

# STEPS TO MASTERING ACTIVE READING

## Step 2

### Step 2: Understand the Structure

Once we've found the purpose as discussed in Step 1, we'll have a better idea of the *structure* of the passage. The structure refers to the organization or layout of the passage. On the TOEFL, different types of questions will address different parts of the passage. If you are familiar with the types of structures on the TOEFL, you'll know where to look to find the information you need.

### What Is the Structure of a TOEFL Passage?

On the TOEFL, the passages will all follow a very similar structure, which will look like the following: