

Reading text: An email request for help

**To:** James Forrester

**Date:** 6 November

**Subject:** Possible help with product design

Dear James,

As you know, we have been working on the new perfume that we are launching in April and we are unsure about some of the packaging details. We have seen some of your creative work in the sales department and we think you have a very good eye for detail. Do you have some time before close of business this Friday to sit down with us and talk through some of our designs? We would truly appreciate your advice on this. It shouldn't take longer than two hours of your time and we would be happy to clear it with Patricia, your department head, if necessary.

Sarah Ford

**Head of Department**

Product Design

Answer those questions.

Task 1 Circle the best answer.

1. What department does James work for?

- a. Marketing
- b. Product Design
- c. Sales
- d. Research and Development

Q1 Answer:

2. Which department is working on the new perfume?

- a. Marketing
- b. Product Design
- c. Sales
- d. Research and Development

Q2 Answer:

3. What is happening in April?
  - a. The company will introduce the new perfume to the public.
  - b. The product design department will finish their design of the new perfume.
  - c. The sales department will stop selling perfumes.
  - d. The marketing department will design advertisements for the new perfume.

Q3 Answer:

4. What is Sarah requesting?
  - a. For James to design the perfume.
  - b. For James to have a meeting with the product design department to help them with the packaging of the perfume.
  - c. For James to ask Patricia for permission to sell the perfume.
  - d. For James to move to the product design department.

Q4 Answer:

5. Who is the head of the sales department?
  - a. James
  - b. Sarah
  - c. April
  - d. Patricia

Q5 Answer:

6. When would Sarah like to sit down with James?
  - a. Today
  - b. Some time next week
  - c. Any time between today and the end of Friday

d. This weekend

Q6 Answer:

Task 2 Write a number (1–6) to put the events in the order they are mentioned.

\_\_\_\_\_ James has a meeting with Sarah and her team.

\_\_\_\_\_ The product design department starts work on the design of the new perfume.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah asks Patricia for permission to use James.

\_\_\_\_\_ The product design department introduces the new perfume to the public.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah and her team finalise the details of the packaging for the new perfume.

\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah writes an email to James asking for help.