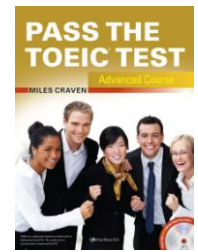
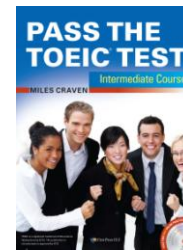
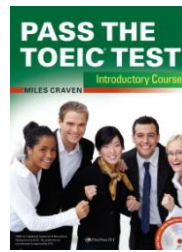


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Words with Multiple Meanings

In Part 2 of the TOEIC test, you will sometimes hear words that have more than one meaning. You need to understand the context in order to choose the correct response.

Exercise 1

Match each sentence with the correct meaning of the word in bold.

close (verb)

1. Please **close** the door behind you when you come in. a. end
2. Online registration for the conference will **close** on Friday the 29th. b. shut

clear (adjective)

1. It was **clear** that we had to take action quickly to avoid a disaster. a. obvious
2. The instructions for this new copy machine are not very **clear**. b. easy to understand

duty (noun)

1. This company has a **duty** to all our employees and stockholders. a. responsibility
2. The **duty** on imported raw materials will be lowered next month. b. tax

free (adjective)

1. Parking is **free** for all customers using SportsWorld Leisure facilities. a. not busy
2. I'm **free** all tomorrow afternoon if you want to schedule a meeting. b. at no cost

raise (verb)

1. Most airlines tend to **raise** their prices during popular vacation periods. a. mention
2. This is a serious issue that I will certainly **raise** at the next board meeting. b. increase

make (verb)

1. Everything we **make** in this factory is of the highest quality. a. produce
2. They can't **make** you work overtime if it's not what you want to do. b. force

point (noun)

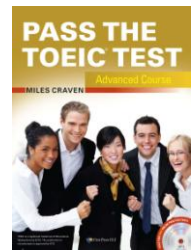
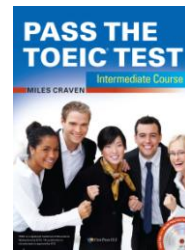
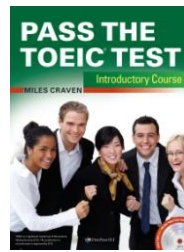
1. I know we have to number each item, but I don't understand the **point**. a. stage
2. We are not yet at the **point** where we can expand the business. b. purpose

sign (noun)

1. Negotiations began a month ago, but there has been little **sign** of progress. a. evidence
2. There was a **sign** on the door saying the company had gone out of business. b. notice

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Exercise 2

Match each sentence with the correct meaning of the verb in bold.

see (verb)

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| 1. I don't see what point you're trying to make. | a. meet |
| 2. Please can I see all this month's invoices? | b. experience |
| 3. Who did you see you while you were in the factory? | c. make sure |
| 4. James will see that everything is ready for the president's arrival. | d. understand |
| 5. We expect to see strong growth in the third quarter | e. look at |

catch (verb)

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| 1. Sorry, I didn't catch what you said. | a. get a disease |
| 2. Did they ever catch the person who stole the money? | b. be in time for |
| 3. It's too far to walk to the station, so let's catch a cab. | c. capture |
| 4. Please stay home if you are ill, so we don't all catch the flu. | d. hear |
| 5. Because of the delay we won't catch the beginning of the talk. | e. take (transportation) |

call (verb)

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| 1. Please call me tomorrow morning to discuss this further. | a. telephone |
| 2. When I call your name, please raise your hand. | b. organize |
| 3. The chairman has decided to call an emergency meeting. | c. say loudly |

Answers

Exercise 1: close 1. b, 2. a, clear 1. a, 2. b, duty 1. a, 2. b, free 1. b, 2. a

raise 1. b, 2. a, make 1. a, 2. b, point 1. b, 2. a, sign 1. a, 2. b

Exercise 2: see 1. d, 2. e, 3. a, 4. c, 5. b, catch 1. d, 2. c, 3. e, 4. a, 5. b, call 1. a, 2. c, 3. b

Expansion activity

Use your dictionary to find a verb with at least three different meanings. Write an example sentence for the three most common meanings.

_____ (verb)

Example sentence

Meaning

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| 1. _____ . | _____ |
| 2. _____ . | _____ |
| 3. _____ . | _____ |