

Placement Test - Reading

Task 1: Look and read. Write "Yes" or "No".



Examples

There are two armchairs in the living room.

Yes

The big window is open.

No

Questions

1. The man has got black hair and glasses.

2. There is a lamp on the bookcase.

3. Some of the children are singing.

4. The cat is sleeping under an armchair.

Task 2: Look at the pictures and read the story. Write some words to complete the sentences about the story. You can use 1, 2 or 3 words.

Daisy at the farm



Daisy's family lived in a flat in the city, but every weekend they drove to the countryside to see Daisy's grandparents. They lived on a farm.

In the car, last Saturday, the family talked about the farm.

'It's so quiet there!' Daisy's Mum said.

'I like working outside!' her father said.

'I love helping Grandpa with all the animals,' Daisy said. 'Look! Here we are!'

1. Daisy's mother liked the farm because it was a _____ place.



They were surprised when they saw six noisy trucks on the farm. And when they got out of the car, it started to rain. It was cold, too.

'Oh dear!' Daisy's mum said. 'It's very noisy here today.'

'And I can't work outside in this rain,' Daisy's father said.

'Well, you two can sit and have tea with Grandma,' said Daisy. 'But I have to help Grandpa with the cows and sheep!'

2. There were some _____ outside the house when they drove into the farm.

3. Daisy's dad didn't want to _____ in the wet weather.

4. Daisy told _____ to go and have tea with her grandmother.



Daisy worked all afternoon in the cold, wet weather. She gave the cows their dry grass, washed some sheep and carried vegetables.

After dinner, Daisy was tired but happy. 'The best farmer in your family isn't your dad or your mum. It's you, Daisy!' her grandfather said.

'That's good because I want to be a farmer like you one day, Grandpa,' Daisy answered!

5. Grandfather said Daisy was the _____ in her family!

Task 3: For each question, choose the correct answer.

1.

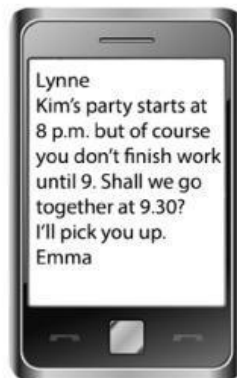


A The bicycle that's for sale was built for a child.

B Some parts of the bicycle must be changed.

C Debbie is selling the bike because she's too big for it now.

2.

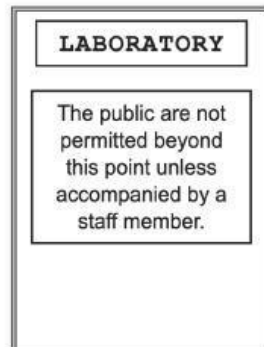


A Emma knows that Lynne can't be at the party when it starts.

B Emma wants to go to the party a bit later than Lynne.

C Emma wants to go out with Lynne but not to the party.

3.

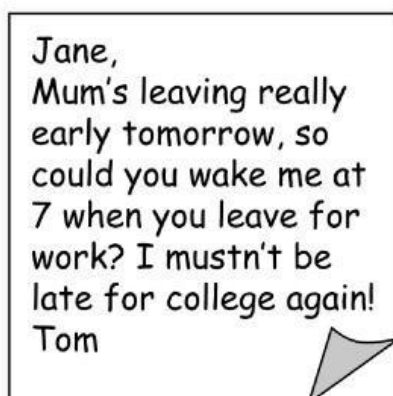


A Members of staff must be accompanied if they wish to pass this point.

B Members of the public can't go through unless they are visiting someone working here.

C Members of the public may go further if a company employee goes with them.

4.



A Tom wants to persuade Jane to take him to college tomorrow morning.

B Tom would like Jane to do him a favour tomorrow morning.

C Tom is reminding Jane they have to get up early tomorrow morning.

4. What was the best thing about the Swan Lake show for Demi?

A It was her first show with the company.

B All her family were there.

C She was wearing a new dress.

5. Hannah says that Demi

A will be a star one day.

B is her favourite granddaughter.

C dances better than Alice did.

Task 5: For each question, choose the correct answer.

Artist Peter Fuller talks about his hobby

There's a popular idea that artists are not supposed to be into sport, but mountain biking is a huge part of my life. It gets me out of my studio, and into the countryside. But more importantly, racing along as fast as you can leaves you no time to worry about anything that's going on in your life. You're too busy concentrating on not crashing. The only things you pay attention to are the pain in your legs and the rocks on the path in front of you.

I'm in my sixties now, but I started cycling when I was a kid. In the summer my friends and I would ride our bikes into the woods and see who was brave enough to go down steep hills, or do big jumps. The bikes we had then weren't built for that, and often broke, so I used to draw pictures of bikes with big thick tyres that would be strong enough for what we were doing. They looked just like modern mountain bikes. However, it wasn't until many years later that someone actually invented one. By the 1980s, they were everywhere.

At that time I was into skateboarding. I did that for a decade until falling off on to hard surfaces started to hurt too much. Mountain biking seemed a fairly safe way to keep fit, so I took that up instead. I made a lot of friends, and got involved in racing, which gave me a reason to train hard. I wanted to find out just how fit and fast I could get, which turned out to be fairly quick. I even won a couple of local races.

In the end I stopped racing, mainly because I knew what it could mean to my career if I had a bad crash. But I still like to do a three-hour mountain bike ride every week. And if I'm out cycling in the hills and see a rider ahead, I have to beat them to the top. As I go past I imagine how surprised they would be if they knew how old I am.

1. Peter enjoys mountain biking because

- A** it gives him the opportunity to enjoy the views.
- B** he can use the time to plan his work.
- C** he is able to stop thinking about his problems.
- D** it helps him to concentrate better.

2. What does Peter say about cycling during his childhood?

- A** He is sorry he didn't take more care of his bike.
- B** His friends always had better quality bikes than he did.
- C** His bike wasn't suitable for the activities he was doing.
- D** He was more interested in designing bikes than riding them.

3. Peter says he returned to cycling after several years

- A** because he had become unfit.

- B** so that he could enter races.
- C** in order to meet new people.
- D** to replace an activity he had given up.

4. How does Peter feel about cycling now?

- A** He is proud that he is still so fast.
- B** He is keen to do less now that he is older.
- C** He regrets the fact that he can no longer compete.
- D** He wishes more people were involved in the sport.

5. What would be a good introduction to this article?

- A** For Peter Fuller, nothing matters more than mountain biking, not even his career. Here, in his own words, he tells us why.
- B** Artist Peter Fuller takes mountain biking pretty seriously. Here he describes how it all began and what he gets out of it.
- C** In this article, Peter Fuller explains how he became an artist only as a result of his interest in mountain biking.
- D** After discovering mountain biking late in life, Peter Fuller gave up art for a while to concentrate on getting as good as possible.