

This page will help you get ready to take the A2 Key English Test (from Cambridge English). This is the format of the first part of the reading and writing section. You read some messages and answer multiple choice questions.

A2 Key (KET) Reading part 1: messages with comprehension questions

1

Our science comedy night is very popular

The show will now take place in room 4 of the West Building, so that more people can see it.

See you there!

- ☐ Go somewhere else to see the show.
- ☐ There are no more tickets left for the show.
- ☐ The event has moved from Room 4 to the West Building.

2

Magazines needed for patients to read

Up to date or out of date

Leave them with our receptionist or
or in the black box by the front door.

- ☐ You can take these magazines home with you.
- ☐ Please return the magazines after reading them.
- ☐ Your old magazines will be used and read here.

3

Hello Robert,

Thanks for inviting me to dinner. I'd love to come. I don't eat meat and I can't eat food with milk in it because it makes me sick. I hope that's not too much trouble!

Kate

- ☐ Kate doesn't want dinner because she feels too sick.
- ☐ Robert must buy meat and milk for dinner.
- ☐ Robert may need to prepare special food for Kate.

4

Clothes on sale cannot be returned

Try them on before you buy them!

- ☐ If you buy something that's too big, you can't bring it back.
- ☐ There isn't anywhere for customers to try on clothes here.
- ☐ The sale will end soon, so you should buy clothes soon.

5

Heating comes on between 7am and 10am
and 4pm and 11pm.

Please do not try to change these times.

- ☐ The heating may not come on every morning.
- ☐ Don't try to turn on the heating between 10am and 4pm.
- ☐ Someone will come here to turn on the heating.

6

Paul,

There's still a little petrol in the car, so you won't need to get any more until you reach Benton, where you can buy it cheaply.

Sally

- ☐ There is still some of the cheap petrol that Sally bought in the car.
- ☐ Paul should buy more petrol before he gets to Benton.
- ☐ There is enough petrol in the car to get to a cheap petrol station.

This is the format of the second part of the reading and writing section. You read seven questions and three short texts on the same topic, then match the questions to the texts.

A2 Key (KET) Reading part 2: text matching

Read the three texts about sports experiences. For each question, choose the correct answer.

Jeanne

We did lots of team sports at school, like football, volleyball and hockey. But I'm not very fast or strong, so I couldn't hit or kick a ball hard. Often, members of my team laughed at me, and so I stopped playing sports as soon as I could because it upset me. But later I learned that you can get exercise without other people around. Now I sometimes go cycling, swimming and running, but always on my own. Then no-one can get mad at me when I'm slow!

Laura

I used to do every sport I could when I was at school. I loved the exercise, and I also liked being a member of a team. We had some great times together. We travelled to matches by bus, and had parties when we won. Then I was in a terrible car accident three years ago, and I hurt my leg. It still isn't better. It's made me really unhappy. The only sport I can do is fishing, and that's so boring! But a friend of mine has suggesting going sailing. It sounds fun, so I think I'll try that.

Thea

I don't mind team sports. I'm quite good at baseball and cricket, but I prefer doing sports when there aren't lots of other people making noise, laughing and telling jokes. That's why I like surfing. It's just me and the sea and a few other people who also like quiet, beautiful places. I think I would enjoy horse-riding and skiing too, for the same reason, but those sports are expensive. I already spend a lot travelling to different beaches with my board.

Who doesn't have enough money to try sports that she's interested in?

Who plans to try a new sport soon?

Who is unable to do the sports that she enjoyed in the past?

Who only enjoys sports she can do alone?

Who made a lot of friends by doing sports?

Who only enjoys playing sports with others if they aren't too loud?

Who had unhappy experiences when playing team sports?

This is the format of the third part of the reading and writing section. You read one long text and choose the correct answer from three choices. This exercise tests your detailed understanding of the text.

A2 Key (KET) Reading part 3: long text with comprehension questions

Read the article about two sisters and answer the questions.

Something very strange happened to Tamara. She never knew she had a twin sister until she started university!

Tamara was born in Mexico. Her parents could not look after her so she went to live with a family in Manhattan, USA.

When Tamara was twenty years old, she started university in Long Island. She enjoyed her university life. But one day she was walking home from class, and a student smiled at her. "Hello Adriana!" said the student. "I'm not Adriana," said Tamara.

This happened to Tamara again and again. People Tamara didn't know kept calling her Adriana. It was very strange. One day, when a woman called her Adriana, Tamara asked "Why do you keep calling me Adriana?"

The woman replied, "You look like my friend Adriana. You have the same face and the same hair. Is Adriana your sister?" Tamara said that she did not have a sister called Adriana. But she was interested in this girl Adriana. Finally she asked someone for Adriana's email address.

When Tamara wrote to Adriana, she found out that they both had the same birthday, they looked the same and both of them were from Mexico. When Tamara went to live with the family in Manhattan, Adriana moved to Long Island to live with a family there. It had to be true! Adriana and Tamara were twin sisters!

1

Tamara's parents ...

- ☐ moved from Mexico to Manhattan ☐ sent Tamara and Adriana away ☐ are still alive

2

Tamara and her sister were both born ...

- ☐ in Mexico. ☐ in Manhattan ☐ in Long Island

3

Adriana wrote to Tamara

- ☐ after speaking to friends ☐ to reply to an email ☐ to suggest a meeting

4

How did the sisters meet?

- ☐ Adriana contacted Tamara. ☐ A friend introduced them. ☐ Tamara contacted Adriana.

5

Tamara didn't know ...

- ☐ that she was born in Mexico ☐ what day her birthday was ☐ that she had a sister

This is the format of the fourth part of the reading and writing section. You read a text and have to complete 6 multiple choice gaps.

A2 Key (KET) Reading part 4: text with gaps

Read the article about a student. Click on the gaps, then choose the best word to fill the spaces.

My name's Hannah and I'm twenty years old. I've got a daughter Nicole. She's nearly three now. I live in a small flat the city centre. It isn't a nice place to live. It's very noisy and dirty and there is for Nicole to play.

I want to move out of the city and live in the countryside. But it's very expensive to live there. I will need to earn money to buy a house. There aren't flats for sale in the small villages near here.

That's why I study at college. I'm studying Business. While I am at college, my mum looks Nicole. My mum really likes spending time with her