

## READING TASK

## ACTIVITY 1 DAILY HOROSCOPE

Read the following texts taken from a DAILY HOROSCOPE. For each of the sentences (1-10) choose the correct text (A - G). Each text can be joined to MORE THAN ONE sentence.



**A ♈ Aries** Someone who is known for being unusually outgoing is going to surprise you today when they visit you and suggest some exciting ideas. You have the right to feel the way you feel -- but don't get too chatty about it today. Not everyone else needs to know your every last opinion. Today, do not confuse honesty with over-sharing.

**B ♉ Taurus** Now that you've already done most of the things in your 'have to do' list, thinking what to do next might seem like a difficult proposition. But there is a good way to get started. Spend some time learning about the passions of the people you respect, and you just might land upon your next big thing.

**C ♊ Gemini** It's time for you to think about your physical and emotional state. Make sure you're working out hard enough- it's not only good for your body, it's also good for your soul. Keeping yourself active and sending endorphins all through your body is a great way to feel well. Plus, it'll make you look better in your clothes!

**D ♋ Cancer** Be careful how you express yourself right now. Today requires you to have a smooth, objective behaviour - try to keep cheerful and confident no matter what goes around you. If you can stay loose and laid-back inside, everything will be just fine. Not a good day to play lottery though...

**E ♌ Virgo** It's important for you to value others and listen to what they have to say -- even if you didn't ask for their opinion. If you hear their words without getting defensive, you will soon understand that what they are telling you makes an awful lot of sense! You are probably going to realize your past mistakes, and this will enable you to make a lot of progress in one of your troubled relationships.

**F ♐ Libra** Your latest idea for a party or other type of social event is something that your mates need to know about as soon as possible! These are sure to excite your friends and loved ones, and they will be looking forward to helping you make this great idea even greater. Make it a collaboration and you'll make things sweeter.

**G ♑ Scorpio** One of your friends or co-workers has been giving you mixed messages for some weeks. Before you lose your patience, stop and realize that you can clear everything up quickly by just demanding direct answers! By not saying anything you're making things too complicated. Today might be one of those days when get-togethers should be avoided. This is a great day for a quiet night alone.

1 Someone unreserved will turn up	
2 They should pick up other people's tips	
3 It would not be bad to zip your lips today	
4 The wheel of fortune will not be on their side	
5 Some activity will build up their self-confidence	
6 They should look as if everything was agreeable	

7 Perhaps a gathering will not be the best plan today	
8 They have managed to carry out almost all their duties	
9 Things will be easier if they are straightforward in their conversations	
10 Some of their friends will most probably get involved in a pleasant task	

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## ACTIVITY 2 POLAR BEAR MAKES THE LIST

Read the text below and choose the correct option (A, B or C) for each gap (1-10). Only ONE answer is correct.

In spring 2008, the polar bear was placed on the endangered species list. According to the Endangered Species Act, an endangered species is an animal that is likely to face extinction in its natural habitat. Polar bears have been categorized as a "threatened" species. The ESA defines a threatened species as one that is likely to become "endangered" 1 | the near future.

The polar bear is the first animal that has been classified as endangered 2 | of the global warming. Global warming is caused 3 | carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases that become trapped in the atmosphere. Heating homes, driving cars, and burning garbage all require fossil fuels that lead to global warming.

The polar bear's habitat is 4 | vulnerable to global warming than many other species. Polar bears live mainly on the sea ice in the Arctic. This is 5 | they hunt for fish and build up fat reserves. When the ice melts many polar bears move to land and live thanks to the fat they keep in their bodies. In the Arctic, global warming is causing the ice to melt slightly earlier and form slightly later. This results in a shorter feeding season for the polar bear. Some risk their lives to find ice. 6 | they have to swim too far, they will die in the water from exhaustion and hunger. The World Wildlife Fund estimates that 25% of the Arctic sea ice has disappeared in the past 30 years.

