



## Lesson 5

### Strategies in Short Conversations

#### WH Word Information

WHO	answer is a proper noun, personal noun, group name or other references to people
WHEN	answer is an adverb (sooner or later), adverb clause (when I'm ready), or preposition of time (at 6:00)
WHY	answer is a reason (because I like to)
WHERE	answer is a source or place (from my mother, at home)
WHAT	answer depends on the words in the question; what requires you to pay attention to every word.

*What do you do?*

*What time is it?*

*What's your name?*

*What's your address?*

*What's your excuse?*

*I'm a dentist.*

*lunchtime.*

*Mark.*

*765 Riverdale*

*The bus was late.*

HOW answer depends on the words in the questions; how requires you to pay attention to every word.

<i>How did you get here?</i>	<i>By train.</i>
<i>How much does the computer cost?</i>	<i>One thousand dollars</i>
<i>How many people attended?</i>	<i>About two hundred.</i>
<i>How long did the meeting last?</i>	<i>About three hours.</i>
<i>How often do you process the records?</i>	<i>Once a month.</i>

*Note : The English sentence is like a puzzle. You must examine all the pieces to make sense of it.*

*In the conversation, you will hear:*

*Man: Would you keep this for me until I get back?*

*Woman: I`m leaving in half an hour, so be fast.*

*Man: It`s 4 now. I`ll be back in 10 minutes.*

*In your test book, you will see:*

*What time will the woman leave?*

- (A) 4:00
- (B) 4:10
- (C) 4:30
- (D) 10:00

Let`s analyze the choices:

**Choice A** 4:00

The man says that it is 4:00 now. But that is not when the woman is leaving

**Pay attention to the context.**

**Choice B** 4:10

The man will return at 4:10, but the woman will leave at 4:30

**Pay attention to the context.**

**Choice C** 4:30

This particular conversation example requires not only that you listen for facts, but that you do a small calculation to arrive at the correct answer. The woman says she is leaving in half an hour and the man tells her it is 4 o` clock. Consequently, the woman is leaving at 4:30. **Answer choice C** most closely answers the question. Therefore, you should mark the oval (C) on your answer sheet.

**Choice D** 10:00

The number 10 refers to minutes, not the hour.

**Be careful of the semantic associations.**

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