

Practice

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“Except” Questions

Read and answer

Honeymoon

Mona’s wedding is next week. She will spend her honeymoon in Paris. She still remembers the day when Ayman, her fiancé, proposed her for marriage. It was a splendid moment. She is now at her bank to order a credit card. She thought she might need it in her prospective trip. People say she is frugal with her money, but she doesn’t think so. The procedures are now completed, and she should receive her credit card within few days. She also asked to withdraw some money from her checking account. She has been depositing some money in that account for the last 3 years. Mona is also hoping to buy an elegant car instead of her old one. So many things she needs to do in a very tight time. Ayman is calling. “Hi darling,” she said. He replied with a toneless voice; “We have to cancel the wedding!”

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TOEFL® tip:

You should try to find the keyword (an important number, noun, dates, adjective or verb) in each answer. Once you identify the keyword, quickly scan the passage to find it, then decide whether the answer is correct or wrong. If you are still not sure which one is the correct answer, then pick the one you feel is the most appropriate. You shouldn't spend too much time on any of the reading questions. The maximum is ONE minute per question. Remember, the reading section is 55 minutes, and each question in the reading section is worth the same points. If you do have some time left at the end, then you can go back to your uncertain answers and double-check them.

English tip:

Besides 'Except', different words for the same type of question could be: 'not stated', 'not mentioned', or 'not discussed'.

Fun English:

Teacher: What's the difference between ignorance and apathy?

Student: I don't know and I don't care!

Practice

Hawaii

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Skimming and Scanning Questions

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EFL teacher

Sarah is an EFL teacher. She works at the High school. She is pregnant. Her Husband, Steven, doesn't work. So, they have been using only her income for several years. Steven is trying to find a job as an English teacher as well, but unfortunately, there are no vacancies. Sarah is teaching 4 classes every day. She has a very busy schedule. Her principal, Mr. Christopher, always praise her hard work. Mr. Christopher is an old man in his late fifties. He is Caucasian with blonde hair and a big beard. Some early wrinkles already spread over his neck. One day, Mr. Christopher summoned Sarah for an urgent matter. "I am sorry, but I can't hire you anymore!" Sarah was shocked. "Why? What did I do wrong?" She asked with disappointed eyes.

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Answer: D. Sarah's principle

TOEFL® tip:

Sometimes you don't have that time to read the whole text. You just want to know what the text is talking about and if there are some important points to read; that's skimming and scanning. Skimming is where you read the title, first paragraph, and subtitles. It is good for pre-reading and reviewing. However, scanning is when you move your eyes quickly from line to line to find specific words or information.

English tip:

In skimming and scanning, you need to distinguish between "fact" and "opinion". Fact is what most people would agree on, and it has been proven through research, experiments, etc. As an example of fact, cutting of trees is one of the reasons that cause global warming. However, opinion is what people feel or think. For example, oranges are the most delicious fruit. This is an opinion that some people may agree or disagree with.

Fun English:

A guy says to his friend, "Guess how many coins I have in my pocket."

The friend says, "If I guess right, will you give me one of them?"

The first guy says, "If you guess right, I'll give you both of them!"