

Exercise 1

Read the information. Then match the general descriptions of the Reading passages with the passage headings.

In the IELTS Reading test, you will read three Reading passages. They will usually have a heading and a 'subheading' (a sentence under the heading, which gives you more information on the topic of the article).

Quickly looking at the heading and subheading will give you a good understanding of what the passage is about.

a description of another culture	a description of how something is getting better or worse	a discussion of the effect that something has on something else	an explanation of how one section of society is helping to bring about positive change	an explanation of what someone needs to do	an explanation of when something began and how it has developed
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1. The changing fortunes of Antarctic penguins
2. The history of chocolate
3. What does it take to become an astronaut?
4. Matariki celebration
5. How young volunteers are making a difference
6. How birth order might affect a child's personality