

VOCAB REVIEW

Speaking test Questions 8 – 10

In Questions 8 – 10, you will be given 45 seconds to read a written agenda or schedule. You will then be asked three questions by a caller who needs information from your written schedule. For each question, you will have 3 seconds to prepare a response. You will only hear Question 8 and 9 once, and Question 10 twice. They do not appear as text on the screen. You will be scored on using relevant vocabulary and structures and giving accurate information. You will need to speak clearly.

SAMPLE QUESTION

Directions: In this part of the test, you will answer three questions based on the information provided. You will have 45 seconds to read the information before the questions begin. For each question, you will have 3 seconds to prepare for a response. You will have 15 seconds to respond to Questions 8 and 9, and 30 seconds to respond to Question 10. (Note: Question 10 will be asked two times.)

Toyo Department Store
Today's Value Club Cardholder's Specials
Monday, March 18th

10:00 – 11:00	10% off all vegetables (1st Floor)
11:30 – 13:30	2-for-1 pizza lunch set (6th Floor)
14:00 – 15:30	40% off all his-and-hers cardigans (2nd Floor)
16:00 – 17:00	20% off all Pan 5 desktop computers (3rd Floor)
17:00 – 18:00	10% off all modern furniture (5th Floor)
Hours of operation: Mon – Sat 10 am – 8 pm Sun 11:30 am – 6 pm	

Question 8: (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

RESPONSE TIME

00:00:15

Question 9: (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

RESPONSE TIME

00:00:15

Question 10: (*Preparation time: 3 seconds*)

RESPONSE TIME

00:00:30

◎ STRATEGY 1: Preparation time

Because all three of the questions in this part of the test refer to the same written schedule or agenda, it is important to get familiar with the information in the 45 seconds of preparation time provided.

- In order to make the most of the preparation time, you should first read the heading to find out what the topic is and then skim (= read rapidly for the main points) the schedule or table at hand. Also, if there is any additional information in the form of a footnote, asterisk(*), or smaller print, read it with careful attention. Very often it happens that there may be a question related to this additional information.
- Remember where specific pieces of information are located in the text.

◎ STRATEGY 2: Using language effectively

- Since you will only hear the questions once and they do not appear as text on the screen, good listening skills are vital to prepare yourself to answer these questions.
- The questions in this part of the test require role-playing abilities in addition to English skills. You should respond as though you are actually talking to the person.
- In all three questions, you should use an opening phrase that tells the caller that you are looking for the information they have requested. By adding a phrase like ‘Yes, certainly.’ / ‘No problem. Let’s see.’ / ‘Just a moment, please.’ / ‘Just let me have a look.’ etc., you will gain some time to read the schedule without creating an awkward silence.
- You should also answer in complete sentences to make your response correct and natural.

DICTATION

1. A..... is someone who tries to sell things carrying them in the street.
2. A lot of people these sensitive issues.
3. It is..... to sell tobacco to someone under 16.
4. On cold nights like this, the street..... do a roaring trade in hot chestnuts.
5. He was forced to pay a..... of \$150 for speeding.
6. The cost will be
7. The bank manager is said to have issued certificates.