

## PET FOR SCHOOLS: READING

**PART 1.** Look at the text in each question. What does it say? Choose the correct letter A, B or C.

This week's fitness class will be half an hour earlier, at 6.30 pm, and in the sports hall, not the gym! Next week's class will be back in the gym at the usual time.

- The fitness class will only last for half an hour this week.
- There won't be a fitness class next week.
- The fitness class will be somewhere different this week.

Tara, we've run out of coffee! Can you get some at the supermarket when you're coming back from college this afternoon? I'll pay you back tomorrow.  
Daisy

**What should Tara do?**

- buy coffee tomorrow
- go shopping on her way home
- give Daisy some money to go to the supermarket

### BANK OPENING HOURS

Monday – Friday 9 am to 5 pm

Saturday 9 am to 11 am

The cash machine outside is in use 24 hours

You can't go into the bank on Saturday afternoons.

The cash machine can only be used when the bank is open.

The bank closes at the same time every day.

Max,

There's a problem with the shower. You can't use it unless you want a cold one! Someone's coming to fix it this afternoon, so it'll be OK tomorrow.

Mum

Someone is mending the shower at the moment.

It isn't possible to have a hot shower this morning.  
Max will have to take a cold shower tomorrow.

Hi Mia,

I might be late for the band practice tonight. I usually get the bus, but there are lots of delays this week. See you later. Henry

**Why has Henry written the text?**

- to warn Mia that he may not be on time
- to remind Mia about delays on the buses
- to ask which bus he should get to band practice

**PART 2.** The people below all want to join a sports class. On the next page there are descriptions of eight classes. Decide which class would be the most suitable for the following people.

1. **Chloe** enjoys team sports but doesn't want to play in competitions. She needs a morning class. She doesn't have much money and can't afford to buy expensive equipment.

2. **Mike** isn't very fit. He would like to get fitter, but he finds exercise boring. He's looking for an evening class that is different every week. He'd also like to see how he is improving over time.

3. **Sofia** loves sport but is recovering from a serious injury. She wants to train in the afternoon with someone who understands her injury and can give her advice on exercises she can do at home.

4. **Jack** is very fit and is planning a challenging 200 km run. He wants to train at least twice a week and would like some personal training too. He wants to train indoors and outdoors.

5. **Tara** takes sport seriously. She plays hockey and tennis and wants to improve her skills and take part in competitions. She isn't free from Monday to Friday.



For 1–5 write the correct letter A–H.

Chloe	Mike	Sofia	Jack	Tara

**A. Sport for life**

Weekly sessions in seven different sports, including squash, tennis and basketball. Do your favourite sport or try new ones each week. Classes take place on Thursdays 3–4 pm and Sundays 2–3.30 pm in Green Park and in the Park Gym. We don't believe in winners and losers, just having fun!

**C. Active plus!**

This is a great class for people who enjoy playing sport with others in an informal way. Choose from a range of sports, including 5-a-side football and hockey. Classes are on Saturdays from 9–11 am. We provide balls, hockey sticks, etc. and a monthly report on how your fitness is improving.

**E. Fitness for All**

If you're looking for a gentle, low-cost exercise class, Fitness for All offers exercises to improve your strength and confidence slowly. Our trainers are qualified to help with individual problems and can give you extra ideas to try outside the class. No equipment necessary. Classes: every Tuesday from 2–4 pm.

**G. Rising stars**

We believe sports are for winners! We offer training from professional sports coaches to help you become a more successful player. Choose from a range of team and racket sports. Players are encouraged to join local and national leagues. Classes: every Saturday and Sunday, or book an individual lesson with one of our trainers.

**B. Top training**

Our club offers individual training sessions in the gym, with a personal trainer. The class is ideal for people who enjoy training alone and are keen to improve their fitness, or people who have particular difficulties with their fitness. Classes: every morning 9–11 am.

**D. Water-cise!**

Have fun and get fit at your local sports centre! Classes every Tuesday and Thursday from 6–8 pm. No two classes are the same! We organise regular competitions and also offer individual fitness checks every month, plus the chance to gain progress certificates.

**F. Sport for all**

This class is for people who want to take up a sport such as football or tennis for the first time. It's a great way to get fit in the fresh air. Classes start with training exercises, followed by a game or small tournament. Classes: every Tuesday and Thursday, 6–8 pm. All equipment provided.

**H. Go for it!**

This is a class for people who want to push themselves so they can compete against other people or themselves! Training takes place every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Classes involve a one-hour run in the park, followed by weight training in the gym. Individual coaching and advice on improving fitness at home are also available.

PART 3. Look at the sentences below about an unusual school. Read the text to decide if each sentence is correct or incorrect. If it is correct, choose A. If it is not correct, choose B.

