

Useful Vocabulary

for Practice Test 3 Reading

Reading - Part 1

participate (v) take part or become involved in something

staffroom (n) a special room in a company, factory, school, office that is used by staff or workers

customer service (n) the department of a company that answers customers' questions and provides them with information about any problem that they might have



postage (n) the amount of money that you pay in order to send letters and parcels by post

originally (adv) at first

essential (adj) completely necessary or needed

Reading - Part 2

space (n) the empty area outside the Earth's atmosphere



exploration (n) searching something and finding out about it

finest (n) of very good quality, the best example of its type

global (adj) including the whole world



artwork (n) the paintings, diagrams, photographs, etc that are used in a book, magazine etc.

institution (n) a large organisation, such as a university, bank or hospital

dodo (n) a large bird that could not fly and no longer exists

earthquake (n) a sudden movement of the earth's surface



crystal (n) a piece of a substance that has formed a regular shape after it has become solid

hands-on (adj) something obtained by doing rather than by reading about it or by watching others people

educational (adj) relating to education

virtual reality (n) images and sounds that are produced by a computer in order to represent a place or a situation that someone can take part in

anytime (adv) whenever, without having to decide or agree a specific time

entire (adj) every part of something, whole

curiosity (n) something interesting, rare and unusual

Reading - Part 3

gardening (n) the activity of working in a garden, taking care of the plants and making it look attractive



express (v) to show your feelings, opinions etc

pathway (n) a path or a track that you can walk along

come out to become known to people

seed (n) a small object produced by a plant and from which, when planted, a new plant of the same type can grow

personality (n) the type of person you really are shown by the way you behave, feel or think

weakness (n) the state of not being powerful or strong

struggle (v) to make a great effort to do something that you find difficult

devote (v) to spend a lot of time or effort doing something you believe in, or to a person

decorative (adj) intended to make something look attractive

Vocabulary Development for Test 3 Reading

Reading - Part 4

psychologist (n) someone who studies how the human mind works and how different situations have an effect on people

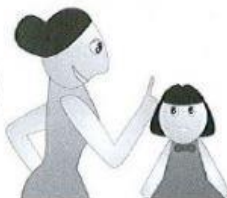
reach out (to sb) to try to communicate with other people in order to help them

enthusiasm (n) the feeling of being very interested in a particular subject and the excitement to be involved in it

passion (n) a very powerful emotion such as love, hate, anger

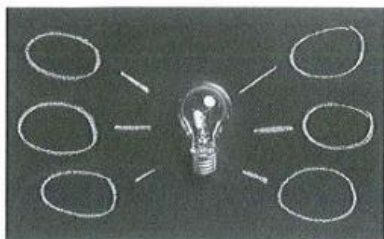
limitation (n) controlling and putting a limit on something

obey (v) to do what you have been asked to do (by someone in authority) or, to behave according to a rule or law



Reading - Part 5

invention (n) something that someone has made or thought of, for the first time, or the process of creating something that has never been made before



enormous (adj) very large in size

limited (adj) something that is limited in a small amount or number

Reading - Part 6

thrilled (adj) very happy and excited

worldwide (adj) existing or happening all over the world

Exercise A

Choose the correct answer (A, B or C) to complete the sentences.

1. An eight-hour sleep is for your health.
A essential B hands-on C educational
2. You have to pay if you want to send this letter to England.
A invention B enthusiasm C postage
3. Nora loves chocolate so much that she ate the cake by herself.
A entire B limited C thrilled

Exercise B

Choose the correct word (A, B or C) to fill in the gaps.

