

# Cambridge English: KEY (KET) Reading and Writing Parts

## 1. Reading part 1: understanding messages

PAY WHAT YOU CAN  
FOR YOUR COFFEE  
  
OR NOTHING  
IF YOU ARE **HOMELESS**

1)

- A) Some people get free coffee here.
- B) Nobody pays for coffee here.
- C) They don't serve coffee here.

CHICKEN SOUP  
  
JUST ADD  
**BOILING** WATER

2)

- A) You have to boil this chicken soup before eating.
- B) This soup is ready to eat from the packet.
- C) You can't eat this if you don't have any hot water.

**WARNING**  
  
**HOT SURFACE**

3)

- A) This surface is not dangerous.
- B) If you touch this it will hurt.
- C) Some people leave their groceries here

DO NOT PUT FOOD  
  
DOWN THE DRAIN

4)

- A) Be careful what you put here.
- B) You have to put your leftovers here.
- C) This is not the place to throw dirty water away.

Molly,  
Sam has lost his keys, so I have  
given him yours. He'll give them  
back to you tonight. I'll be here to let  
you in when you get back from work.  
Mum

WASH YOUR HANDS  
BEFORE  
COOKING IN THIS  
KITCHEN

5)

- A) Mum has Molly's keys.
- B) Sam has something that belongs to Molly.
- C) Molly will let mum in after work.

6)

- A) People who want to cook here must do something first.
- B) Nobody is allowed to cook here.
- C) Only some people can cook here.

## 2. Reading part 2: three texts with questions

### Dancing

#### A - Paul

I have always wanted to learn to dance, but I never told anyone about it because I thought my friends would laugh at me. They don't think dancing is for real boys, not like rugby or football. The other day we had a visit at school from a salsa dancer who needed a volunteer and she chose me. She showed me some of the footwork, and I enjoyed it so much I decided to join her club.

#### B - Alexia

I go to a really strict school, and we have loads of homework every day. When I finish studying, I'm usually exhausted, and there's only one way for me to relax, I go dancing. I belong to a special dance club and we do modern dance where we create our own movements depending on how we feel. Within a few minutes of starting, all my stress disappears and I feel great.

#### C - Sandra

My older sister has been dancing for a few years and belongs to a line dancing club. This is where loads of people dance together as a group to some really exciting country music. I sometimes go along to watch, but I've never had the courage to join in. People ask me to get involved, but I can't do it, even though I really want to. Then when I go home, I do all the steps in my bedroom, because I feel better when I'm alone.

### QUESTIONS

1) Who is encouraged by people to do an activity?

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

2) Who prefers to dance with nobody around?

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

3) Who kept something secret from their friends?

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

4) Who uses dance to relieve stress?

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

5) Whose family member dances in a group?

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

6) Who invents their own dance moves?

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

7) Who was asked to help in an activity?

- ☐ A
- ☐ B
- ☐ C

### **3. Reading part 3: long text with multiple choice questions**

#### **Hurricane Harvey**

Houston, Texas, is the fourth-largest city in the United States, and recently, it was hit by a hurricane.

Hurricane Harvey made landfall on August 25. It began as a Category 4 storm, with wind speeds reaching 130 miles per hour. Then Harvey lost steam and became a tropical storm. But it stayed over Houston.

In August, rising waters forced many Texas residents to leave their homes when nearly 52 inches of rain fell in the city. That set a record, and the rain led to major flooding. Roads and bridges were washed out, and highways turned into rivers.

Cleanup couldn't begin until the water went away. Meanwhile, many people were without homes, and about 30,000 people waited in shelters after Harvey hit.

*The Herald*



## Questions

1) In the US, there are

- A) 3 bigger cities than Houston.
- B) 4 bigger cities than Houston.
- C) no bigger cities than Houston.

2) Hurricane Harvey hit Texas

- A) after the summer.
- B) in the summer.
- C) before the summer.

3) Once the hurricane made landfall

- A) it became stronger.
- B) it stayed as strong as before.
- C) it lost strength.

4) As time went on, the hurricane

- A) went out to sea.
- B) stayed where it was.
- C) moved to another part of the US.

5) The amount of rain that fell in Texas

- A) was more than 52 inches.
- B) was 52 inches.
- C) had never fallen before.

## 4. Reading part 4: text with multiple choice gaps

### Thanksgiving

Many people (1)  in the United States, and they came from all over the world. Native American tribes lived here (2) , and then the Pilgrims sailed to America in 1620. They met a Native American tribe called the Wampanoags, who (3)  the Pilgrims live. They taught the Pilgrims how to grow corn, and this helped them (4) . The two groups did not, however, always get along, but they came (5)  in 1621. They had a feast which (6)  for three days, and that was the first Thanksgiving.

(1)  
A live  
B visit  
C appear

(2)  
A one  
B first  
C unique

(3)  
A helped  
B guided  
C supported

(4)  
A mature  
B grow  
C survive

(5)  
A united  
B together  
C bonded

(6)  
A lasted  
B repeated  
C ended

## 5. Reading part 5: text with gaps

Dear Doug and Grace,

I want to thank you (1)  letting me stay in your lovely home. It (2)  really great to see you both again. Here are all the photographs (3)  your family that I took. I think (4)  are really good. I hope you like (5) . Next week I am going to visit my sister in New York, and (6)  take a lot of photos there, too.

Thanks again,

Love,

Nigella

Read this note from your friend.

## 6. Writing part 1: write a message

I went to a party last week where we sang along with karaoke. Have you ever done karaoke? Do you like singing?

Write your friend a note and answer the questions.

Use **25 words** or more.

## 7. Writing part 2: write a story based on pictures

A2 Key (KET) Writing part 2: write a story based on pictures



Look at the three pictures. Write the story shown in the pictures.  
Write **35 words** or more.