

Interchange Third Edition Companion to the TOEIC® Test

Question patterns – English

Below is a list in alphabetical order showing question patterns that are commonly used in the TOEIC® test.

Question Pattern
According to the speaker, what happened ...?
According to the speaker, what is the purpose of ...?
How can ... best be described?
How long was the man/woman in ...?
How long will ... last?
What are the listeners asked to do?
What are the speakers discussing?
What are the speakers mainly talking about?
What does the man/woman ask the woman/man to do?
What does the man/woman mention about ...?
What does the man/woman suggest the woman/man (should) do?
What does the man/woman suggest they do about ...?
What does the man/woman want to do?
What does the speaker advise/request the listeners to do?
What does the speaker ask ... to do?
What does the speaker mention about ...?

What happened to the man/woman recently?
What is being announced?
What is the (main) purpose of this talk/message?
What is the man/woman concerned about?
What is the man/woman going to do?
What is the problem?
What is the talk mainly about?
What is the talk/report mainly about?
What suggestion does the speaker make about ...?
What surprised the man/woman?
What was the man/woman probably doing in ...?
What will happen next/tomorrow?
What will the man/woman most likely do next?
What will the man/woman probably do next?
Where do the speakers most likely work?
Where does this conversation take place?
Where is this announcement/talk most likely being made?
Where will the meeting probably take place?
Where/When does the talk take place?
Where/Who most likely are the speakers?
Who is probably speaking?
Who is the audience for this talk/message?
Who is the intended audience for the talk?
Who most likely is the man/woman?