

Cambridge English: B1 Preliminary (PET)

Reading part 1: signs and short texts

Ken,
I need you to repair the window in Garry's room. It doesn't close very well. If you could do it before you go to work that would be great. I've left the tools you'll need on the kitchen table.
Dad,

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- A) Garry has to repair his window.
- B) Ken damaged Garry's window.
- C) Dad has some work for Ken.

NO PETS ALLOWED
IN THIS AREA
EXCEPT FOR GUIDE DOGS

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- A) Some animals are allowed here.
- B) These people train guide dogs.
- C) This is where to leave your pet dog when you go shopping.

WE ONLY SELL
FREE RANGE EGGS

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- A) This company has free eggs.
- B) This company sells special eggs.
- C) This company doesn't sell eggs anymore.

Email To: Class 3

From: Mr. Stephens

We have organised a trip to the local horse riding club on Saturday the 16th. If anyone doesn't wish to come, please get in touch with me before Thursday, so I can calculate how many horses we will need.

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- A) Mr. Stephens runs a horse riding club.
- B) Mr. Stephens teaches horse riding.
- C) Mr. Stephens needs some information.

PLEASE CLEAN
THE BOARD
WHEN YOU LEAVE
THE CLASSROOM

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- A) People are being asked to clean up after using something.
- B) You should leave a note on the board in the classroom before you leave.
- C) The boards here are particularly dirty.

Reading part 2: match 5 people to 8 texts

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

A - EQUESTRIAN WEEKEND

This equestrian event will bring together the best jockeys and horses to take place in dressage and jumping demonstrations. Saturday and Sunday evening. Pony rides available for children aged 5 to 12.

B - ICE SPECTACULAR

A musical show on ice starring the world championship skater Jack Williams. Amazing effects and music - only this Saturday. Afternoon and evening shows available.

C - TELETOWER OPEN DAY

The telecommunications tower, the tallest building in the city, is opening its doors to the public this weekend. Travel in the glass elevator to the top of the building for some amazing views of the city.

D - ROCKET RACES

Come and compete or watch the competition, which takes place this weekend over three days. International teams compete to race their virtual cars to the finish line. Suitable for computer lovers who love speed and special effects.

E - KATIE JACKSON

If you love Indie music, this is an event not to be missed! Katie Jackson presents her new album at the Riverside Concert Hall on Saturday and Sunday.

F - GRAFFITI ART

Graffiti is a form of art that fascinates young people and is becoming more and more popular in today's world. The Banksy Gallery presents its new collection of graffiti art this weekend.

G - BOAT RACE

A boat race with a difference! Make your own boats out of recycled materials and race them in the lake. Children and adult categories. Takes place on Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m.

H - THE GAMES FESTIVAL

Learn all about the newest board games available and come and try them out at The Games Festival this weekend. Open from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Suitable for all ages. Games for everyone!

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QUESTIONS - Kids

1 - **Gina** has her own boat and goes sailing when she can. She is going shopping with her mother on Saturday and would like to take her to see a view of the city from high up. Her mother is a keen photographer and likes taking pictures of city landscapes.

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3 - **The Locke family** are looking for a suitable event for this weekend. They want something for all the family and particularly enjoy playing games together. They aren't keen on computers and need something that is open all day.

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5 - **Noa and her sister** are free on Saturday afternoon and they want to see a show in town. They love anything to do with music and sports and are particularly interested in winter sports as they both love skiing.

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2 - **Harry and his friends**, who are members of the school equestrian team, are total Katie fans, and have heard that she will be in town this weekend. They want tickets for her concert as they love her music.

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4 - **Kaitlin** is an avid artist and has heard that there is a great exhibition in town. She loves different kinds of art, especially modern art. She loves helping her brother make rockets.

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Reading part 3: text multiple choice questions

HYPNOTISM

We have all seen those cartoons where the crazy scientists hypnotize someone with a swinging watch and their eyes become strange and they do anything the scientist tells them to do. But that's not how hypnotism really works. Doctors now use hypnotism to help people with problems, like giving up smoking.

Franz Mesmer, an Austrian scientist, first introduced the idea of hypnotism. He believed that a hypnotist had special powers that could be used to control other people. This effect was called mesmerism. Early ideas about magicians, swinging watches, and hypnotism probably came from him, because he had a very active imagination, and he saw himself as a magician.

Today, scientists see hypnotism in a different way. They think it's a natural state of deep focus and relaxation. During hypnosis, someone shuts out other things, focusing intently only on one thing. When we read a book, watch a movie, or drive a car, we're in a sort of hypnosis, because we concentrate strongly on that activity.

During hypnosis, people are usually more relaxed and more creative. It is also very easy to convince them to do something. That means, they are more open to ideas and requests, but only if they are happy with the requests. The mind avoids all other things and the person can focus completely on what the scientist is asking them to do.

