

**Basic Translation Drill Answer Key** JUNE 2007, SECTION 2

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- 2.
- Labs bark a lot
  - Bernards don't
  - Rosa's dogs are half Lab, half Bernard
  - So Rosa's dogs are moderate barkers
- 3.
- Century = a life
  - End of century people behavior about century = end of life people behavior about the life
  - End of life people reflect on life
  - Similarly, end of century people \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4.
- Connorly Report says Oksen meals have no nutrition
  - Connorly Report = from Danto and report submitted to Danto before publication
  - Danto is Oksen's rival, so there's bias
  - So, Oksen meals are nutritious
- 5.
- Earth's temp went up 0.5 degrees this century
  - This happened because minor gases are blocking heat from leaving planet
- 6.
- Appointment to Exec Board needs undergrad and no felonies
  - Murray has undergrad, but also has felony
  - So Murray can't be Exec Administrator
- 7.
- Most adv moral motive = solely based on abstract prin
  - This is different from self-interest and desire to follow societal norms
- 8.
- Proponents of electric cars say once technical battery problems solved, electric cars widely used
  - Because no emissions, enviro problems from emissions will be gone
  - But charging the batteries will come from nuclear or coal, unless dam more rivers
  - Nuclear, damming, and coal cause enviro damage
  - So, electric cars \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9.
- Video game sales went up in past 3 years

- They will go down soon
- Historically, 3/4+ of video game sales are from 13-16 year olds
- There will be less 13-16 year olds over the next 10 years

**10.**

- Science should use double-blind whenever possible
- Double-blind stops misinterpretations from bias
- Scientists should try to stop misinterpretations

**11.**

- Common complaint = electronic damages intellectual skills from literary
- But before people complained that literary was damaging skills from oral (memory and eloquence)
- So the future is just alteration, not devolution

**12.**

- Say I promised to keep something secret and someone asks me a question that I can't truthfully answer without breaking that promise
- I can't both keep and break the promise
- So I can't be required to both keep all promises and answer all questions truthfully

**13.**

- Aluminum cans all have the same amount of aluminum
- 50% of aluminum in M came from L
- All of L was used for M
- Other material besides aluminum too small to matter
- So M has twice the cans as L

**14.**

- Milk heated to 50 degrees in microwave loses half its lysozyme
- Milk heated to 50 degrees with conventional source keeps its lysozyme
- So heat doesn't destroy lysozyme, microwaves do

**15.**

- Gov't policy developed to stop flu
- Annual vaccination of high risk (65+ and chronic diseases)
- Every year's vaccination will only cover most likely prevalent flu strain
- So every year high risk people will get vaccinated for different strain

**16.****TAYLOR**

- Researchers say 61% of info in conversation is non-verbal
- This (and all precise claims) = suspect

- Because precise claims can't be established by science

**SANDRA**

- We can get precision in some places and not in others
- Lots of science has precise results
- Shouldn't doubt results just because precise

**17.**

- At a nonprofit conference, computer experts said the biggest threat to large institutions is confidential data breaches
- We (hospital people) should make stopping confidential data breaches top priority

**18.**

- Modern science is about testing hypotheses
- This mean trying to show hypotheses are wrong
- Overthrowing conventional wisdom brings most recognition
- Unsurprising: some scientists are skeptical about accepted global warming predictions
- Remarkable: with a bunch of people trying to make breakthroughs, few find evidence against global warming

**19.**

- Land Party (LP) only won nationally in 1935
- Most support in rural, where most people lived
- Bad economy hit agriculture and small business hardest
- LP targeted those groups
- LP success happened from targeting those groups' concerns and the bad economy's impact on those groups

**20.**

- Muñoz says SHNA against new water system, says that means city is against too
- SHNA passed resolution against new water
- 25/350 voted, 10 in favor of new water
- 15 opposed are less than 1% of pop
- Shouldn't assume this is representative of Hopeville

**21.**

- Friends say I'm in for an accident because I drive sports car recklessly
- Minivans and larger sedans have lower accident rates than sports cars
- So trading in sports car for minivan would lower my accident risk

**22.**

- News media rarely covers local politics, most of it is secret
- This isolates local politicians from electorate

- This lowers the chance that resident participation will get a positive official response, which discourages participation

**23.**

- If expected to increase well-being, morally right
- Morally wrong if and only if expected to reduce well-being
- So if no change to well-being expected, morally right

**24.**

- Car companies ask consumers about human stuff (comfortable seat, easy controls)
- But designer interaction with consumers is better than surveys
- Data tells designer why a feature has low rating
- Data doesn't tell how feature needs to be changed for better rating

**25.**

- In 19<sup>th</sup> cent, French academy was major financial sponsor for sculpture and painting
- Less sponsorship by individuals
- Academy down on innovation, so no innovation in sculpture
- Painting had a ton of innovation

You just corrected your first Basic Translation Drill! Excite. But don't just do another one immediately! Take a moment to hone your strategy using the Basic Translation Drill Debrief on the next page.

## Basic Translation Drill DEBRIEF

Answer the following questions to identify areas for improvement in your reading. After you've answered each of these questions, check out the Basic Translation Drill Study Planner for advice on next study steps!

Improving your reading now will make your life a lot easier on the LSAT and in law school. When you get to law school and you're reading ten hours of cases every day, you'll be grateful to your past self for every minute you spent on this drill.



This debrief may feel tedious, but it is what will enable you to become a better reader. Each of the debrief questions corresponds to the most common issues I see when I look over students' Basic Translation Drills.

### READING

1. On a scale of 1 to 5, how was your comprehension of most stimuli on your first read through? (1 being no idea, 5 being perfect comprehension) \_\_\_\_\_
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Use the study planner on the next page to interpret the results of your debrief. Head to the next page to see what your next steps should be.

## Basic Translation Drill

### STUDY PLANNER

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6. How long did the drill take to complete in total?
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## PLAN

Each of the debrief questions points out a possible challenge you encountered in your Basic Translation Drill. Choose one challenge and make improvement on that specific challenge your mini-goal on your next Basic Translation Drill.

Write your mini-goal for your next Basic Translation Drill here:

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Debrief after each of your Basic Translation Drills to track your progress and experience better results moving forward!