

The following skills will help you to implement these procedures in the long talks on the paper TOEFL test.

BEFORE LISTENING

SKILL 23: ANTICIPATE THE TOPICS

It is very helpful to your overall comprehension if you know what topics to expect in the long talks. You should therefore try to anticipate the topics that you will be hearing (as you did with the long conversations). For example, are the talks about American history, or literature, or some aspect of school life? A helpful strategy is therefore to look briefly at the answers in the test book, before you actually hear the talks on the recording, and try to determine the topics of the talks that you will hear.

EXERCISE 23: Look at the answers to the five questions together, and try to anticipate the topic of the talk for those five questions. (Of course, you cannot always determine exactly what the topic is, but you often can get a general idea.) Questions 1 through 5 have been answered for you.

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| <p>1. (A) During a <i>biology</i> laboratory session
 (B) In a biology study group
 (C) On the <i>first day of class</i>
 (D) Just before the final exam</p> <p>2. (A) Once a week
 (B) Two times a week
 (C) Three times a week
 (D) For fifteen hours</p> <p>3. (A) To do the first laboratory assignment
 (B) To take the first <i>exam</i>
 (C) To study the laboratory manual
 (D) To read one chapter of the text</p> | <p>4. (A) Room assignments
 (B) Exam topics
 (C) <i>Reading assignments</i>
 (D) The first lecture</p> <p>5. (A) <i>Exams and lab work</i>
 (B) Reading and writing assignments
 (C) Class participation and grades on examinations
 (D) Lecture and laboratory attendance</p> |
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What is the topic of the talk for questions 1 through 5?

the requirements of a biology class

You can guess this because of the following clues:

- *biology*
- *first day of class*
- *reading assignments*
- *exam(s)*
- *lab work*

6. (A) What caused the Ring of Fire
 (B) The volcanoes of the Ring of Fire
 (C) Hawaiian volcanoes
 (D) Different types of volcanoes
7. (A) The Ring of Fire
 (B) The characteristics of volcanoes in the Ring of Fire
 (C) The volcanoes of Hawaii
 (D) Mauna Loa
8. (A) In Hawaii
 (B) In the United States
 (C) Along the Ring of Fire
 (D) Within the Ring of Fire
9. (A) They are not so violent.
 (B) They are located along the Ring of Fire.
 (C) They contain a lot of gas.
 (D) They contain thick lava.
10. (A) A volcano on the Ring of Fire
 (B) An island in Hawaii
 (C) A long, low volcanic mountain
 (D) An explosive volcano

What is the topic of the talk for questions 6 through 10?

11. (A) An artist
 (B) A tour guide
 (C) An Indian
 (D) Orville Wright
12. (A) Several
 (B) Sixty thousand
 (C) Sixteen million
 (D) Millions and millions
13. (A) The National Air and Space Museum
 (B) The Museum of Natural History
 (C) The American History Museum
 (D) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building
14. (A) The American History Museum
 (B) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building
 (C) The Washington Museum
 (D) The National Air and Space Museum
15. (A) To the White House
 (B) To the Smithsonian
 (C) To the mall
 (D) To various other museums

What is the topic of the talk for questions 11 through 15?
