

ESB B1 Entry Level 3 Reading (Part One)

**You are going to read a text about a trip to Rome.
For questions 21 – 24, match the headings below (A – F) with the paragraphs.
There is ONE heading which you do not need. The first heading has been done as an example.**

A Trip to Rome

Example: F. The City of Love

Last month I spent four days in Rome with my husband and little boy. It was our fifth wedding anniversary so we wanted to relax, enjoy the food and spend time together. It was the perfect place for couples; although the city was busy, loud and full of traffic, it was beautiful and had the most romantic atmosphere. I had never been to the city before but my husband had travelled there when he was a student many years ago, and he knew that I would like it. He was right.

21.

After we checked into our hotel, we went for a short walk to the famous Roman monument, the Colosseum. I had only seen this on the internet and on TV so seeing it in front of me was spectacular. My little boy was more excited about getting an ice cream though! Rome is such an ancient city, with buildings and structures thousands of years old, as well as pretty fountains and squares. It is very crowded but that is only because it is so fascinating.

22.

We were in Rome in spring so it was a pleasant temperature: warm and sunny but not too hot. It must be extremely difficult to walk around the city streets in the summer time, when it can be very humid and reach 30 degrees or more. July is the hottest month but August is almost as hot and many shops close during this month. Local people go on their holiday to the coast where it is much cooler. I would say spring or autumn would be the best time to visit.

23.

Everyone knows that Italians love fashion and Rome has some of the best designer clothing shops in Italy. I could not afford to buy anything there but I enjoyed having a look in the windows! I preferred the street markets, which were the best places to get traditional Italian products, art, clothes and antiques, all at excellent prices. My favourite was Porta Potese Market. It only opens on Sunday mornings but is Rome's largest street market. We bought my son a lovely little handmade toy there, which reminds him of our trip.

24.

If you live in Europe, Rome is the perfect place for a short break, all year round. I think you really need at least three or four days to see everything, but even a weekend there can be enjoyable. I would recommend planning the trip though, especially if you do not have much time. My advice is to buy tickets for the tourist attractions online. We forgot to do this and frequently had to stand in long queues! Despite the crowds, Rome is a city you should not miss!

- A What's the Weather Like?**
- B A Good Place for Souvenirs**
- C A City with a Lot of History**
- D Popular with Tourists**
- E Preparation is Important**
- F Example: The City of Love**

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

For questions 25 – 30, decide whether the sentences below are TRUE (T) or FALSE (F), according to the text.

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| 25. This was the writer's first time in Rome. | True / False |
| 26. The trip was to celebrate her birthday. | True / False |
| 27. Her son was very interested in the architecture. | True / False |
| 28. In August the shops stay open later than usual. | True / False |
| 29. She did not buy any designer clothes. | True / False |
| 30. They often had to wait for a long time to buy tickets. | True / False |

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.

ESB B1 Entry Level 3 Reading (Part Two)

You are going to read a text about someone starting a new drinks business. For questions 31 – 35, choose the correct answer A, B, C or D.

A New Drinks Business

Kara Goldin had enjoyed diet cola for many years. She thought that if she was buying drinks without any sugar in them, she was making the correct choice for her health. However, in 2001, she started to notice that drinking three litres of diet drinks daily was making her feel exhausted, giving her spots, and she was putting on weight. Even though there was no sugar in them, the caffeine and other chemicals in these drinks did not seem very good for her at all.

Later that same year, Kara decided to completely change her lifestyle so she left her stressful job at the technology company, Google, to stay at home and look after her four children. She also gave up drinking fizzy drinks and drank only water instead. In just two and a half weeks she noticed positive changes to her body. Her skin became clearer, her energy returned and she lost more than 9kg. However, drinking only plain water soon became very boring. To make it more interesting, she began adding fruit to the water, such as strawberries and raspberries. It was delicious and healthy.

Kara looked for a similar type of drink already in the shops and online, but she could not find one anywhere. This gave her the idea to start her own drinks business. If she could make a drink that was tastier than water but healthier than sugary drinks, then she might be very successful. In 2005, Kara started her company 'Hint', making bottled water flavoured with natural fruit and nothing else. She persuaded a local supermarket to try her new Hint drink product. She gave them a few boxes and they sold out in only 24 hours. The supermarket bought more and Hint became one of their best-selling products. Kara knew her idea must be a good one.

However, Hint was still not making enough money. Kara knew she must sell the drink to much bigger companies. She contacted the manager from her previous job at Google and told him about her business idea. He bought some bottles of Hint for his employees and it was so popular that Google began to fill their fridges with it regularly. Soon other technology companies heard about the drink and did the same. Now Kara manages a very successful business that makes more than £81 million a year and employs 200 workers. Hint can now be bought in 26 different flavours and is sold all over the USA. There are now plans to sell it in other countries around the world. Kara has become a rich successful businesswoman all because she gave up diet cola!

- 31. The writer says that in 2001 Kara**
A. drank diet drinks regularly.
B. did not like fizzy drinks.
C. first started drinking diet drinks.
D. drank sugary drinks occasionally.
- 32. Later in 2001 Kara**
A. started working for Google.
B. began to feel better.
C. decided to eat more fruit.
D. enjoyed drinking plain water.
- 33. According to the text,**
A. Hint contained sugar, fruit and water.
B. Kara sold a lot of her drink online.
C. a supermarket sold 24 bottles of Hint.
D. Hint was immediately popular.
- 34. The writer says that**
A. Kara became a manager at Google.
B. Kara sold her drink to more shops.
C. Google employees enjoyed Hint drinks.
D. Hint made lots of money straight away.
- 35. According to the writer,**
A. Kara is not working anymore.
B. Hint drinks will be sold in 26 countries.
C. a lot of people work at Hint now.
D. Hint drinks are available outside America.

Remember to transfer your answers to the optical mark form.