4. Linda asked Nick to show her some of his for the competition.
 5. I always to pass my exams with good grades because that's important to me.
 6. The scientist's was ready to be shown to the public as part of the annual science exhibition.
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| 4. A curiosity | B artwork | C crystal |
| 5. A participate | B express | C struggle |
| 6. A seed | B pathway | C invention |

Exercise C

Complete the sentences using the correct form of three of the words in the box below.

anytime	virtual reality	limitation
originally	exploration	staffroom
	earthquake	

7. The documentary is an into the lives of Africa's wild animals.
8. According to the news, there was a(n) in Japan that destroyed many buildings.
9. It's always nice to have you here; you can come and visit us

PART 1 Questions 1-5

For each question, choose the correct answer.

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Win a holiday**Competition**

*Tell us in 200 words what makes the perfect holiday.
Over 16s only. (Under 18s must have their parents' permission to enter)*

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- A. The competition is open for families with teenagers only.
- B. People of all ages can participate in the competition if they wish.
- C. Your parents must approve of your entering the competition if you are not eighteen.

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Staffroom

Members of the public are forbidden to enter the staffroom at any time.
If you need help with anything please go to the customer services desk where a member of staff will be happy to help you.
Thank you.

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- A. Members of the public may only enter the staffroom if they are with a member of staff.
- B. Staff should use the staffroom for dealing with customers needing some kind of help.
- C. At no time may members of the public go into the staffroom.

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New message

To: Sally

From: Mary

Hi,
I left my diary at your house yesterday.
Could you please send it to me? I'll pay you for the postage next time that we meet up.
I really don't want to have to buy a new one.
Thanks again for inviting me to stay. I had a great time.

Send

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Mary

- A. is asking Sally to do her a favour and post her diary to her.
- B. is disappointed as she will probably have to get a new diary.
- C. forgot to pay back some money she owed to Sally.

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FOR SALE

Girl's bike, suitable for ages 7-12.
One careful owner, but hardly used.
Looks like new. Any offers above £40 considered. Buyer must collect.
Phone Adrian on 00799 345621.

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- A. Adrian is willing to deliver the bike to the buyer's house if needed.
- B. Anyone interested in the bike will have to pay at least 40 pounds for it.
- C. The bike was originally bought for a young girl but was never actually used.

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Dear students,

The school swimming pool will be closing early tomorrow afternoon (Thursday) at 2pm, so that essential cleaning can be done to the pool.

The pool will remain closed until its normal opening time of 8am on Monday morning. Thank you for your understanding.

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- A. The pool usually opens at 8 am in the morning.
- B. The pool will be closed from Monday to Thursday next week.
- C. The pool will be closed for a few hours on Thursday morning.

PART 2 Questions 6-10

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The people below are all looking for a museum to visit in London. Look at the descriptions of eight London museums. Decide which museum would be the most suitable for the people below.



6. Amara and Nira love modern art and looking at interesting buildings. They don't really like traditional art and architecture. They would prefer to have lunch before they look around the museum.

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7. Greg is very interested in history and especially anything to do with historical battles. Both his great grandfather and grandfather were in the army during World War I and II.

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8. Michael is excited by anything connected to planets and stars and space exploration. He'd like to visit a museum where there are things to do rather than just pictures and objects to look at.

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9. Annabel likes to know the latest fashions and would like to be a clothes designer when she finishes college. She is always looking for ideas for her designs and she is a very good photographer, too.

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10. Daniel is very interested in animals and the environment. He particularly enjoys museums that have more unusual things to look at. He loves reading books about explorers who have discovered new places full of strange animals and plants.

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LONDON MUSEUMS

A. Victoria and Albert Museum Highlights include the finest collection of Italian sculptures outside Italy. The Fashion galleries run from eighteenth-century clothing right up to modern designer clothes. The Architecture gallery has videos, models, plans and descriptions of various styles and the famous Photography collection holds over 500,000 images.

B. The British Museum Since it opened in 1759 - the first ever national museum for the public - the British Museum has been displaying global objects discovered by British explorers, including the Rosetta Stone and the Parthenon sculptures. The museum has over eight million objects in its collection, 50,000 of which are on display. It also has a really good cafe if you want somewhere different to go for lunch.

