

A. Vocab Review

B. Part 3 Question Types

Part 3 questions can be divided into three basic categories.

I. Gist

These questions require you to have an overall understanding of the conversation.

1. Topic Questions ask what the main topic is. E.g. What are the speakers mainly discussing?
2. Location Questions ask where the conversation occurs. E.g. Where most likely are the speakers?
3. Occupation Questions ask about the profession of one or both of the speakers. E.g. Who is the woman?

II. Detail

These questions ask about specific points mentioned in the conversation, such as about time (When should the project be completed?), about reasons (Why does the woman call the man?), about plans (What does Beth plan to do?), about problems (What is the problem? What is wrong with the man's purchase?), about suggestions (What is suggested about the new floor tiles?), about actions (What does the woman say she has done? What will Marie do first?), about opinions (What is an aspect of the company that the man thinks is important?), etc.

III. Inference

These questions ask about things that are not stated directly by either of the speakers. Although some Gist questions require you to make an inference (such as the one that asks about where the conversation takes place), Gist questions focus on the larger picture. Inference questions deal with details about the speakers or the situation. E.g. Why is the man disappointed? What will the woman probably do next?

● **PRACTICE QUESTIONS**

1. What are the man and woman talking about?

- (A) A business plan
- (B) A doctor's report
- (C) A business lunch
- (D) An appointment

2. What is Mr. Gecko currently doing?

- (A) Writing a report
- (B) Talking on the telephone
- (C) Expecting a call
- (D) Eating some food

3. Who most likely is the woman?

- (A) An office receptionist
- (B) A saleswoman
- (C) Mr. Gecko's wife
- (D) A nurse

- Rapid Reading Practice

Example 1

1. What is the purpose of Mary's call to Jack?

- (A) To tell him she is going out of town
- (B) To ask him to pay for some additional research
- (C) To thank him for meeting with her
- (D) To tell him she mailed a report to him

2. What department does Mary most likely work in?

- (A) Library services
- (B) Sales
- (C) Research
- (D) Communications

3. What does Mary plan to do?

- (A) Send Jack more money
- (B) Make revisions to her report
- (C) Give Jack some advice
- (D) Go out of town on business

Example 2

4. What are the speakers mainly discussing?

- (A) The woman's assignment
- (B) The man's workload
- (C) The man's contract
- (D) The woman's salary

5. What will the legal department send?

- (A) A schedule
- (B) A job description
- (C) An agreement

6. When should the project be completed?

- (A) By the end of the day
- (B) By the end of the week
- (C) By the end of next month
- (D) By the end of the year

C. DICTATION

1. They're sitting on the
2. They're sitting each other.
3. The car is on the
4. All the seats on the bus are
5. He's taking a book from the

● **Homework (Vocab)**

1. He was an ambitious young man with a remarkably detailed blueprint for becoming a millionaire by the age of 25.
2. He calculated the likelihood of success.
3. Why did the sales manager resign?
4. The offer is valid for travel before the end of June.
5. Mr. White is in charge of this project.