

For Teachers: Please read each dialogue to the student as well as the names of the characters speaking each part. Do read the question, but do not read the answers to the question to the student. The answer choices are here for your review. Please have the student read the answer rather than merely saying the number.

Part 1 – Conversations



L1E 12-2

In this part, you will hear 10 dialogues, No. 1 through No. 10. Each dialogue will be followed by one question. For each question, you will have 10 seconds to choose the best answer and mark your answer on your answer sheet. The dialogue and the question will be given only once. Now, let's begin.

No. 1

Dave: Your bicycle's falling apart, Stella!

Stella: I know it looks awful, Dave, but it works OK.

Dave: Why don't you get another one?

Stella: Well, my husband's being transferred to Nevada next month. If I do buy a better one, I'd rather wait until after we've moved.

Dave: Are you sure? I have a friend who wants to get rid of her bike. It's like new, and she's only asking \$50 for it.

Stella: Really? OK, give me her number. I'd have to pass up what could be a good deal.

Question: What do we learn about Stella?

No. 1

- 1 She may buy an inexpensive used bike.*
 - 2 She will check out prices for new bikes.*
 - 3 She plans to give her old bike to Dave.*
 - 4 She wants her husband to get her a bike.*
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No. 2

Mom: Is this really a recording of your band, Felix? It sounds more like a train wreck!

Felix: Gee, glad you like it, Mom. So, do you think we could use the basement for practice once a week?

Mom: I think that racket might bother the neighbors. It depends whether you can keep the noise down.

Felix: There's soundproofing material in the place we're using now. We could probably get something similar to use in the basement.

Mom: Well, in that case, I guess I can live with it once a week.

Question: What does Felix say he will do?

No. 2

- 1 Talk to the neighbors about the noise.*
- 2 Search for a new place to practice.*

3 Find a way to avoid disturbing the neighbors.

4 Restrict practice sessions to the daytime.

No. 3

James: Hey, Tina, are you done with your graduate school applications?

Tina: Well, I submitted three, but I've decided to add one more at the last minute.

James: In case the others turn you down?

Tina: No. Actually, the fourth school just really appealed to me.

James: I thought you did a lot of research before choosing the first three.

Tina: I did. But I've been rethinking the type of career I want, and this last school may be my best bet.

James: Well, I hope you get accepted.

Question: What do we learn about Tina?

No. 3

1 She has sent all her graduate-school applications.

2 She is unlikely to get accepted to graduate school.

3 She will do more research about graduate schools.

4 She found another graduate school that may suit her.

No. 4

Mary: Giles, do you know what's happening about the issue of smoking on campus?

Giles: Yes. I spoke to the dean this morning, and a new policy will be implemented.

Mary: How will it differ from the present one?

Giles: Well, there won't be any designated smoking areas anymore, and all buildings will be made nonsmoking. From January, fines will be imposed on violators.

Mary: So what about us faculty members smoking in our offices?

Giles: I'm afraid that'll be a casualty of the new policy. It might be difficult to enforce, though!

Question: What does Giles imply about the new policy?

No. 4

1 Faculty members might not obey the rules.

2 The changes do not go far enough.

3 It will cause complaints from students.

4 Smoking in offices will be allowed.

No. 5

Leila: Keith, I need your opinion.

Keith: Sure, Leila.

Leila: I just got my annual evaluation. Lots of positive comments, but I was passed over for promotion again.

Keith: What about other staff who were hired at the same time as you?

Leila: If they're still here, they've all moved up already. As it happens, they're all men.

Keith: I see. Well, if there aren't any complaints about your work, perhaps you need to be a bit more upfront about your expectations.

Leila: I guess I can try.

Question: What does Keith suggest Leila do?

No. 5

1 Improve her job performance.

2 Ask her colleagues for advice.

3 Begin looking for a new job.

4 Make her work ambitions clearer.

No. 6

Patricia: Honey, did you fix the cracked shower head in the guest bathroom?

John: I had a look at it. It seems to be working fine, so I didn't bother changing it.

Patricia: But my sister's coming to stay on Friday, remember?

John: How could I forget?

