

Reading Part 3

Read the four texts below. There are eight questions about the texts. Decide which text (A, B, C or D) tells you the answer to the question. The first one is done for you.

A

Ideal for the weekend sailor, this boat can be towed by car and trailer to and from your house to wherever you would like to sail. Sailing areas have slipways where you can reverse your boat into water and then park your car. You may decide to store your boat near the water, in a boatyard or a caravan park. The boat can also be moored on the water. The safest and most secure way is to use a marina. These can easily be found on the coast, inland waterways and lakes.

B

When I was thirteen and my brother was ten, this farmer on a farm where we were staying on holiday took us a long way out to sea in his boat to do some fishing. It was a fantastic day. We had a great time, caught some fish and then very quickly the skies turned dark grey and we were in a race against time to get back to the coast as the winds got up and the rain poured down. It's only thinking back that I realise the danger we were in.

C

Before you start, ask someone who is experienced to show you the equipment on your boat. All boats are different. You should know the names of the different pieces of equipment and should have prepared your boat for the water at least once by yourself before setting sail. Your first sailing experience should be on a small inland lake. Pick a nice day with a steady light breeze and no rough weather. If you have a friend who can sail, take them along. Their experience will be invaluable.

D

We are a small club established to promote safety at sea and small boat angling. We have in excess of 150 members with over 90 boats. Members store their boats on club land, benefiting from full security. Boat sizes range from small outboard-driven dinghies up to those with a maximum length of 10.5 metres. The club aims to cater for the needs of sea anglers fishing from small boats within club waters that extend from St Catherine's Point in the East to Portland Bill in the West.

Which text

Example: gives detailed instructions?

1. describes a personal experience?
2. encourages people to join an organisation?
3. is aimed at potential purchasers?

C

Which text provides the answers to the following questions?

4. Where's the best place to store a boat?
5. What sort of weather did someone have to cope with?
6. Who wants to avoid accidents at sea?
7. Where's the best place to learn to sail?

(Total: 7 marks)