

## READING

Read the messages and mark if the statements are T (true) or F (false) as in the example.

Nadia: Andy, I don't think I'll be able to play on Saturday night — sorry.

Andy: What?!! Why not, Nadia? We need you. It's an important night and we can't get another trumpet player before then. And no one in the band can learn to play the trumpet in three days!

Nadia: I'm in bed with a cold and a temperature. I cannot play the trumpet right now.

Andy: Well it's only Wednesday. Surely you will be better on Saturday?

Nadia: Perhaps, but I can't practise at the moment, obviously. My throat hurts too much. So I've decided to stay in bed.

Andy: Well, are you doing anything about your cold? Are you taking any medicine? Perhaps your doctor can give you an injection.

Nadia: Hey Andy, I'm ill here! I don't enjoy having a temperature, you know. I can't stand lying here and doing nothing!

Andy: OK, sorry — but you have to play on Saturday. Some people from a recording company are coming. They're looking for new jazz bands like us. It's our big chance!

Nadia: What? Really?

Andy: Yes, really. If they think we're good enough, they might offer us a record deal!

Nadia: OK, I promise to try. I'll do everything I can to get better. I hate being ill and I don't want to let you down. I'm going to get better! Let's chat again tomorrow.

Andy: OK. Thanks a lot. Get well soon, OK? I mean it! [33]

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T F

- 0 ☒ ☐ Nadia is the trumpet player in a band.
- 1 ☐ ☐ There are two days before the band plays.
- 2 ☐ ☐ Nadia has got a sore throat.
- 3 ☐ ☐ Nadia thinks Andy is being very understanding.
- 4 ☐ ☐ Nadia doesn't want to take any medicine.
- 5 ☐ ☐ A recording company wants new jazz bands.
- 6 ☐ ☐ Nadia doesn't want to play on Saturday.

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Read the text and mark the correct sentence (A–G) to fill in the blanks (1–6) as in the example.

- A 'I thought everyone had forgotten,' replied Ted.
- B It was very hot in the city centre.
- C The station was crowded with people and so was the train.
- D There was no answer, so Ted decided to open the door.
- E It was already five o'clock and the hotel was on the other side of the city.
- F The receptionist gave him a small white envelope with his name printed on the front.
- G Ted jumped in surprise.

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The sun was shining brightly in the clear, blue sky.

(0) \_\_\_ Ted Brown was sitting in his office, daydreaming. 'I wish I were on a sandy beach in an exotic place,' he thought to himself.

Just then, the telephone rang loudly. (1) \_\_\_ When he picked it up, a voice said, 'Come to the Grand Hotel at six o'clock. I have something for you.' 'Who's there?' Ted asked, but there was no answer. Puzzled, he looked at his watch. (2) \_\_\_ He knew he'd have to hurry if he was to get there in time, so he quickly left the office. The traffic outside was terrible, so Ted decided to make the journey to the hotel on the underground.

(3) \_\_\_ It took him almost an hour to get to the hotel. At exactly six o'clock, Ted was entering the impressive building. Ted walked towards the reception desk and asked if anyone had left anything for him. (4) \_\_\_ Ted opened it and took out the card which was inside. It said 'Come to room 147 on the 10<sup>th</sup> floor and knock on the door three times.' By now, Ted was very anxious to find out what was going on. When he found room 147, he knocked on the door three times and waited. (5) \_\_\_ The room inside was dark.

As Ted stepped inside, all the lights came on. 'Surprise!' yelled Ted's friends and family. Ted couldn't believe his eyes. 'Happy Birthday, Ted,' said his mum. (6) \_\_\_ His boss gave him another envelope which contained a ticket for a week's Caribbean cruise. Ted was amazed! 'Thank you, everyone,' he said. 'This is the best birthday present ever!' [15]

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