Patricia: Right. And you know what she's like. I don't want to give her a reason to complain.

John: You really shouldn't take any notice of her comments, you know.

Question: Why is Patricia concerned?

No. 6

1 Her sister and her husband do not get along.

2 Her sister will find something to criticize.

3 Her husband may say something embarrassing.

4 Her husband forgot about her sister's visit.

No. 7

Elizabeth: What's with the limping, Mark?

Mark: Just a little knee injury. It happened at basketball training on Saturday.

Elizabeth: You're not getting any younger, you know. You should slow down a bit.

Mark: No way! This is a wake-up call.

Elizabeth: You think you should actually do more training?

Mark: It probably wouldn't have happened if I had more muscle protecting the joint. I need to do some weight training. I think I'll sign up at the gym.

Elizabeth: I give up!

Question: What is Elizabeth's opinion?

No. 7

1 *The man is overdoing his training.*

2 *The man looks young for his age.*

3 ***Building more muscle will help the man.***

4 *Getting injured taught the man a lesson.*

No. 8

Michael: Our company's Internet connection is so slow! I can't get anything done.

Jennifer: It's terrible, isn't it? I read U.S. Internet speed ranks 25th in the world. And the rank's dropping every year.

Michael: It's not surprising. There have been do many mergers recently that competition between providers is virtually nonexistent. Prices go up and speed stays the same.

Jennifer: It doesn't bode well for economic recovery. Not having fast Internet prevents businesses from competing globally.

Michael: Just one more reason the U.S. is lagging behind Asia and Europe.

Question: What is Michael's opinion?

No. 8

1 *The economy will improve soon.*

2 *Many providers are based overseas.*

3 *Business should pay more for Internet.*

4 ***Providers feel no pressure to improve service.***

No. 9

William: Neela, did you see the e-mail from management?

Neela: Yeah, I can't believe the Domestic Development department is taking over our new game prototype.

William: Especially since the game is supposed to be sold exclusively overseas.

Neela: I know the International Development department is small, but why even have us if they're not going to let us do the work?

William: Exactly. Well, Domestic Development will have their work cut out dealing with international specifications and requirements.

Neela: I agree. But what do you think is behind this move? I hope it's not a sign we're being phased out.

William: I doubt it. It's probably because we're still working on the update of the *Space Titans* game.

Neela: But that's only because we've been waiting to get the results of the user tests. They knew up front it would take at least 90 days.

William: I think you're worrying too much. Maybe they're trying to do us a favor by taking the pressure off a bit.

Neela: I hope you're right, but I think we should arrange a meeting and let them know we can handle the work.

Question: Why is Neela concerned?

No. 9

1 *She thinks her department may be eliminated.*

2 *She thinks the new game will not be popular.*

3 *The user tests will take longer than expected.*

4 *The Space Titans game will not meet requirements.*

No. 10

David: Hey, Judy.

Judy: Hey, guys. Thanks for coming over. I need to talk to you about something.

Barbara: What's up?

Judy: Jonathan lost his job last month.

Barbara: Arlene's husband? Not again!

Judy: I'm afraid so. I can't believe my daughter chose such a loser for a husband. He took another day off without getting permission, so they fired him.

David: And I guess Arlene can't work with the baby to take care of.

Judy: Well, that's the problem. The baby takes up all her time.

Barbara: Will Jonathan get unemployment insurance?

Judy: I think so, but it won't be enough to cover living expenses. He's already falling behind on rent and other bills. They may have to move back home with us again.

David: Well, kids are moving back into their parents' homes all over the country. It's not just you.

Judy: I suppose so. Listen, I hate to ask, but I was wondering if you could lend me about a thousand dollars so I could help them out.

David: Look, Judy. Arlene's our niece. We'll just give you the money. Just make sure it goes directly to her. We don't want it to be used on Jonathan's motorcycle again.

Judy: I don't know how to thank you guys.

Question: What does David imply?

No. 10

- 1 Arlene should not leave the baby with Jonathan.*
- 2 Jonathan should not be trusted with money.***
- 3 Judy should not let Arlene move back home.*
- 4 Arlene should not be given any money.*