Doctors use hypnosis to help people deal with pain, or if they have had an accident. Women have used it while having their babies, to help them to control the pain. People have found that it helps to stop bad habits, such as smoking, or to get a better night's sleep.

There are a lot of ideas about hypnotism which are not correct. Some people think you can get a person to do anything when they are hypnotized, but that is not true. During hypnosis, people are more willing to listen and respond to ideas, but they still have control over their actions. They won't do something that they really don't want to do, because their brain will not let them be controlled.

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QUESTIONS

1) Some people

- A) use hypnotism with their friends and family.
- B) like to hypnotize themselves.
- C) have the wrong idea of hypnotism.
- D) are scared of hypnotism.

3) Hypnotism

- A) is considered dangerous by scientists.
- B) is avoided by doctors.
- C) is sometimes used by religious leaders.
- D) is actually quite natural.

2) Hypnotism first appeared

- A) in Egypt.

4) Difficult people

- A) are easier to convince with hypnotism.

- B) with someone from Austria.
- C) with the Chinese.
- D) in India.

- B) cannot be hypnotized.
- C) become aggressive when hypnotized.
- D) should avoid hypnotism

5) What would be a good introduction to this article?

- A) Hypnosis can be used in many different ways but beware, it will make you do things that you don't really want to do.
- B) Hypnosis helps you listen and respond to ideas. It can be used in many ways to help break bad habits, to relax or to ease pain.
- C) Franz Mesmer was the first person to use hypnosis as a way of controlling people and making them do everything he said.
- D) In this text, Franz Mesmer, an Austrian scientist, explains his method for hypnotizing people and the outcomes that can be achieved.

Reading part 4: choose the correct sentence to put in the gaps

The Trojan War

The Trojan War was a famous war that was fought because prince Paris of Troy took Queen Helen, the wife of the king of Sparta in Greece, back to Troy with him, because they were in love. When the Spartan king found this out, he demanded that Queen Helen return to Greece.

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So, he sent his army to fight the Trojans to get her back.

Troy was very powerful and it had a wall that went all around the city so that invaders could not attack the houses inside. If someone came up to the wall, the Trojan army used to shoot arrows at them. They felt very safe behind their wall.

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That's why they were not afraid when the Greek army arrived.

The Greeks had wanted to invade Troy for many years, but this was impossible because of the wall. Now, trying to get Helen back, they faced this impossible wall again, when one of the Greek generals had a brilliant idea. He realized how he could trick the Trojans to let them into the city.

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Then they could fight them and get Helen back.

He told his men to build a huge horse made of wood, but empty inside. The horse was very beautiful and very heavy. Then he told some of his soldiers to hide inside, and the rest of the army pretended to give up and leave. The trojans thought they had won and took the beautiful horse into their city.

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The Greeks hid quietly inside the horse.

Later that night, when everyone was sleeping, the Greek soldiers who had been hiding, came out and opened the city gates to let their army into Troy.

(5 _____)

The Greeks killed all the enemy soldiers and won the battle of Troy. The Trojan horse became famous for being a very clever trick.

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Sentences

- A She had had many wars with them.
- B Then they had a party to celebrate.
- C She refused to leave and go back to him.
- D They had never lost a battle since they had built it.
- E They quietly came in and took control of the city.
- F She was his only daughter.
- G He knew how he could get them to open their gates.
- H She didn't love him anymore.

Reading part 5: read a text and choose missing words

Milk

Milk is a white liquid made by many (1) _____ animals. Newborn (2) _____ have no teeth. That is why they must be given milk before they can eat (3) _____ food. Milk has many nutrients to help babies (4) _____ and be healthy. It is also a rich (5) _____ of calcium which is good for your bones and teeth. If milk is not kept cold in a refrigerator, it goes bad after some (6) _____.

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- (1)
A eve
B feminine
C female
D dame

- (2)
A dwarves
B children
C kids
D babies

- (3)
A solid
B hard
C rough
D heavy

- (4)
A expand
B rise
C increase
D grow

- (5)
A beginning
B source
C spring
D origin

- (6)
A hour
B year
C time
D age

Reading part 6: read and write words in the gaps

Book Review

"Join Me" by Helen Wheeler and Jackie Townsend

When I first heard that my two favorite authors were going to write a book together, I was really excited. Now I have read the book, and although I found it enjoyable to read, I think that of the authors writes better on her own.

The story was a young woman who hires a man to become her boyfriend in order to get her dream job. She did this after finding out that the boss preferred to hire people were married or in a relationship as he considered them reliable. But to be honest, I found the situation rather unbelievable, as I don't think bosses can select employees that way these days. I tell you what happened as that would spoil the story for you. I'll just say that I was reading the book, I predicted what would happen. However, my prediction was wrong, and the ending was a pleasant surprise.