

SKILL 21: DRAW CONCLUSIONS ABOUT WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

As you listen to each long conversation, you should be trying to set the situation in your mind. You should be thinking the following thoughts:

- *Who is talking?*
- *When does the conversation probably take place?*
- *Where does the conversation probably take place?*
- *What is the source of information for the conversation?*

Example from the Paper TOEFL® Test

On the recording, you hear:

(man) *Why do you have so many books?*

(woman) *I need them for my paper on George Washington. Do you know how I can check them out?*

(man) *Yes, you should go downstairs to the circulation desk and fill out a card for each book.*

You think:

Who is probably talking? (two students)

Where are they? (in the library)

What course are they discussing? (American History)

EXERCISE 21: Listen to the first part of each of the conversations and try to imagine the situation. Then answer the questions in the text.



NOW BEGIN THE RECORDING AT EXERCISE 21.

Conversation 1

1. Who is probably talking? _____

2. Where does the conversation take place? _____

Conversation 2

1. Who is probably talking? _____

2. When does the conversation take place? _____

3. What is the source of the man's information? _____

Conversation 3

1. Who is probably talking? _____

2. When does the conversation take place? _____

3. What is the source of the information? _____