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Mini Test 01

For questions **1-9**, read the text below and decide which answer (**A, B, C** or **D**) best fits each gap.

Why you should read fiction

At school, the **(1)**..... majority of what we learn is factual. In history lessons we memorise names and dates; in science we have to cope **(2)**..... chemical formulas and complex equations; in maths it's all numbers and signs. It's only in language lessons where we may **(3)**..... fiction. Some people would argue that there's **(4)**..... point in reading something which is 'made up'. If this is the **(5)**....., why do language teachers encourage their students to look at anything **(6)**..... from dictionaries and reference materials?

It is because they are **(7)**..... of the benefits that reading brings. It isn't simply because reading fiction helps us **(8)**..... reality for a while and switch off from our everyday routines. Reading fiction also teaches us to see the world through other people's eyes. It **(9)**..... us to understand the feelings of others, making us more empathetic. Fiction, in other words, helps us be better friends.

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| 1 A vast | B wide | C far | D high |
| 2 A for | B on | C by | D with |
| 3 A come up | B come across | C come about | D come over |
| 4 A little | B slight | C minimal | D hardly |
| 5 A issue | B matter | C case | D point |
| 6 A except | B apart | C other | D beside |
| 7 A aware | B wise | C familiar | D sensitive |
| 8 A depart | B miss | C escape | D break |
| 9 A lets | B authorises | C makes | D enable |