C. Tate Modern The Tate Modern is one of London's - and the world's - most famous art galleries. It has an international collection of modern artworks that few can beat, plus it is a historic piece of architecture worth visiting in its own right. On the top floor there is a restaurant with wonderful views of The River Thames.

D. The Natural History Museum is home to around 80 million plants, animals and rocks. This exciting museum, which is also a world-class research institution, is full of natural wonders. Here, you will come face-to-face with moving model dinosaurs, a man-sized model of an unborn baby, a dodo, a giant sequoia tree, an earthquake machine, glow-in-the-dark crystals and much more.

E. Science Museum An incredible, hands-on museum that has seven floors of entertaining and educational exhibits, including a virtual reality space experience, old Nokia mobiles and a sixteenth-century fake arm. This is where you can explore the incredible Information Age exhibition - which is where the Queen sent her first tweet, signed Elizabeth R.

F. London Transport Museum It's home to old buses, early examples of tube trains, maps, transport signs and uniforms, as well as fantastic posters, artworks and photographs showing London from 1860 to today. Once you've bought an entry ticket, you can visit anytime for an entire year.

G. Imperial War Museum A powerful museum shining a light on people's experiences of war from the First World War to today. A few minutes' walk from Waterloo rail station, IWM is made up of many permanent galleries, such as the amazing Curiosities of War exhibit, and temporary displays, exploring recent battles and attacks.

H. National Gallery An excellent and completely free-to-enter artistic institution in the heart of Trafalgar Square. Founded in 1824, The National Gallery is home to more than 2,000 works from artists such as Da Vinci, Van Gogh, Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Turner, Picasso, Matisse and Cezanne. You can even have a go at sketching in the galleries with the support of a gallery art teacher.

PART 3 Questions 11-15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

My new hobby - gardening

by Beth Collins

A garden is much more than just creating a beautiful environment. It can be a way to save or even make money and, more than that, it can be a place where you can express yourself. For me it's a bit of all these things. I know it may sound strange for a 13-year-old to be interested in gardening but I always have been and I would love to make a career out of it.

I have learned many things these past few years I have been reading about and doing some gardening. So, here is my top advice about gardening. First, you do not need to spend a lot of money to have a beautiful garden. Some of the gardens I think are the prettiest are just lines of plants. There aren't many garden decorations and pathways. It's just beautiful plants loaded with fruits and vegetables. We can also find many useful things for free, from pieces of old wood, to old pots and pans. Or, we can build things for free from materials that other people have thrown away.

If you just remember that planting way more than you need will take the stress away of losing some plants, you will save

yourself a lot of worry, too.

You need to ask yourself, which plants produce enough food to make them worth growing. I actually sat down and did the maths on that one this spring. It amazed me what some plants were worth. A tomato, for example, can produce £50-£150 worth of fruit. It takes up a lot of space but that's a lot of money coming out of a 50p seed! So if I had known sooner what each plant could save us, I would have told my parents to fill our garden with different plants.

And finally, gardening doesn't have to be all or nothing. But then I guess that's more of a personality weakness than anything. I struggle with doing things a little at a time. Once I decide to do something, I usually devote every waking hour to it for a little while and then get tired. So it's okay to just have one tomato plant, and it's okay to have an off year. It will save you a lot of stress.



11. Beth wants to express

- A. how designing your own garden should be hard work.
- B. how gardens can mean different things to different people.
- C. the importance of selling flowers to make money.
- D. how gardeners have the best job when it comes to profit.

12. How does Beth describe her perfect garden?

- A. decorative
- B. colourful
- C. simple
- D. complicated

13. What advice does Beth give to future gardeners?

- A. spend lots of money to make your garden perfect
- B. use what you can find around you
- C. refuse to spend any money on your garden
- D. ask other gardeners to help you

14. How does Beth feel about gardening?

- A. She wants to grow everything she eats.
- B. She hasn't learnt from her mistakes.
- C. She needs to work harder in her garden.
- D. She has learned plenty of useful tips.

