


Activity R3A: Dividing Sentences into Meaningful Parts

WARM-UP ACTIVITY

<p style="text-align: center;">Materials</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Longman Preparation Course for the TOEFL iBT® Test</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> iBT®, 3E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Activity Sheet R3A on page A 162</p>
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The purpose of this activity is to introduce **Reading Skill 3: RECOGNIZE PARAPHRASES**.

Before class:

Prepare handouts of Activity Sheet R3A on page A 162. You will need one handout for every two students.

In class:

1. Put students in pairs and give each pair a handout.
2. Explain that this skill involves simplifying the meanings of sentences and that the first step in this skill is to divide sentences into meaningful parts.
3. Ask students to work with their partners to divide the sentences into meaningful parts.
4. Discuss the answers with the class.

Possible answers

- (1) While the drinking of hot tea beverages has been around for at least five millennia / the sipping of the iced version of the drink / has been around for little more than a century.
- (2) The Tiffany diamond, / extracted from the Kimberley mines in South Africa in 1877, / is the largest flawless and perfectly colored canary, or yellow, diamond that has ever been mined.

- (3) The popcorn kernel has a hard shell with microscopic drops of water sealed inside / that, when heated above 212°F, / turns to steam and creates enough pressure to cause the hard shell to pop.
- (4) The conventional picture of class politics is composed of the Haves, / who favor stability to keep what they have, /and the Have-Nots, / / who want a touch of instability and change / in which to scramble for things they have not.
- (5) When the Empire State Building opened for business in 1931 during the Great Depression, / fewer than a quarter of the offices were occupied, / but building management turned on lights in many of the empty offices / so that no one would know how empty the building was,