

## SKILL 27: LISTEN FOR ANSWERS IN ORDER

There are two possible methods to use while you listen to the talks.

- *You can just listen to the talk (and ignore the answers).*
- *You can follow along with the answers while you listen.*

Some students prefer to just listen to the talk while it is being spoken, and if that method works well for you, then that is what you should do. Other students find that they can answer more questions correctly if they read along with the answers while the talk is being given. Because the detail questions are answered in order, it is possible to read along while you listen to the talk on the recording.

### Example from the Paper TOEFL® Test

On the recording, you hear:

(woman) *The Great Chicago Fire began on October 8, 1871, and according to legend began when a cow knocked over a lantern in Mrs. O'Leary's barn. No matter how it began, it was a disastrous fire. The preceding summer had been exceedingly dry in the Chicago area, and the extreme dryness accompanied by Chicago's infamous winds created an inferno that destroyed 18,000 buildings and killed more than 300 people before it was extinguished the following day.*

In your test book, you read (same time):

1. (A) In a barn  
(B) In Mrs. O'Leary's home  
(C) In a cow pasture  
(D) In a lantern factory
2. (A) The dry weather prior to the fire made it worse.  
(B) It happened during the summer.  
(C) Chicago's winds made it worse.  
(D) It killed many people.

On the recording, you hear:

- (narrator) 1. *According to legend, where did the Great Chicago Fire begin?*  
2. *Which of the following is **not** true about the Great Chicago Fire?*

When you read the answers to the first question, you can anticipate that the first question is: *Where did something happen?* As you listen, you determine that the fire began *in Mrs. O'Leary's barn*. Therefore, you can anticipate that the best answer to the first question is (A).

If you read the answers to the second question while you listen to the talk, you can determine that answers (A), (C), and (D) are true. Answer (B) is not true: the fire did not begin in the summer, it began in *October*, which is in autumn. Therefore, answer (B) is the best answer to the question *Which of the following is **not** true about the Great Chicago Fire?*

**TOEFL EXERCISE 27:** Listen to each complete talk and answer the questions that follow.



NOW BEGIN THE RECORDING AT TOEFL EXERCISE 27.

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

**TOEFL REVIEW EXERCISE (Skills 23–27):** In this exercise, you will use all of the information that you learned in Skills 23 through 27.

Before the recording begins, you should read over the answers to questions 1 through 12 and do the following:

- *Anticipate the topics you will hear.*
- *Anticipate the questions.*

While you are listening to the talks, you should do the following:

- *Listen for the topic in the first sentence.*
- *Draw conclusions about the situation (who, what, when, where).*
- *Listen for the answers in order.*



**NOW BEGIN THE RECORDING AT TOEFL REVIEW EXERCISE (SKILLS 23–27).**

- Other librarians
  - Undergraduate students
  - Students who are not in the business department
  - Graduate business students
- It opens at 7:00 a.m.
  - It closes at 7:00 p.m.
  - It closes at midnight.
  - It is always open.
- Computer area and business materials
  - Magazines and newspapers
  - Business department and library staff offices
  - First and second floors of the library
- Go home
  - Return to class
  - Work on the computers
  - Tour the library
- A student in health services
  - A drug abuse lecturer
  - A dermatologist
  - A representative of the tobacco industry
- How to reduce nicotine and other addictions
  - How stress affects the skin
  - The effects of alcohol on health
  - How to achieve optimal health
- Alcohol
  - Nicotine
  - Caffeine
  - A reduced supply of blood
- It increases the flow of blood to the skin.
  - It causes increased consumption of alcohol.
  - It prevents the skin from receiving enough nourishment.
  - It causes stress.
- Before the Civil War
  - At the end of the Civil War
  - At the beginning of the twentieth century
  - Within the last decade
- The Civil War ended.
  - The U.S. government issued a large amount of paper currency.
  - The price of gold plummeted.
  - The value of gold became inflated.
- The president
  - The president's brother
  - The president's brother-in-law
  - The president's wife
- Issue greenbacks
  - Sell gold
  - Corner the gold market
  - Hold its gold reserves