15. What would Beth text her friend about gardening?

- A. I'm so excited about my new hobby; it's not only fun but I hope I'll make money out of it one day.
- C. I'm now spending lots of time watching my parents do the gardening and it looks great.

- B. Gardening is so hard; you have to spend a lot of money and it's stressful, too.
- D. Gardening needs lots of skills and money but it's certainly worth it. I love it.

PART 4 Questions 16-20

Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

Achieving your dreams

A psychologist reaching out to teens around the world

16 To you, I say, you are more able and amazing than you know. Follow your dream no matter how ambitious it may appear to others. It is the dreamers who bring positive change to the world. So if somebody doesn't support or understand your dream, just smile and think to yourself, "Don't believe me? Just watch!"



Some people insist that the 'rules of success' are very black and white. 17 Following 'the rules' may not be the best way to get you where you want to go. Your dream can be a very simple one, or a very complicated one. The truth is the world needs your dream to develop, so take a look at what I think are the truly important things to consider when following your dream.

You can try to be perfect, but one person's idea of what is perfect is always different from another's. In fact, I believe it is our weaknesses that make us special. You can be the most brilliant, talented person in the world, but if you lack the enthusiasm, passion and excitement for what you do, then it doesn't matter how good you are. You may not be the best at what you do, but if you have great enthusiasm, you will reach your goal. 18 Enthusiasm creates dreams; talent does not.

When you have a big dream for your life, people like to tell you that you aren't being realistic. 19 I think that when it comes to having a dream, being realistic and sensible aren't helpful. These are simply limitations that we have placed upon ourselves. When we experience a challenge, it is not a problem; it is part of the journey itself. Otherwise, it would not be there. Every step you take is one step closer to your dream becoming a reality. The important ingredient for realising your dream is hope. 20 It can change the world.

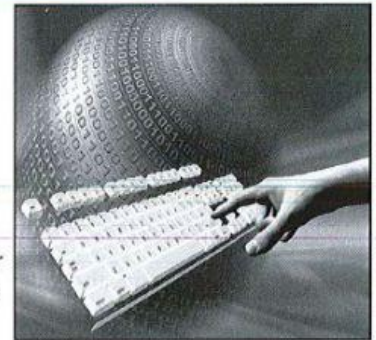
- A. On the other hand, others who are more talented may not.
- B. You should never try to do anything that is difficult.
- C. Hope is belief - belief in yourself and belief in the power of possibility.
- D. Many of you may be afraid to do what you really love.
- E. I believe that you should always obey the rules.
- F. Well, I say that you do not need to know the details of how your dream will happen.
- G. It's very important that you listen to this advice.
- H. I disagree; I believe there is a HUGE grey area.

PART 5 Questions 21-26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Technology in the home

There have been so many (21)..... over the last twenty years or so that have had a(n) (22)..... effect on our life. Take, smartphones, as an example. In fact, you could say that our lives have totally changed due to the internet and all the technology that has (23)..... because of it. When you stop to think about it, how many hours a week do you sit at your computer, typing on your keyboard? I think you would be (24)..... at the amount of time you spend using technology in the home.



People of all ages are beginning to (25)..... on the internet for many different things and it is more than likely that you are spending two to three whole days a week doing some kind of activity online. Maybe it's time to turn off the computer and have a nice, face-to-face (26)..... with your friends, family or colleagues.

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| 21. A. discoveries | B. equipment | C. inventions | D. designs |
| 22. A. enormous | B. common | C. essential | D. limited |
| 23. A. produced | B. appeared | C. presented | D. installed |
| 24. A. shocked | B. confused | C. frightened | D. angry |
| 25. A. base | B. carry | C. keep | D. depend |
| 26. A. lecture | B. conference | C. discussion | D. interview |