

14. Question: _____
 (A) The American History Museum
 (B) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building
 (C) The Washington Museum
 (D) The National Air and Space Museum
15. Question: _____
 (A) To the White House
 (B) To the Smithsonian
 (C) To the mall
 (D) To various other museums

WHILE LISTENING

SKILL 25: DETERMINE THE TOPIC

As you listen to each long talk, you should be thinking about the topic (subject) or main idea for the talk (as you did with the long conversations). Since the first sentence is generally a topic sentence, you should be asking yourself what the topic is while you are listening carefully to the first part of the talk.

Example from the Paper TOEFL® Test

On the recording, you hear:

(man) *The major earthquake that occurred east of Los Angeles in 1971 is still affecting the economy of the area today.*

You think:

The topic of the talk is the effect of the 1971 earthquake on Los Angeles today.

EXERCISE 25: Listen to the first part of each of the talks, and decide on the topic of each talk.



NOW BEGIN THE RECORDING AT EXERCISE 25.

1. What is the topic of Talk 1?

2. What is the topic of Talk 2?

3. What is the topic of Talk 3?
