International Test of English Language Proficiency™

Structure of Oral English

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There are 20 test questions in this section. They are recorded. You will hear each test question one time; then, you choose your answer from the test booklet.

Answer all the test questions. Each test question presents a short conversation between one person on the CD, and another in the booklet. In each case, listen to the CD and ***decide what you would expect to say or hear next***. For example, sometimes the person on the CD asks a question and you have to choose the best answer from the booklet:

CD: What would you like for lunch?

Booklet: a) A pen. b) A sandwich.

c) A pair of shoes. d) A flower.

In this case, you should choose answer (b) because ***'A sandwich.'*** is the best answer to the question, ***'What would you like for lunch?'***

Sometimes you will hear a statement and you have to choose the best statement or question to follow up:

CD: Marie won the swimming championship last Tuesday.

Booklet: a) Can she swim? b) Was she the winner?

c) What was the prize? d) When was the championship?

In this case, you should choose answer (c) because '***What was the prize?***' is the best follow-up to the statement that you heard.

In all cases, there is only one correct answer. Sometimes more than one answer will be partly right, but you must choose the ***one best answer*** for each question.