



# EXAMPLES OF THE UPDATES TO THE *TOEIC*<sup>®</sup> LISTENING AND READING TEST

# UPDATES TO THE LISTENING SECTION

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- A reduced number of Photograph (Part 1) and Question-Response (Part 2) questions
- An increased number of Conversation questions (Part 3)

## UPDATES TO THE LISTENING SECTION (CONTINUED)

- Conversations will include more natural language such as more and shorter interactions between speakers
- Some conversations will include more than two speakers

## UPDATES TO THE LISTENING SECTION (CONTINUED)

- New questions testing the understanding of what is said in a conversation or talk about written information
- New questions about understanding the speaker's words in context

# LISTENING SECTION COMPARISON CHART

		<b>Current Version</b>	<b>Updated Version</b>
<b>Part 1:</b>	<b>Stand-Alone Questions</b>	Photographs: 10 questions	Photographs: 6 questions
<b>Part 2:</b>	<b>Stand-Alone Questions</b>	Question-Response: 30 questions	Question-Response: 25 questions
<b>Part 3:</b>	<b>Set-Based Questions</b>	Conversations: 30 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 conversations</li> <li>• 3 questions per conversation</li> </ul>	Conversations: 39 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13 conversations</li> <li>• 3 questions per conversation</li> </ul>
<b>Part 4:</b>	<b>Set-Based Questions</b>	Talks: 30 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 talks</li> <li>• 3 questions per talk</li> </ul>	Talks: 30 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 talks</li> <li>• 3 questions per talk</li> </ul>
		Listening Comprehension: 100 questions	Listening Comprehension: 100 questions

## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE LISTENING SECTION



## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE LISTENING SECTION (CONTINUED)

Example of more natural language:

- **W-Am: I heard it's the research department.**
- **M-Au: Ah, because they have the most people.**

## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE LISTENING SECTION (CONTINUED)

### Familiar Question Type (Part 3)

7. What is the conversation mainly about?
- (A) An enlargement of office space
  - (B) A move into a new market
  - (C) An increase in staff numbers
  - (D) A change in company leadership

## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE LISTENING SECTION (CONTINUED)

### New Question Type (Part 3)

8. Why does the woman say: "I can't believe it"?
- (A) She strongly disagrees
  - (B) She would like an explanation.
  - (C) She feels disappointed.
  - (D) She is happily surprised.

## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE LISTENING SECTION (CONTINUED)

Talk with simple written information (Part 4)

Program	
Presenter	Time
Ms. Carbajal	1:00–1:50
Mr. Buteux	1:55–2:45
BREAK	2:45–3:00
Mr. Chambers	3:00–3:50
Ms. Ohta	3:55–4:45

## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE LISTENING SECTION (CONTINUED)

### Familiar Question Type

- 17.** What are listeners asked to do?
- (A) Stay seated during the break
  - (B) Carry their valuables with them
  - (C) Return any borrowed equipment
  - (D) Share printed programs with others

## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE LISTENING SECTION (CONTINUED)

### New Question Type

**18.)** Look at the graphic. Who will be the final presenter?

- (A) Ms. Carbajal
- (B) Mr. Buteux
- (C) Mr. Chambers
- (D) Ms. Ohta

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# UPDATES TO THE READING SECTION

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- A reduced number of Incomplete Sentence questions (Part 5)
- A small increase in the next of Text Completion questions (Part 6)
- A small increase in the number of Single- and Multiple-Passage questions (Part 7)

## UPDATES TO THE READING SECTION (CONTINUED)

- Text Completion questions (Part 6) will have a different format
- Some reading passages will represent examples of written conversations like text messages, instant messages, or online conversations
- Some question sets will be based on three written sources

## UPDATES TO THE READING SECTION (CONTINUED)

- Two new question types testing understanding of the overall organization of passages
  - Text Completion questions (Part 6) that ask test takers to choose which new sentence fits best in the context of the overall passage
  - Set-Based questions (Part 7) that ask test takers to understand where in the passage a sentence belongs
- New questions about understanding the writer's words in context

# READING SECTION COMPARISON CHART

		<b>Current Version</b>	<b>Updated Version</b>
<b>Part 5:</b>	<b>Stand-Alone Questions</b>	Incomplete Sentences: 40 questions	Incomplete Sentences: 30 questions
<b>Part 6:</b>	<b>Stand-Alone Questions</b>	Text Completion: 12 questions	Text Completion: 16 questions
<b>Part 7:</b>	<b>Set-Based Questions</b>	Single Passage: 28 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 single passages</li> <li>• 2–5 questions per passage</li> </ul>	Single Passage: 29 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 single passages</li> <li>• 2–4 questions per passage</li> </ul>
	<b>Set-Based Questions</b>	Double Passages: 20 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 double passages</li> <li>• 5 questions per set</li> </ul>	Multiple Passages: 25 questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 Set-Based double passages</li> <li>• 3 Set-Based triple passages</li> <li>• 5 questions per set</li> </ul>
		Reading Comprehension: 100 questions	Reading Comprehension: 100 questions

# EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE READING SECTION

## Familiar Question Type, different format (Part 6)

### Current

To: All Employees

From: Camille Raynes

Date: December 14

Re: Performance bonus

Dear Employees,

As you know, the past year was a great success for us. To reward you for your excellent performance, the Board of Directors has approved a bonus for all employees. This bonus will be \_\_\_\_\_ in your next paycheck.

