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### Mini Test 01

For questions **1-9**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) best fits each gap.

#### Why you should read fiction

At school, the **(1)**..... majority of what we learn is factual. In history lessons we memorise names and dates; in science we have to cope **(2)**..... chemical formulas and complex equations; in maths it's all numbers and signs. It's only in language lessons where we may **(3)**..... fiction. Some people would argue that there's **(4)**..... point in reading something which is 'made up'. If this is the **(5)**....., why do language teachers encourage their students to look at anything **(6)**..... from dictionaries and reference materials?

It is because they are **(7)**..... of the benefits that reading brings. It isn't simply because reading fiction helps us **(8)**..... reality for a while and switch off from our everyday routines. Reading fiction also teaches us to see the world through other people's eyes. It **(9)**..... us to understand the feelings of others, making us more empathetic. Fiction, in other words, helps us be better friends.

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|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1 A vast    | B wide        | C far        | D high      |
| 2 A for     | B on          | C by         | D with      |
| 3 A come up | B come across | C come about | D come over |
| 4 A little  | B slight      | C minimal    | D hardly    |
| 5 A issue   | B matter      | C case       | D point     |
| 6 A except  | B apart       | C other      | D beside    |
| 7 A aware   | B wise        | C familiar   | D sensitive |
| 8 A depart  | B miss        | C escape     | D break     |
| 9 A lets    | B authorises  | C makes      | D enable    |