

B1 READING TEST

1. Read the texts. For questions 1–8, choose the correct answer (A, B or C).

Hi Sarah

We don't have any milk or eggs in the fridge so I'll get some on my way home from work. Do you want me to buy anything else at the supermarket?

Jasmin

- A Jasmin wants Sarah to buy some milk.
- B Jasmin says she will go shopping later.
- C Jasmin wants Sarah to go to the supermarket.

NOTICE

The library information desk closes at 12:00 pm on Friday. If any students need help after this time, please go to the helpdesk in the computer centre on the second floor.

- A On Fridays no one is at the information desk.
- B Computer centre staff can help students on Friday afternoons.
- C The computer centre helpdesk is only open on Fridays.

Hi Jenny

I forgot that I have an appointment at the dentist on Wednesday morning, so I'd like to change our meeting time from 10.30 am to 3.30 in the afternoon? Is that okay with you?

Brad

- A Wednesday is not a good time for Brad to meet.
- B Brad wants Jenny to book him an appointment with the dentist.
- C Brad needs to meet Jenny at a different time.

Bookstore Special summer discounts:

- Students: Buy 2 exam practice books and get the second one half price
- Huge discounts on pens and notebooks
- Cookbook sale – save on books about cakes and desserts

- A Books for school tests are two for the price of one.
- B There are many different types of cookbooks on sale.
- C Customers can save a lot on writing products.

Hi Sami

Do you want to come to see the new Frank Tranter movie at the Metro cinema this weekend? Lisa is coming too. Let me know today so that I can buy the tickets tonight.

Richard

- A Richard wants Sami to come to the cinema with him today.
- B Richard is going to buy cinema tickets at the weekend.
- C Sami should decide if he wants to go to the cinema today.

Passenger information.

The ticket office is open from 6:00 am to 9:30 am. After this time, tickets are available from the machine on platform 1. The machines will accept cash and card payments.

- A The ticket office is closed most of the day.
- B The ticket machine only accepts card payments.
- C There is a ticket machine in the ticket office.

MESSAGE BOARD

FOR SALE: Laptop with bag for £85. It's about 2 years old, but it's in good condition. I'm selling it because my parents recently bought me a new one for my birthday. I'll add in some headphones for £100.
Julie_1999

- A Julie says the laptop is still working well.
- B The laptop was a present from Julie's parents.
- C The price includes a bag and some headphones.

Are you looking for a new type of holiday??
Why not come and stay on our farm in Australia?
It's free to stay, but everyone has to help out on
the farm for 4-5 hours a day. Email for more
information: ausfarm@mail.net

- A The farm has free accommodation for students.
- B The farm needs people to work there in summer.
- C The notice is for a working holiday on a farm.

2. Read the article about machines and inventions. Eight sentences have been removed from it. For questions 8–15, choose from the sentences (A–I) the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

Machines that make our lives easier

Machines and inventions have changed our lives a great deal, and generally for the better. (8) _____

(9) _____ This helped make office work easier. In the 1990s, people started using the internet and email. This completely changed how we access and store information, and how we communicate with other people.

(10) _____ They can just look things up on the internet and download articles. Office workers don't need to use the telephone or write letters as much nowadays either because they can do most things by email.

(11) _____

Another machine that changed our lives is the washing machine. In the past, it used to take many hours, or even days, to wash clothes. (12) _____ Nowadays, people can just put their dirty clothes in the machine. Some machines even dry the clothes, which means even less work in the home. (13) _____ Before electricity, people had to make fires, and heat food on these. Now, we can simply put things in a microwave, and they are cooked in just a few minutes.

(14) _____ These power vehicles like cars and buses. Can you imagine a time when you had to walk everywhere? That was what people had to do in the past. Unless you were lucky enough to have a horse, you had to go on foot for everything you needed. (15) _____ This has made our lives much better, although many people now don't walk enough.

- A Lastly, a machine that certainly makes many lives easier is the motor engine.
- B People started using computers in the 1970s and 1980s.
- C However, not all machines have helped to make our lives easier.
- D Cooking also took a long time in the past.
- E This article looks at some inventions and how they have changed the way we live.
- F Some workers even have meetings over the internet rather than in person.
- G Nowadays, students don't always need access to a physical library.
- H People had to heat water and then clean every item of clothing by hand, before drying them.
- I Nowadays, we can visit family in other towns, pick up our shopping at the supermarket, or travel to work or school quite easily.

3. Read about the weekend activities you can do at High Trees Park. For questions 9–15, decide which activity (A–H) would be the most suitable for each person (9–15).

A Nature photography

This is a class for people with no experience of taking wildlife photographs. You will learn how to take amazing pictures and which birds and animals to look out for in the park. You don't need an expensive camera – you can even use your smartphone!

B Gardener's talk

In this talk, Robert Granger, the park's gardener, will give some of his tips and advice. Robert has over 20 years' experience working in gardens all over the country. Come and chat to him about how to improve your gardening skills with both house plants and garden plants.

C Learn about trees

High Trees Park gets its name from the High Trees! But do you know what these trees are? Come and learn about these and all the other trees in the park from Dr Melanie Jones. Melanie is a biologist at City University and an expert in the plants and trees of the local area.

D Children's walk

It's important for children to learn about the natural world outside as well as in a classroom. This one-hour walk will explore the park's small animals and insects. It's suitable for children over seven years old and great for parents too.

E Summer plants

If you want to know about what to grow in your garden in the summer months, this talk is for you. Robert Granger, the park's head gardener, will show you some of the best flowers to grow. You will be able to buy some of these plants too.

F Yoga in the park

The park is a very relaxing space so it's perfect for doing yoga. There are two different classes on Saturday mornings, one for beginners at 9:00 am and the other at 1:00 pm for people who have done yoga before. The first class is also suitable for young people, but not children.

G Family fun run

High Trees Park is large enough to have several different park runs. Some are for adults, but this one on Sunday afternoons is for children as well. The route starts at the entrance and goes around the lake. It finishes at the café. It's a great way for adults and children to get some exercise together.

H Painting flowers

Have you ever wanted to learn how to draw or paint what you can see in your garden? If the answer is yes, then come to this class. It's perfect for people who haven't done anything artistic for a long time. You'll learn some basic skills and also learn about the plants and flowers growing in the park.



Amelia loves to grow and paint pictures of flowers. She's looking for some new ideas and she has some questions about one of her plants that isn't growing well. _____



Ben loves gardening and wants his children to learn more about nature. They are teenagers, so Ben thinks they are old enough to go to serious nature talks. _____



Hari has worked as a photographer for ten years. He would love to learn a new creative skill, but not something that is connected to his job. _____



Veronica wants to do something new with her teenage daughter. She is looking for something early in the morning to give them some energy for the day. _____



Sachiko is looking for a family activity for young children which involves some exercise and education but does not take too long. _____



Daria is a media student. She likes to create interesting pictures on her computer, and she is always taking photos on her mobile phone. _____



Eduardo is feeling unhealthy because he hasn't done much exercise for a long time. He wants to do something active, and maybe take his son with him. _____

