

FCE Reading and Use of English Practice - Test 2

- * For questions 1 – 8, read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example:

A. number

B. amount

C. quantity

D. crowd

Where to go whale watching

When asked to list the things they would most like to experience in life, a surprising (0) **number** of people mention seeing whales in their natural habitat. It's an ambition that can be (1)_____ surprisingly easily. It is (2)_____ that the seas around Iceland are home to over five thousand orca whales. But their behaviour, and therefore your chances of seeing them, varies (3)_____ to the season.

In summer, the whales have a (4)_____ to hang out near the coast and can be seen swimming up fjords and inlets. During the winter months, however, the animals are generally to be found (5)_____ out at sea. (6)_____ season you choose for your trip, whale-watching trips are very easy to organise, and there's a chance you'll get to see other whale species too.

Besides Iceland, another option is to (7)_____ for northern Norway between October and January. Orcas arrive here at this time of year in (8)_____ of large shoals of herring, which form an important part of their diet.

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| 1. A. answered | B. rewarded | C. honoured | D. fulfilled |
| 2. A. estimated | B. counted | C. guessed | D. totalled |
| 3. A. according | B. depending | C. relying | D. agreeing |
| 4. A. custom | B. tendency | C. habit | D. trend |
| 5. A. longer | B. wider | C. broader | D. further |
| 6. A. Whenever | B. Whoever | C. Whichever | D. However |
| 7. A. head | B. set | C. point | D. pick |
| 8. A. hunt | B. follow | C. pursuit | D. seek |

* For questions 1 – 8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0). **SEARCH**

In the exam, write your answers **IN CAPITAL LETTERS** on the separate answer sheet. Example: **RESEARCH**

Don't catch cold

According to recent (0) **research**, at least some of the advice about health that was passed down to our grandparents by previous generations may actually contain some (1)_____ (**TRUE**).

A good example is the (2)_____ (**RELATION**) between feeling cold and catching a cold. My grandmother was convinced that being outside when the temperature is low, or simply dressing in (3)_____ (**SUIT**) clothes for the cold weather, was a sure way of catching a cold.

Now, as we know, colds are caused by viruses. Therefore, in the (4)_____ (**ABSENT**) of a virus, you cannot catch a cold – no matter how low the temperature or how (5)_____ (**APPROPRIATE**) your clothing.

But (6)_____ (**SCIENCE**) now think that we may have viruses in our bodies already, which are just waiting for the chance to turn into a cold. In cold weather, for example, blood vessels in the nose get smaller to stop heat escaping. (7)_____ (**FORTUNATE**), also allows the cold virus to attack the nose or throat more (8)_____ (**EASY**). So, perhaps Granny was right!

1. TRUE

2. RELATION

3. SUIT

4. ABSENT

5. APPROPRIATE

6. SCIENCE

7. FORTUNATE

8. EASY