

2. Don't panic if there are a lot of words you don't recognize.

You do not need to know every word in a reading passage to answer the questions correctly. If you stay calm and make educated guesses, you can answer questions correctly even if you do not understand every word in the question.

3. Skip hard questions until you have answered the other questions for a reading passage.

Sometimes answering the easy questions will help you find the answers for the more difficult questions.

4. Answer every question for a reading passage before going on to the next passage.

One thing you do not want to do on this section of the TOEFL is reread a passage—you simply don't have the time. But if you leave a question unanswered in Passage 2, for example, and then you read Passage 3, you are going to have to reread Passage 2 before you can answer the question you left unanswered. You will then forget what Passage 3 is about.

For this reason, do not leave the questions of any passage unanswered. Always answer the questions of a passage before going on to the next reading passage. Try to make an educated guess for the question. If that is not possible, guess "B" or "C."

PAPER-AND-PENCIL TEST-DAY STRATEGIES

The Day Before the Test

Review the test strategies for the paper-and-pencil TOEFL. Once you've reviewed your strategies, assemble the following items to bring with you to the test center.

1. Three sharpened medium (#2) pencils and 2 erasers
2. A pencil sharpener
3. A watch (watch alarms are *not* permitted)
4. Your admission ticket and signed photo file record
5. Official identification, such as a passport (NOTE: See the *TOEFL Information Bulletin* for complete information on identification requirements.)