation; 3. Academic
Discussions; 4. Academic Lectures

Listening on The Computer TOEFL test: 1. Short Dialogues; 2. Casual Conversation; 3. Academic Discussions; 4. Academic Lectures

Note to teacher: While on Present mode, press 9 to start a 9-minute countdown.

General Strategies for Listening Comprehension

- 1.Be familiar of the test
- 2. Listen carefully to the passages
- 3. Know where the easier and the more difficult questions are generally found
- 4. Be familiar with the pacing of the test
- 5. Never leave any answer blank on your answer sheet
- 6. Use any remaining time to look ahead at the answers to the questions that follow

PART A. SHORT DIALOGUE





Remember!

Note to teacher: Call at least three students to answer all the questions.

- Focus on the second line of the conversation
- The correct answer is propably a restatement of a key word of idea in the second line of the dialogue
- Certain structures and expressions are tested regularly in the shoret dialogue (structures; functional expression, idiomatic expressions)
- Read the answers and choose the best answer to each question
- Be prepared with the next questions



REMEMBER

- 1. Choose the restatement of the words or the ideas in the second line of the conversation
- 2.Choose the answer that sounds the most different from what you heard
- 3. Never choose as answer because it sounds like what you heard in the

dialogue

SKILL 1: FOCUS ON THE LAST LINE

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(Man) :Billy really made a big mistake this time.
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(Woman): Yes, he forgot to turn in his research paper.

(narrator): What does the woman say about Billy?

- (A) It was the first time he made a mistake.
- (B) He forgot to write his paper.
- (C) He turned in the paper in the wrong place.
- (D) He didn't remember to submit his assignment.

SKILL 2: CHOOSE ANSWER WITH SYNONYMS

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(Woman) :Why is Barbara feeling happy?
(Man) : She just started working in a
real estate agency
(narrator): What does the woman say
about Barbara?
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- (A) She always liked her work in real estate.
- (B) She began a new job.
- (C) She just bought some real estate.
- (D) She bought a real estate agency.



SKILL 3: Avoid Similar Sound

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(Woman) :Did they get the car they wanted?
(Man) : No, they locked the money.
(narrator): What does the man mean?
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- (A) They locked the map in a car.
- (B) They locked many times in the car.
- (C) It costs a lot of money when the car leaked oil.
- (D) They didn't have enough money to buy another car.



SKILL 4: WHO, WHAT, WHERE

IMPORTANT

- 1. WHO IS PROBABLY TALKING
- 2. WHAT WILL S/HE PROBABLY DO NEXT?
- 3. WHERE DOES THE DIALOGUE PROBABLY TAKE PLA







SKILL 4: WHO, WHAT, WHERE

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(Woman) :I'd like to deposit this check
in my account, please?
(Man) : Would you like any cash back?
(narrator): Who is the woman?
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- (A) A store clerk
- (B) A bank teller
- (C) An accountant
- (D) A Waitress



SKILL 5: NEGATIVES

NEGATIVE EXPRESSION
e.g They <u>didn't drive</u> slowly
means They drove quickly

- 2. DOUBLE NEGATIVE EXPRESSION
 e.g It is <u>not impossible</u> for the concert to take place
 means The concert may take place
- 3. ALMOST NEGATIVE EXPRESSION e.g I had <u>barely</u> enough money means He has no money left
- 4. NEGATIVES WITH COMPARATIVES e.g I <u>couldn't</u> agree <u>more</u> means agree



SKILL 5: NEGATIVES

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(Woman) :What did you think of Mike when
you first met him?
(Man) : He couldn't have been more
unfriendly?
(narrator): Wha does the man mean?
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- (A) Mike was extremely friendly when he met him
- (B) Mike couldn't have met him sooner
- (C) Mike didn't seem to like him at all
- (D) When he met Mike, he didn't have a friend