

A

**Strategy:** Use vocabulary clues to infer meaning

The answers for many of the questions in this part of the test are not stated directly. You will have to listen carefully and use your knowledge of related vocabulary and context to choose many of the answers.

**Test tip**

Sometimes the answers are not stated directly in the passage

Before the listening, think of other words related to the answer choices and listen to infer the general meaning.

**1 Language building: Brainstorm vocabulary for locations, activities and occupations**

A For each of the following, choose the words that best relate to each answer choice, then add two more words for each answer choice. The first word is done for you.

1. Where is the woman?

(A) A hotel		rail
(B) A car rental agency		room
(C) A train station	rail	track
(D) A sports event		bed
		stadium
		fans
		car
		license

*Follow up:* Compare your list with a partner. Then think of another common place and brainstorm three related words. Say your words to your partner and see if they can guess the location.

2. What is the man doing?


(A) Making a hotel reservation		table
(B) Getting married		bride
(C) Borrowing a book from the library		room
(D) Making a restaurant reservation		dinner
		library card
		vacancies
		novel
		dress

*Follow up:* Compare your list with your partner. Then think of another common activity and brainstorm three related words. Say your words to your partner and see if they can guess the activity.

3. What is the man's job?

(A) A delivery man		deposit
(B) A musician		truck
(C) A banker		discount
(D) A salesman		concert
		withdrawal
		order
		recording
		package

*Follow up:* Compare your list with your partner. Then think of another common job and brainstorm three related words. Say your words to your partner and see if they can guess the job.

-  **B** Now listen to the three conversations and choose the correct answer. After each one, circle the word(s) on the lists in A that helped you find the answer.

1	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
2	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
3	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

## 2 Test tactic: Identify inference markers

Look at the three common inference questions in **bold**. Read the conversation below, choose the correct answer and underline the words in the tapescript that tell you it is correct.

- 1. What can be said** about the weather?  
(A) It is often wet.  
(B) It is warmer than Arizona.  
(C) It has no effect on transportation.  
(D) It is moderate.
- 2. What can be inferred** about the speakers' location?  
(A) They are in a restaurant.  
(B) They are waiting at a bus stop.  
(C) They are at work.  
(D) They are in a taxi.
- 3. What is implied** about the woman?  
(A) She often walks to work.  
(B) She used to live in another city.  
(C) She dislikes her job.  
(D) She is often late.

### Test tip

Some questions clearly ask you to infer things about the situation

Look for common inference markers:

*What can be said/implied/inferred ...?* and listen for related information in the recording.

### Tapescript

*M: Look, I'm soaked to the skin. And I'm late, too! The buses are always slower on days like this.*

*W: Oh no. I don't have an umbrella, and I have to walk across town to get Mr. Johnson's signature on these documents before lunch.*

*M: Well, you had better take a taxi. It's supposed to stay like this all day.*

*W: I bet it's not going to be easy to catch one. I am really starting to miss living in Arizona!*

*Follow up:* Compare the words that you have underlined with a partner and discuss your answers.

## Tactics checklist

- ☑ Think of other words related to the answer choices before listening.
- ☑ Look for common inference markers and listen for related information.

## Understanding natural English

In natural spoken English, sounds are changed, combined and dropped. Listen to these sentences spoken naturally and write in the missing words.

That's what we were ..... expect.


You've always ..... work overseas.

## 3 Tactic practice

Use the tactics you have practiced for the next six questions. Before each passage begins, use the time to a) predict the context and b) think of other ways to say the answer choices with a partner.

- Where are the speakers?  
(A) In a library  
(B) In a book store  
(C) In a music store  
(D) In a gift shop
- What is the woman doing?  
(A) Recording a CD  
(B) Looking for a present  
(C) Taking an order  
(D) Paying for something
- What does the man imply?  
(A) The item is in stock.  
(B) The item will arrive very soon.  
(C) The item is extremely rare.  
(D) The item is popular.
- What are the speakers doing?  
(A) Watching the news  
(B) Going overseas  
(C) Looking at a job ad  
(D) Planning a holiday
- What can be inferred about the speakers' relationship?  
(A) They've known each other for a time.  
(B) They've just met.  
(C) They work together.  
(D) They live together.
- What does the man imply?  
(A) He's desperate to work overseas.  
(B) He wants to go on holiday.  
(C) He has enough money to live for a while.  
(D) He'd like to get a new place.

1	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	4	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
2	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	5	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
3	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	6	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

 Understanding natural English

## B

## Mini-test

Now apply the *Test tactics* at the actual test speed with questions 1–12.



You will have 30 seconds to skim the questions and answer choices before the first listening starts. After that you will have exactly 8 seconds between each question to mark your answer and focus on the next question.

- What does the man assume about the woman's trip?  
(A) It was remarkable.  
(B) It was unpleasant.  
(C) It was amusing.  
(D) There were lots of presents.
- What can be inferred about the woman's feelings about her trip?  
(A) She would like to have stayed longer.  
(B) She had a relaxing time.  
(C) She didn't enjoy it at all.  
(D) She found it tiring.
- Where was the woman's hotel located?  
(A) On the right of the first aid center  
(B) In the center of the carnival area  
(C) Out of town  
(D) Near a dance hall
- Where does the conversation probably take place?  
(A) In a bank  
(B) In an office  
(C) In a restaurant  
(D) At the doctor's

5. How much should the man pay?  
 (A) 10 dollars  
 (B) 15 dollars  
 (C) 5 dollars  
 (D) 2 dollars
6. What can we infer about the situation?  
 (A) The man didn't fully read the sign.  
 (B) The woman has made a mistake.  
 (C) The price was incorrectly marked.  
 (D) The man will pay the cheaper price.
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7. What can be inferred about the man's manager?  
 (A) He is away on business.  
 (B) He checks all reports carefully.  
 (C) He sometimes sets unreasonable deadlines.  
 (D) He thinks there is a problem.
8. What does the woman initially think?  
 (A) The work needs to be checked.  
 (B) Her team can do the calculations.  
 (C) The problem will go away.  
 (D) The work can be done on time.
9. What is the man waiting for?  
 (A) Some calculations  
 (B) Some results  
 (C) The typists  
 (D) His manager
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10. How long does the man say it will take?  
 (A) It depends  
 (B) Less than two hours  
 (C) It can be finished right away  
 (D) It was finished last night
11. Who is the man?  
 (A) A truck driver  
 (B) A gardener  
 (C) A repairman  
 (D) A guest
12. Where are the speakers?  
 (A) In a hotel  
 (B) At a garage  
 (C) At a home and garden center  
 (D) At the woman's house

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6	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
7	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
8	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
9	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
10	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
11	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
12	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)

## C

### Learn by doing

**Student A:** Look at Activity file 3.3a on page 152.

**Student B:** Look at Activity file 3.3b on page 154.

Take turns to read one of the sentences from your file to your partner. They must say the job, location OR activity from the lists that best matches the sentence.

Jobs	Locations	Activities
office worker	restaurant	buying clothes
shoe salesman	art museum	talking about a movie
teacher	supermarket	changing an appointment
train conductor	sports club	asking for directions

*Follow up:* Now choose a job, location or activity and make up your own sentences to test your partner.

## D

### Further study

Think of a common job, location and an activity and write a short conversation. In the next class read your conversation and see if the other students can guess the job, location and activity you chose.

Go to word list and quiz page 174.