

**READING**

**1 Read the messages and notices and underline the correct answer, a), b) or c).**

David – your meeting at 12 is likely to be delayed. Are you free after 2.30 this afternoon? Let Mrs Jones' secretary know before 12.00.

1 The meeting will take place

- a) at 2.30.
- b) later, if David is free.**
- c) before 12.30.

**DO NOT TOUCH THE ITEMS ON DISPLAY. CUSTOMERS MUST PAY FOR BROKEN GOODS.**

2 a) You don't have to pay for items you break.  
b) You mustn't touch things in case you accidentally break them.  
c) You can't touch the broken items on display.

Sara, sorry I got the date of the concert wrong. It's tonight, not tomorrow! If you can't come, call Mark. He'll buy your ticket. Chris

3 What should Sara do?

- a) Call Mark if she isn't able to go.
- b) Call Chris if she can go to the concert.**
- c) Call Mark to tell him the concert is tomorrow.

Vic – Did I leave a red bag in your house? The problem is it's not mine – I borrowed it from Kate and I must give it back to her today. Kim

4 What does Kim want Vic to do?

- a) Look for the borrowed bag
- b) Lend her a bag**
- c) Return the bag she borrowed

Hi George,

Going to cinema at 7. Won't be home until 10. Please put dinner in the oven at 9.30. Liz xx

5 a) Liz will eat dinner before she goes out.  
b) Liz wants to eat when she gets home.  
c) George is meeting Liz at the cinema.

**1st XI Hockey team – St Kit's vs Harlington**

Saturday – 14.30.

The bus leaves at 11.30 prompt.

Bring spare socks and sweatshirts.

Lunch will be provided by St Kit's at 1p.m.

6 The hockey players

- a) have to take extra clothes and boots.
- b) don't have to take food.**
- c) will start the match at 11.30.

2 Match gaps 1–6 in the text with sentences

**Living Tomorrow**

If you want to find out what houses might look like in the future, you should visit the *Living Tomorrow* exhibition. It's a permanent exhibition near Brussels in Belgium, where you can see for yourself how tomorrow's technologies will integrate into our daily lives.

<sup>1</sup> c . Everything works via remote control, from warming up food, to authorising access to the supermarket delivery man. The living room has touch screens which control the light, music and windows. You might want to read, relax or just chat to friends there. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. You'll find out why when you go upstairs.

The kitchen can be whatever you want it to be. Appliances like the oven, fridge and dishwasher slide in or out of view as needed. They even change colour automatically when you adjust the lighting. <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. The only thing that doesn't move here is the flat screen on the wall. Among other things, you can use this screen to do your shopping easily and safely online.

Upstairs is the 'home theatre', with specialised acoustics and large screens. The latest 3D technology makes watching TV a whole new experience! <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

The bathroom, which has water-free toilets and voice-controlled taps, is also equipped with an 'intelligent mirror'. This acts as both a mirror and an electrically controlled screen. <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. The mirror will even check your blood pressure and temperature, and remind you to take your medicine if necessary!

Finally, there's the 'home office'. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. This means that the office will become much more central to our lives. In fact, in 'the house of the future', it will hardly be necessary to leave home at all!

- a) You can watch the news on it, check the weather forecast or listen to music while you clean your teeth.
- b) Next to this, in the 'sleeping space', you can try out a bed that adapts to your size and shape.
- c) ~~The 'House of the Future' consists of a living room, bathroom, kitchen, home theatre, sleeping space and office.~~
- d) Thanks to tomorrow's interactive multimedia technology, more and more people will be working from home.
- e) The oven and microwave are designed to recognise different kinds of food and decide automatically how to cook them.
- f) However, you won't see a TV there.

**3 Read the article and decide if the statements are true (T) or false (F).**

Last month I saw a job advertised online which really caught my attention. It was for a wildlife caretaker on an Island between Australia and Papua New Guinea. As someone who's always loved being outside and is interested in the environment, it sounded like a wonderful opportunity. In fact, the more I read about the responsibilities involved and what the successful applicant should be like, the more I felt that this advert was talking to me. The advert said that the successful candidate must have a deep interest in nature and want to help look after the native wildlife of the island. They would have to be motivated, hardworking and the kind of person that thinks outside the box – in other words, is good at solving problems in different ways. Their main duties would involve spending time with the animals in the wild and giving information to tour guides to help them plan their tours of the island. They would also have to do some research into the native wildlife and explore the island and its surrounding waters. Additional duties of the job included writing articles and regular updates\* on island life as well as keeping a photo diary of life on the island, and the ideal candidate would have experience of doing both. I immediately thought, 'That's me they're talking about. I have to go for this job!' and sent in my application.

Now, I wasn't expecting to get the job as there was a lot of competition. It's not every day that a job like working on Kimberley Island comes up. But I had a good feeling. A week later, I got a call from an unknown number. It was an invite to go for an interview. I can't remember what happened in the days that followed as there was so much happening but I can tell you that in two week's time, I am flying to Australia to start my dream job. I have to say, I'm feeling on top of the world!

\* An update gives the latest news on a situation.

- 1** The caretaker job on Papua New Guinea was advertised in Australia. *F*
- 2** The writer thought the job opportunity was perfect for him.
- 3** The person who got the job had to be able to think creatively and be dedicated to working with nature.
- 4** In this job he will have to give regular tours to groups that visit the island.
- 5** The successful candidate must have kept a photo diary before.
- 6** It was so busy after the interview that the writer has no memory of what happened.