



## Reading comprehension 4th adolescents - Midterm 2023

### 1) Read the text below

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# The blog for teens by teens

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There's lots for teenagers to do at home and abroad! Trying new things like these is a great way to become more independent, explore your own interests and learn about other places and cultures. Here are just a few ideas.

What about going to a festival? Camp Bestival and Larmer Tree are really teen-friendly. Camp Bestival has *The Den*, a dedicated area for 13-17 year olds, with music, DJs, workshops and activities – no adults allowed! The three-day Larmer Tree Festival has an excellent Youth Zone where you can chill out. I'd also recommend the Citadel Festival in London, which is a one-day event, so it's an ideal first-time festival.

What could be better than hiking in beautiful places? The Youth Hostels Association (YHA) has over 200 places to stay in England and Wales, usually in shared rooms – over 750,000 under 18s stayed overnight last year. Last summer, I went youth hostelling for four days with a group of friends in the Peak District. We stayed each night at a different youth hostel, cooked all our own meals in the kitchen facilities and hiked during the day. Annual membership for under 26s is only £5 and you get discounts on coach travel as well as accommodation. A one-night stay costs less than £20, so it's a bargain.

If you fancy travelling, there are plenty of group tours for teens! You don't have to organise anything – apart from booking it! There are adults to help you, but you get a lot of freedom to do what you want. Some tours even include volunteer programmes, language programmes or specialities such as photography, so there's something for everyone. One thing's sure – they're a great way of travelling overseas and meeting lots of other young people.

If you're looking for a great option for independent travelling, then try InterRailing. My older sister has been travelling around Europe for three months now and she loves it! You can get a Global InterRail Pass which gives you discounts on train travel in up to 30 European countries. If you just want to explore a single country in more depth, then get the One Country Pass – at around 36 euros it's great value for money. There are lots of websites where you can find cheap accommodation to make this another reasonably-priced holiday.

**2) Decide if each statement is correct (A) or incorrect (B)**

- 1- At Camp Bestival, 18 year olds are allowed into The Den. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2- People of all ages can go to the Larmer Tree Festival. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3- The writer advises teenagers not to go to the Citadel Festival. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- You can stay in YHA accommodation in only two countries in Britain. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5- When the writer went youth hostelling, she and her friends ate out. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6- If you join the YHA, you can also travel more cheaply by coach. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7- Staying for one night in any YHA hostel costs just 13 pounds. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8- If you go on tour for teens, you have to take part in a volunteer programme. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9- There is an InterRail which allows you to visit as many as 30 countries \_\_\_\_\_
- 10- The writer thinks that the One Country Pass is expensive. \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Find words and phrases 1-8 in the text and the match them to the definitions a-h**

- 1- independent (adj) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2- chill out (phr verb) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3- facilities (n) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4- accommodation \_\_\_\_\_
- 5- bargain (n) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6- specialities (n) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7- overseas (adj) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8- value for money (n phrase) \_\_\_\_\_

- a) to spend time relaxing
- b) a place for someone to stay
- c) a good price for what you get
- d) particular subjects
- e) not relying on other people for anything
- f) in countries over the sea from where you live, abroad
- g) something you buy that costs less than usual
- h) things such as a room or equipment provided for people to use