READING

1 **Emre wants an app to help him with learning English. Read about Emre and notice the key underlined information a–c.**

1 Emre often [a] finds language apps easy and wants some difficult practice. He [b] would like to improve his reading and listening skills and he [c] intends to use it on his short journey to and from school.

2 **Read the descriptions of the first three apps (A–C). Find apps that:**

a mention difficult activities.
b improve reading and listening skills.
c have activities suitable for use on short journeys.

Which app is best for Emre?

3 **Read about three more teenagers who want apps to help them with learning English. Underline three key things that each person wants.**

2 Anna enjoys all subjects at school but finds she needs more help in English. She is bored of doing traditional vocabulary and grammar exercises and is looking for something else, that is quick to complete.

3 Luis likes watching movies and TV comedy shows in English, but would like to understand them better. He expects apps to look good and is prepared to spend a lot on the right one.

4 Evie likes fun language apps that allow you to compete. In particular, she's interested in developing her vocabulary skills. She doesn't mind paying for something if it's worth the price.

4 **Read the descriptions of the apps (A–F). Decide which app would be the most suitable for each teenager in exercise 3.**



A **WordPowr** is all about learning words. The eight enjoyable games, which you can play alone or online against other users, provide good value for money. And games last just a few minutes, so it's perfect for a bus ride. Turn down the annoying music though!

B **EnglishScene** is expensive, but the app is often given five stars in reviews. The design is attractive, with professional quality videos and excellent activities to go with them. It takes time to use this app properly and it is most suitable for higher-level learners.

C **Newscast** is a free app that helps you understand stories from online newspapers and podcasts. You can set time limits for the activities and the questions are often quite challenging. The app includes a simple dictionary to help with word problems.

D Practise the 3000 most frequent words with **PassWords3000**. This app is for low-level students and includes a very common range of activity types. It's free, so you sometimes have to watch a video advertisement to continue using it. New questions are added every month.

E The design of **VidEnglish** is bright and attractive. However, the app is mostly a series of links to short, but sometimes quite advanced, video clips from documentaries. The clips aren't downloaded with the app, so you need a fast internet connection to watch them.

F **Themez** is a fresh and unusual app that teaches English through topics like science and history. It includes several games that you can play by yourself or with other Themez users. There is a lot of support for learners who find it harder to make progress.

LIVEWORKSHEETS