141. (A) involved  
(B) joined  
(C) composed  
(D) included

\_\_\_\_\_, we are now calculating wage increases for the upcoming year. Each employee's performance

142. (A) Instead  
(B) In addition  
(C) Beforehand  
(D) Otherwise

will be examined carefully as we determine the appropriate increase. All full-time employees are eligible for this increase. Your supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ you of the amount of your increase during the first week of January.

### Updated

To: Project Leads

From: James Pak

Subject: Training Courses

To all Pak Designs project leaders:

In the coming weeks, we will be organizing several training sessions for \_\_\_\_\_ employees. At Pak Designs, we believe that with the proper help and support from our senior project leaders, less experienced staff can quickly \_\_\_\_\_ a deep understanding of the design process. \_\_\_\_\_, they can improve their ability to communicate effectively across divisions. When employees at all experience levels interact, every employee's competency level rises and the business overall benefits. For that reason, we are urging experienced project leaders to attend each one of the interactive seminars that will be held throughout the coming month. \_\_\_\_\_.

Thank you for your support.

James Pak  
Pak Designs

131. (A) interest  
(B) interests  
(C) interested  
(D) interesting
132. (A) develop  
(B) raise  
(C) open  
(D) complete

134. (A) Let me explain our plans for on-site staff training.  
(B) We hope that you will strongly consider joining us.  
(C) Today's training session will be postponed until Monday.  
(D) This is the first in a series of such lectures.

# EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE READING SECTION (CONTINUED)

## New Question Type

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### New Question Type

SAM BACH 12:10

I do. Would you mind meeting me at the door after I go through customs?

AKIRA OTANI 12:15

Sure thing. Parking spots can be hard to find, but now I'll have extra time to drive around and look.

SAM BACH 12:16

Yes, sorry about that. See you then!

At 12:15, what does Mr. Otani mean when he writes, "Sure thing"?

- (A) He has confirmed the arrival time of a flight.
- (B) He is certain he will be able to find a parking place.
- (C) He agrees to wait at the door near the customs area.
- (D) He knows Mr. Bach must pass through customs.

## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE READING SECTION (CONTINUED)

The desired start and end date for display should be written in the front bottom right corner. — [1] —. Any notices that do not meet these requirements will not be considered and will be discarded. — [2] —.

— [3] —. Submissions are now being accepted at the Mooringtown Library front desk. Please have the actual notice, in the format in which you would like it to appear, with you when you arrive. Within one business day, you will receive a call confirming that your notice has been added to the board. — [4] —.

“The name and telephone number of the person posting the notice must be clearly marked on the back.”

# EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE READING SECTION (CONTINUED)

Questions 161-164 refer to the following information.

## Notice Board Space Available to Community Groups

Mooringtown Library is pleased to invite local community groups to use the free advertising space on its new notice board, located outside the front entrance of the library. Space on the board is available for up to four weeks at a time.

Notices must be approved in advance at the library's front desk and must meet the following requirements. All content must be suitable for public display. The notice must be written or printed on standard-quality paper with dimensions of either 8.5 in x 11 in or 5.5 in x 8.5 in. The desired start and end date for display should be written in the front bottom right corner. — [1] —. Any notices that do not meet these requirements will not be considered and will be discarded. — [2] —.

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Mooringtown Library  
www.mooringtownlib.co.au

(Part 6)

164. In which of the positions marked [1], [2], [3], and [4] does the following sentence best belong?

"The name and telephone number of the person posting the notice must be clearly marked on the back."

- (A) [1]
- (B) [2]
- (C) [3]
- (D) [4]

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[www.sparkypaints.com/shoppingcart](http://www.sparkypaints.com/shoppingcart)

Order Summary #3397		Customer: <a href="#">Arun Phan</a>	
Item	Size	Quantity	Price
Caspian Blue SP 237	n/a	1	\$0.00
Deep Sea Blue SP 298	n/a	1	\$0.00
Stormy Blue SP 722	n/a	1	\$0.00
Misty Gray SP 944	Gallon	2	\$50.00
Tax (8 percent)			\$4.00
Expedited shipping			\$18.99
Total			\$72.99

[Proceed to Checkout](#)

**From:** [Arun Phan](#) <[arun.phan@tnet.com](mailto:arun.phan@tnet.com)>

**To:** Customer Support <[support@sparkypaints.com](mailto:support@sparkypaints.com)>

**Date:** March 12

**Subject:** Order #3397

Hello,

Thanks for sending my order #3397—it arrived this morning. Unfortunately, the paint was not the one I had asked for. I had selected color SP944 but received SP945 (Ocean Waves). They appear right next to each other on your Web site, so the two may have been confused at your end. Could you send me the correct paint, along with additional samples that are close in color to SP722? That sample worked well in my house; the others looked too green on my walls.

Thank you,

[Arun Phan](#)

## EXAMPLES OF UPDATES IN THE READING SECTION (CONTINUED)

### Familiar Question Type

- 199.** Which color does Mr. Phan indicate that he likes?
- (A) Caspian Blue
  - (B) Deep Sea Blue
  - (C) Stormy Blue
  - (D) Misty Gray

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