

Practice

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Comprehension Questions

Read and answer

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Few years ago, I had a sore throat, fever, and my body aches. I didn't have health insurance, so I didn't know what to do. Medical expenses were more than I could bear. However, I went to the municipal hospital. The nurse asked me the usual questions: Do you have any allergy? How long did the pain last? Do you take any medicines? By the time I answered all her questions, I felt nauseated. I wanted to vomit. Could it be something serious? Was it my heavy smoking? I asked myself. I finally checked with the doctor. He asked for some blood tests. I had to wait for two more hours. The doctor, with a keen eye, checked the result. My heart strongly and rapidly beats, with a cold sweat on my forehead. The doctor finally spoke, "go home son and relax; you are fine. It is just a common cold." What a relief!

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TOEFL® tip:

Comprehension questions ask you about your understanding of the reading passage. You need to read the question first, find the key words, and find the meaning – or similar meaning of the words in the reading passage. Key words can be: Nouns, adjectives, numbers, dates, verbs, etc... Different words for the same type of question could be: “inferred,” ‘implied,’ ‘likely,’ or ‘probably.’

English tip:

Key words can be: Nouns, adjectives, numbers, dates, verbs, etc...

Fun English:

Two cows are standing in a field.

One says to the other "Are you worried about Mad Cow Disease?"

The other one says "No, It doesn't worry me, I'm a horse!"

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 - B. The second time
 - C. The third time
 - D. The fourth time
- Q3. According to the passage, both King Kong and Godzilla are
- A. Fiction characters
 - B. Real characters
 - C. Animals
 - D. Movie stars
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Chronological Order Questions

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Healthy meal

Tony is a widower. He has been alone since his wife passed away, 12 years ago. Every day, he finished work late at night. On his way back home, he usually stops at either a fast food restaurant or convenience store to buy his dinner. Today, however, he decided to treat himself with a full healthy dish. So, he went to a mini-supermarket next to his house to buy the ingredients. He bought 5 ounces of cheese, lemon juice, olive oil, chili, tomatoes, garlic, olives, and beef. First, he fried the beef on a light heat, and then have it on a side. Then, he chopped the chili, tomatoes, and garlic, and mixed them all together with the olive oil in a big flat pot. After that, he added the cheese and olives. Then, he combined everything with the beef. Finally, He sprinkled some lemon juice with crushed chili on the top.

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TOEFL® tip:

Questions are usually asked about what happened first, second, etc... Which you should underline in the text, as you read.

English tip:

When talking about steps, writers are usually using “order words or expressions,” such as First of all, Firstly, Then, Secondly, Next, Finally, Lastly, To sum up, and In conclusion.

Fun English:

Q: When do you put a watch in the oven?

A: When you want to have a hot time!