It is not only the polar bear that is at risk in the Arctic. Every species of plant, animal, and insect is threatened by global warming. Nevertheless, environmentalist groups such as the World Wildlife Fund often study large carnivores 7 | find changes in the health of the ecosystem.

The Arctic food chain relies on the polar bear. In addition, donations are more commonly offered for the protection of large animals such as bears or elephants. People in general are less interested in conservation efforts that protect small wildlife, such as plants or insects. 8 | by using charity money to protect the habitat of the larger animals (e.g. reforestation programs), entire ecosystems can be protected.

It is important that animals such as the polar bear appear on the endangered species list. Once they are on the list there are laws that protect these animals from 9 | hunted for food or sport. Agencies also receive money and tools to protect the habitat and recover the species. The goal of removing the animal from the list is often achievable. 10 | the Endangered Species Act was introduced in the US in 1973, many species have been taken off the list due to increased populations. In fact, it is rare for a species to go extinct after they are included in the list. Sadly many species do go extinct while waiting for consideration.

1	A) at	B) in	C) on
2	A) due	B) because	C) result

3	A) by	B) thanks to	C) with
4	A) less	B) more	C) most
5	A) where	B) here	C) why
6	A) Even	B) Yet	C) If
7	A) for	B) in order to	C) so
8	A) Although	B) However	C) while
9	A) having	B) been	C) being
10	A) Before	B) Since	C) When

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## LISTENING TASK

## ACTIVITY 1 ROCK'N'ROLL GRANDADS

Listen to a radio programme on music. For questions 1-10 choose the **BEST** answer A, B, or C according to what is said in the programme. Only **ONE** answer is correct.



1. The Rolling Stones members...
2. The speaker would feel embarrassed if ...
3. Paul McCartney's new record...
4. John Lydon...
5. Most bands...
6. The audience...
7. In other parts of the world...
8. Asha Bhosle...

9. Asha Bhosle became well-known...

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10. The pop and rock audience...

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## ACTIVITY 2 THE BILINGUAL EXPERIENCE

You will hear Margaret Bray talking about what it is like to raise a bilingual child. Complete each of the sentences below with NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS.

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1. Margaret Bray is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ speaker of English who is married to a German
2. The first tip Margaret gives is that parents should never \_\_\_\_\_ when raising a child bilingually
3. Some people feel it is \_\_\_\_\_ to speak a different language when they are with other people
4. For Margaret, speaking to children in two languages is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ for them
5. Margaret says that it is not \_\_\_\_\_ for children to speak only to adults in the other language
6. Margaret mentions the case of some friends who are trying to raise their children bilingually and live in the same \_\_\_\_\_ as her.
7. Being bilingual is easier if the \_\_\_\_\_ is the mother, instead of the father
8. Children usually spend more time with the mother, so they have the opportunity of \_\_\_\_\_ her language more easily
9. Children are usually more \_\_\_\_\_ to their mother's language than to their father's because they spend more time with her
10. Margaret's daughters like being able to speak English because German people are \_\_\_\_\_ by English in their everyday lives

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## WRITING TASK

### ACTIVITY 1 AN EMAIL GIVING INFORMATION

You have decided to rent out your house/flat for the summer holidays.

Someone has contacted you asking for more information. Answer giving a full description of your house/flat (type, rooms, furniture, style, the area, local services...)



**ACTIVITY 2 Top Celebrations in Spain**

A travel guide you like wants to publish a column entitled 'Top Celebrations in Spain'. You want to make a contribution. Write your contribution describing your favourite Spanish celebration.

SPEAKING TASK

In this part of the test we are going to ask some questions that you are expected to answer. Try not to use monosyllabic answers, but to build up your responses; please show interest and take active part in this task.



1<sup>st</sup> question **i?**

Answer |

2<sup>nd</sup> question **i?**

Answer |

3<sup>rd</sup> question **i?**

Answer |

4<sup>th</sup> question **i?**

Answer |

5<sup>th</sup> question **i?**

Answer |

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