

## Reading Test

### 1. Read the texts below. Match choices A-H to the texts 1-5. There are three choices you do not need to use.

#### 5 tips for taking the perfect selfie on your travels

1 \_\_\_\_\_

One of the key things to think about when you're taking a travel selfie is to remember what's behind you. If you're taking a selfie with the Eiffel Tower, you don't want to place yourself where the tower looks like it's growing out of your head. Be mindful in a busy environment of other people in your shot. Just make sure you don't have anyone making any nasty hand gestures or pulling any funny faces. Trust me, you think you have the perfect shot then up pops a random tourist with their tongue out and ruins your picture – not a good look.

2 \_\_\_\_\_

If you want all of the Eiffel Tower or the Leaning Tower of Pisa in your shot, you may have to think about holding the camera lower down so that the angle faces up. It's something to be aware of when looking at taking portrait selfies with tall monuments or buildings. Be creative; try tilting the camera slightly to fit everything in and to ensure you capture the best image of you and the best background.

3 \_\_\_\_\_

There is nothing worse than taking a great selfie and then looking back at it and it's blurred and unclear. It can be difficult to keep the phone still and push the button on the screen at the same time. If it's possible, use your external button (depending on what phone you have). That way, you are not trying to do hand yoga with your camera while trying to take the image.

4 \_\_\_\_\_

Too many times I see pouting or over-posed selfies. In a travel selfie, we are trying to capture a memory. You might never get back to this special location again in your life, so the last thing you want is a picture of a wonderful moment and location with you pouting or pulling a funny face. Relax, smile naturally, and remember where you are. Take in the wonder of that special location and enjoy who and where you are at that time. The picture will reflect you, if you are truly natural and yourself.

5 \_\_\_\_\_

If you've managed to get the best light for your selfie, then in reality you won't need to edit it. Remember you are trying to take a picture that encapsulates the memory of your travel experience, so a lot of editing can actually make that memory completely different or false. If you feel a little extra saturation may be a help, or changing the image to black and white will help with over exposure, then these are the only things I would edit, along with a little cropping.

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| A | Don't over-edit                |
| B | Hold steady                    |
| C | Adjust angles                  |
| D | Enjoy the moment               |
| E | Remember about your background |
| F | Light it up                    |
| G | Avoid people                   |
| H | Relax wherever you are         |

### 2. Read the text below. Fill in gaps 1-6 with choices A-H. There are two choices you do not need to use.

### A great pirate

Born in 1780, Jean Lafitte, together with his brother, 1 \_\_\_\_\_. The Lafitte brothers earned a reputation for piracy because they sometimes attacked Spanish ships in the Gulf, but it was smuggling 2 \_\_\_\_\_. The local Governor Claiborne of Louisiana had been trying to imprison the heads of illegal smuggling operations, which included Lafitte, before the start of the war.

During the War of 1812, which saw the English fight against the United States, Lafitte was approached by the English. They planned to capture New Orleans and offered to 3 \_\_\_\_\_ and pay him \$30,000 for his services.

Pretending to think about taking the offer, Lafitte waited for the English to leave and then 4 \_\_\_\_\_. He offered to help protect Louisiana.

Claiborne, 5 \_\_\_\_\_ ignored the offer. Sometime after, an American warship attacked and destroyed Lafitte's base and captured 80 of his men.

Claiborne offered a \$500 reward 6 \_\_\_\_\_. When Lafitte saw this he made similar posters calling for the governor's capture and offering a bigger sum of \$5,000.

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| A | who refused to deal with criminals,               |
| B | make Lafitte a captain in the English navy        |
| C | did not like the idea                             |
| D | for the capture of Lafitte                        |
| E | made his fortune through smuggling and piracy     |
| F | position in the navy                              |
| G | told the local authority about the planned attack |
| H | that really made them rich                        |