#### 76 LISTENING COMPREHENSION

#### 14. Question: \_

- (A) The American History Museum.
- (B) The Smithsonian Arts and Industries Building.
- (C) The Washington Museum.
- (D) The National Air and Space Museum.

#### 15. Question:

- (A) To the White House.
- (B) To the Smithsonian.
- (C) To the mall.
- (D) To various other museums.

## WHILE LISTENING\_

### SKILL 25: DETERMINE THE TOPIC

As you listen to each talk in Listening Part C, you should be thinking about the topic (subject) or main idea for the talk (as you did in Listening Part B). Since the first sentence is generally a topic sentence, you should be asking yourself what the topic is while you are listening carefully to the first part of the talk.

Example

On the recording, you hear:

(man) The major earthquake that occurred east of Los Angeles in 1971 is still affecting the economy of the area today.

You think:

The topic of the talk is the effect of the 1971 earthquake on Los Angeles today.

**EXERCISE 25:** Listen to the first part of each of the talks, and decide on the topic of each talk.

Now begin the recording program at Exercise 25.

1. What is the topic of Talk 1?

2. What is the topic of Talk 2?

3. What is the topic of Talk 3?

## Skill 26: DRAW CONCLUSIONS ABOUT WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE

As you listen to each talk in Listening Part C, you should be trying to set the situation in your mind (as you did in Listening Part B). You should be thinking the following thoughts:

- Who is talking?
- When does the talk probably take place?
- Where does the talk probably take place?
- What course is the talk concerned with?
- What is the source of information for the talk?

Example		
On the recordin	g, you hear:	
(woman)	The next stop on our tour of Atlanta will be the original home of Coca-Cola, at 107 Marietta Street. Coca-Cola was manufactured at this location until early in September of 1888.	
You think:		

Who is probably talking? Where are they? When does the talk take place?

(a tour guide) (in Atlanta) (in the middle of a tour)

**EXERCISE 26:** Listen to the first part of each of the talks and try to imagine the situation. Then answer the questions in the text.

# Now begin the recording program at Exercise 26.

Talk 1 1. Who is probably talking?

> Where does the talk probably take place? When does the talk probably take place?

4. What course is being discussed?

Talk 2

2.

3.

1. Who is probably talking?

2. Where does the talk probably take place?

3. When does the talk probably take place?

4. What course is being discussed?

Talk 3

- 1. Who is probably talking?
- 2. Where does the talk take place?
- 3. When does the talk take place?

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