1. Ashton-on-Mersey School is very close to Manchester United's football	A B
2. Young players join Manchester United from many different countries.	A B
3. Some young players start playing for the main team when they are 16	A B
4. Most young players go on to become professional footballers.	A B
5. Some football clubs allow their young players to stop studying.	A B
6. At Manchester United, young players have some experience of normal	A B
7. Manchester United's young players have classes at school every day.	A B
8. The Manchester United students don't have to follow all the school rules.	A B
9. The main advantage for the school is that it receives money from the	A B
10. One player helped some students to speak French better.	A B

## Football stars at school



Can you imagine being a famous football star but still attending school every Monday morning as usual? That's what some students at Ashton-on-Mersey School in England do!

The school is about 7 km from Old Trafford, the famous sports stadium that is home to Manchester United Football Club. The club takes talented teenagers from all over the world. These young players come to the club to train. Even though teenage players are following their dreams of being sports stars, football clubs recognise that education should still be an important part of their lives. After all, only a small number of young players will go on to have successful professional careers in the sport, because only the best ones go on to join the main team. And although footballers can play professionally from the age of 16, most don't join professional teams until they are older.

All football clubs have to make sure players under 18 are getting an education, but many choose to do this by organising classes at the club. At Manchester United, however, young players go to a normal school where they can enjoy at least some parts of typical teenage life. That's why at Ashton-on-Mersey School you can

see people who played against Arsenal or Liverpool on Saturday sitting down to classes with all the other students on Monday morning.

The Manchester United students have classes two days a week and study a range of different subjects. The rest of the week, they are busy training and preparing for games. But they still follow the rules like all the other students in the school. They are encouraged to feel part of the school, and they are also expected to set a good example to younger students.

There are many benefits to the school from their arrangement with Manchester United. The football club has given money to the school, which has helped it to provide a better education for all its students. Perhaps more importantly, seeing successful young players in the school can encourage younger students to try hard to do well and achieve their own dreams. There are also unexpected benefits sometimes, too. Successful players often return to visit the school to give talks to students. When one French-speaking player came back to visit, he was invited to join a French class for the day, and students were all keen to ask him questions! Chatting to an international football star really helped the students improve their language skills!

1. going to school	..... school
2. do what they really want to do	follow their .....
3. continue to have good football careers	..... to have successful football
4. learn about lots of different subjects	study a ..... of different subjects
5. do what is required by the rules	..... the rules
6. believe that they belong to the school	..... part of the school
7. show other people how to behave	..... a good example
8. give students better lessons and equipment	..... a better education

**PART 4. Read the text and the questions below. For each question, choose the correct letter A, B, C or D.**

## A hotel under the sea

Want to sleep under the sea? The company Planet Ocean has plans for an exciting underwater hotel, which they hope to build in locations all over the world.

The hotel won't be large, with only 12 guest rooms, plus a restaurant. Guests will get to the hotel in a lift – so no diving or getting wet! The hotel will float 10 metres under the ocean, although it will be attached to the sea bed to prevent it from moving too far. Because it won't be very deep under the water, the sun will shine down and provide light. Guests will get great close-up views of the fish and other sea creatures, which won't be bothered by the hotel and so won't make any effort to avoid it.

The hotel's design, with walls made of clear plastic, means that when you are in your room, you will see the sea in front of you, behind you, above and below you. You will

almost get the feeling that you are swimming in the ocean. The luxury rooms will have excellent facilities, including a shower, TV and even the Internet. The restaurant will serve high quality meals. However, Planet Ocean want to encourage people to eat less fish, so you won't find any on the menu. The atmosphere will be completely silent though, so you will have to imagine the sound of the ocean around you.

The hotel won't be cheap to build, and it won't be cheap to stay in. But the designers are especially proud of the fact that it will be environmentally friendly. It will use electricity, of course, but it will produce its own, and won't disturb ocean life at all. In fact, the designers hope some sea creatures will build their homes on parts of the building, which will bring real benefits to the underwater world.

**1. What is the writer doing in this text?**

- advertising a new kind of luxury hotel
- warning people about environmental problems in the ocean
- giving information about an underwater hotel
- giving advice to travellers on which hotels to choose

**2. What do we learn about the hotel?**

- Guests will have to swim down to get to it.
- Its lights will shine into the sea so guests can see the fish.
- It will only have a small number of rooms.
- Fish and other sea creatures will be scared of it.

**3. What can guests do in the hotel?**

- swim out into the ocean
- watch the ocean life near the hotel
- enjoy a meal of freshly caught fish
- hear the ocean as they go to sleep

**4. What is the best thing about the hotel, according to the designers?**

- It won't cost much to build.
- It won't use much electricity.
- It won't cause any damage to the environment.
- Fish and other sea creatures won't come very close to it.

**5. What might a guest in this hotel say?**

It's very expensive, but the facilities are quite basic and the windows are too small to see outside.

Seeing the fish up close is amazing, but it's a shame that the hotel disturbs sea life.

It's great to stay in such a beautiful hotel that is also good for the planet.

It's a great idea, and I love the fact that it can move around and travel to different locations.