

Exercise 8

Read the information. Then look at the questions from some different IELTS-type reading tasks. What kind of question is each one most likely to be? Choose Global question or Detail question.

Some IELTS Reading questions test your ability to focus on global ideas in the text, such as the main ideas or the writer's motivation for writing. Other questions test your ability to understand specific details.

In this practice exercise, you'll see a range of different multiple-choice questions, each of which refers to a different text. You don't need to see the texts to do this exercise. Just think about what each question is asking, and decide whether it focuses on the text as a whole (global questions) or specific details and ideas in the text (detail questions).

1. The writer's purpose in this article is ...
A to summarise expert opinions on the banks.
B to criticise the attitude of the banks.
C to explain why the banks did what they did.
D to argue for changes in banking regulations.
 - Global question
 - Detail question
2. Why does the writer say that the instructions were 'incomprehensible' (line 37)?
A They were poorly written.
B The language used was very old-fashioned.
C It was unclear what the instructions referred to.
D It was difficult to hear.
 - Global question
 - Detail question

3. What is the best title for this article?
A How to become an entrepreneur
B The secrets of accomplished entrepreneurs
C Why Branson is the number one entrepreneur
D Dyslexia and entrepreneurs
 - Global question
 - Detail question
4. Which composer did the writer not like at first?
A Bach
B Mozart
C Verdi
D Stravinsky
 - Global question
 - Detail question
5. Overall, the writer's tone in this article can best be described as ...
A admiring
B appreciative
C flattered
D ironic
 - Global question
 - Detail question