



Lesson 7

Strategies in Question-Response

In Question-Response portion, you must listen carefully to determine which is the best answer.

The questions and the answers will be spoken only once; they will not be repeated.

In your actual test book you will see the instruction:
Mark your answer on your answer sheet.

You will hear:

What time will he arrive?

You will hear:

- A. My mother will be late.
- B. About 10 o'clock.
- C. My watch needs repairing.

You must listen to every word in the question and three answer choices very carefully. Let's analyze the answer choices.

Choice A: My mother will be late.

In this answer choice, the tense will be is correct and the time marker late is appropriate. However, *my mother* is not a good match for the masculine pronoun *he*. You must listen carefully to catch the difference between *she* and *he*. They are similar sounds.

Be careful of similar sounding words.

Choice B: About 10 o`clock

Our question , What time will he arrive? suggests that our answer will be a time marker (yesterday, at five o`clock, soon, next year, etc.) We must decide next if the tense is past, present , or future. In this instance, the question is in the future tense. What will happen in the future? Someone will arrive. Who will arrive? He. the answer choice contains everything you need to answer the question: one simple time marker. answer choice B most closely answers the question. Therefore, you should mark the oval B on your answer sheet.

Choice C: My watch needs repairing.

If you heard only the word time in the question, you may have assumed that the question was , What time is it? Consequently, any choice with a time marker might work. The answer choice tries to get you to make a semantic association between time and watch.

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HELPFUL TIPS:

Look at the question and determine what kind of question it is. There are two types of questions: a yes/no and WH-question. If the question begins with an auxiliary (will, is, are, can, would, do, did, does) , the answer will probably be a yes or no statement. Answers may not always begin with yes or no; sometimes the yes or no is assumed.

YES/NO Question: Can you see the parade from here?

Answer: No, it goes down on the third Avenue.