

Reading: Part 1

Choose one correct answer in each drop-down list.

Dear Ben,

I was wondering if you are you going to the 1.

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a presentation and I'm nervous.

Anyway, I'm going home soon, so please call me 5.

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Thanks in 6.

All the best

Sarah

Reading: Part 2 - Task 1

The sentences below are from the report. Put the sentences in the right order.

The first sentence is done for you.

1. Now I am going to work as an interpreter for a big company.
2. Tomorrow is my first work day and I feel quite anxious about it.
3. I also shined my shoes and got a haircut.
4. I am not sure about the dress code in the office, so I decided to stay on the formal side.
5. I took my suit to the dry cleaner's yesterday and I am going to pick it up tonight.
6. I think I am ready for my first day at work and I hope to make a good first impression.
7. First sentence: Last week, I applied for a new job, went to the interview and got hired.

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Reading: Part 2 - Task 2

The sentences below are from the program. Put the sentences in the right order.

The first sentence is done for you.

1. The admission ticket includes exhibitions and same-day entry to the Museum without a guide.
2. On Saturday, our museum will be temporarily closed because it is a national holiday.
3. If you buy tickets at the ticket office, you can enter the Museum 15 minutes before the regular opening time.
4. On Sunday, admission hours are from 10am to 6pm and you can buy tickets either online or on-site.
5. If you want to have a guided tour, you have to pay an additional fee at the entrance.
6. For visitors from outside New York State, you have to pay a general admission fee of \$25.
7. First sentence: If you want to visit our museum this weekend, please, keep in mind the following information.

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Reading: Task 4

Read the passage quickly. Choose a heading for each numbered paragraph 1-7 from the drop-down box. There is one more heading than you need. The answer to paragraph 0 is given as an example.

0. *Social media isn't the devil.*

1.

There has been a lot of talk in recent years about how mainstream media presents unrealistic beauty standards, with images of photoshopped celebrities and skinny fashion models visible everywhere. With our screens full of these influencers, some might say that social media is purely a bad thing regarding body image. The reality, however, is not so black and white, or perhaps there are ways to manage our social media accounts to make you feel happier in your own skin - or, at least, stop feeling worse.

1.

In a survey conducted with 200 female university students, women reported that they usually compare their own appearance negatively with friends and with celebrities when browsing Facebook - but not with family members. Experts say that this is because people present a onesided version of their life online. If you know someone well, you'll realise that they are only showing their best side online - but if they are not such a close friend, you might not know this.

2.

The type of content you see from people you follow is also important - they are not all equal. Research suggests that "fitspiration" images - typically showing beautiful people doing exercise, or pretending to - might make you more critical of yourself. Another study published this year involved 200 young women who looked at pictures in three categories: body-positive content, photos showing thin women in bikinis, and neutral images of nature. The researchers found that women who looked at body-positive content were more satisfied with their own bodies.

3.

But there may be a disadvantage to body-positive images, too: they still focus on bodies. The study found that the women who'd looked at the body-positive photos still ended up objectifying themselves. After looking at the images, the participants were asked to write 10 statements about themselves. The more the statements focused on their appearance, rather than their skills or personality, the higher that participant scored on self-objectification.

4.

When people post their own pictures on social media, they often post selfies. In a study last year, two groups of female undergraduates were asked to take a selfie and upload it to social media. One group could only take a single picture and upload it without editing, but the other group was allowed to take as many pictures as they wanted and retouch the selfie using an app. In the end, the study found that all the women felt less attractive and less confident after posting a selfie - even those who'd been allowed to edit their photos as much as they liked.

5.

Most of the research so far has focused on young women, as traditionally they have been the gender and age group most affected by body image concerns. But research including men is starting to show they are also vulnerable. For example, a study discovered that men who look at fitspiration images said they compared their own appearances to others more often, and cared more about having muscles.

6.

So, how should you use social media if you don't want to come away feeling bad about your body? Here is one tip that should work for everyone: put down your phone! Take a break and immerse yourself in other activities which are not related to appearance and comparing yourself with other people. The next best idea would be to think critically about who you follow. If you find yourself facing an endless stream of appearance-focused photos when you scroll, add some nature or travel into the mix.

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After all, giving up social media altogether is probably too big of an ask for most people - and the long-term effects of using it are still unclear anyway. But finding inspiring landscapes, delicious food and cute animals to fill your Facebook or Instagram feed might just help you remember that there is more to life than how you look.

Reading: Part 3 Four people respond in a comment section of an article about when the right time to get married is. Read their comments and answer the questions below.

Person A: People today are getting married later in life. Back in the day, people would usually get married right after college, and they would work on improving their life in unity. Today, people strive for independence. I believe this is a better option, because you get to find out who you are, you learn how to live on your own and you know what you want. Many divorces happen because people decided they wanted something else in life.

Person B: In my personal opinion, getting married at a young age can be quite beneficial. Before your struggles begin, you find your life partner and you can deal with the hardships together. Building a life together is really amazing, you know you have someone to count on when things get tough, and you know who will be there for you through thick and thin. Being married very young might be hard at first, but once you adapt to each other, you have a best friend for life.

Person C: Marriage is an outdated concept. I can see why people found it necessary in the past, but today I don't see the need for it. I believe people should chase their dreams; they need to put themselves and their own needs first. In a marriage, you always need to compromise, and sometimes even give up on your dream career for the sake of your family. That is a big sacrifice and I am not sure whether many people are willing to make it. I personally could never do it, but there is still this social pressure to get married, which I find so unnecessary.

Person D: People grow up under different circumstances and have different ideas about life, so I don't think we can make a general statement on when it is best to get married. For some people, it will be later in life, while for others, it might even be right after secondary school, and many will choose not to ever go down that road. Whatever decision we make, we will still have to face different life challenges, and hopefully, people will be able to make the right choices for themselves. I believe one should get married when they feel ready, regardless of their age or the situation in their life as things are never going to be perfect and there is always going to be something that needs to be changed.

1. Who believes marriage is an old-fashioned institution?
2. Who believes people should get married regardless of other circumstances in their life?
3. Who believes people should work on their careers before getting married?
4. Who believes one should only concentrate on their goals in life?
5. Who thinks people should get married when they are young?
6. Who believes there is always compromise in a marriage?
7. Who believes that age is not important, as long as the person feels ready to get married?