

15. Question: \_\_\_\_\_
- (A) She should protect herself from the rain.  
 (B) She should clean up the water supply.  
 (C) She should read a novel.  
 (D) She should get more information about acid rain.

## WHILE LISTENING \_\_\_\_\_

### SKILL 20: DETERMINE THE TOPIC

As you listen to each long conversation, you should be thinking about the topic (subject) or main idea for each conversation. Since the first one or two sentences generally give the topic, you should be asking yourself what the topic is while you are listening carefully to the first part of the conversation.

**Example from the Paper TOEFL® Test** 

On the recording, you hear:

- (man) *You can't believe what I just got!*  
 (woman) *I bet you got that new car you've always wanted.*  
 (man) *Now, how in the world did you figure that out?*

You think:

The topic of the conversation is the new car that the man just got.

**EXERCISE 20:** Listen to the first part of each of the conversations, and decide on the topic of each conversation.



NOW BEGIN THE RECORDING AT EXERCISE 20.

1. What is the topic of Conversation 1?

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2. What is the topic of Conversation 2?

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3. What is the topic of Conversation 3?

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