

IELTS – READING

QUESTION TYPE:

Diagram Labelling



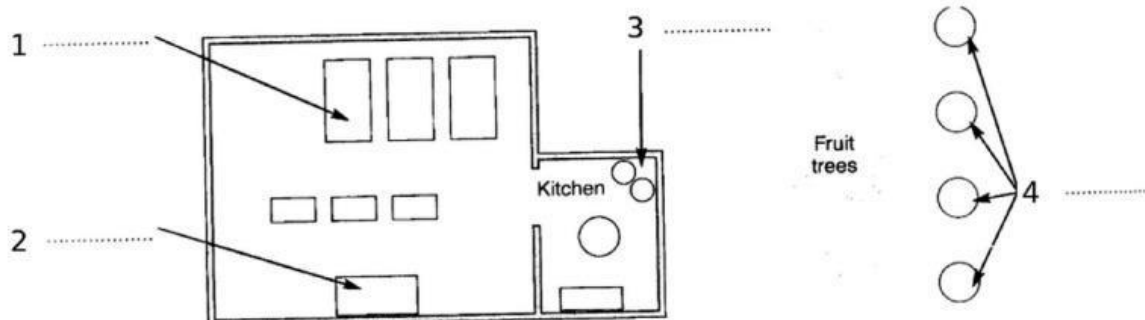
EXAM ADVICE:

- **Step 1: Read the instruction carefully** to check **how many words** you can write.
- **Step 2: Study the diagram** and try to understand what is happening generally. Don't spend too much time doing this. Underline **keywords** or **labels** in the diagram.
- **Step 3: Identify the types of words required** and try to **predict the answer**.
- **Step 4: Scan** the passage and **identify** where the information is located.
- **Step 5: Read in more detail** to find the answer.
- **Step 6: Check spellings**.

Exercise 1: Label the diagram below: Choose NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS from the passage for each answer.

Zinacantan

The rural village of Zinacantan, situated high in the hills of southern Mexico, is inhabited by people descended from the ancient Mayans. The villages of this area are unique and interesting in terms of their traditions and lifestyle. A typical house has only two rooms: one large room, which serves as both a living room and a bedroom, and a small kitchen leading off this room. A typical home would have a row of beds along one wall, and three or four chairs in the middle of the room from which the family can watch the television. In the kitchen there is an open fire in the centre of the room, a bench for grinding corn and two large storage bins in the corner. A wide variety of crops are cultivated on the surrounding land, including herbs near the kitchen, and fruit trees beyond this. On the outer edge of the property the family would grow sugar cane.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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Sentence Completion 	• Step 1: Check the word limit in the question and underline key words of the sentences and prepare possible paraphrasing • Step 2: Predict the type of information in each blank • Step 3: Scan the text for the key words or paraphrasing • Step 4: Locate the answer and read the surrounding sentences carefully • Step 5: Identify the actual answer • Step 6: Check the answer in terms of grammar, spelling, and word limit

Exercise 2: Answer the questions below. Choose **NO MORE THAN THREE WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

From the earliest times, people have devised highly ingenious methods for conserving water where it is scarce. In the Sahara in Africa, where two-thirds of the sparse population live in permanent settlements, many of the oases that provide natural supplies of water have been enlarged by human industry. In some places, gently sloping channels called foggaras run below the surface, collecting ground water that flows to a central oasis. In other places, artesian wells are used to irrigate date palms and other crops that grow in the shade they provide. In Egypt, only one per cent of all water enters the domestic supply. The remainder is used to irrigate farm crops.

5. Where do many people in the Sahara have their homes? _____
6. What water sources in the Sahara have people developed? _____
7. What land constructions are used for irrigation purposes in the Sahara? _____
8. Which African crop is mentioned? _____
9. How much of the water in Egypt is used by people in their homes? _____