

## **TASK 1: READING**

**Read this letter and answer the questions (1-6) in a maximum of FOUR words.  
Write your answers in the boxes below. There is an example (0) at the beginning.**

Hi Jane,

How are you? I'm looking forward to finishing work. I don't finish until next Tuesday unfortunately! Most of the other schools in the country finished yesterday but not mine! Jill and Mary both finished yesterday too.

I have sent off my application to Liverpool University to do the course I was telling you about. So next year should be a busy one, working full time and studying too. But I think I'll enjoy it and I'll get two days a week off work to study so that's not bad. Apparently I will get £4000 a year more when I finish so it should be worth it!

We're looking forward to coming to Spain to see you. I think it's less than 4 weeks now. I expect the weather is really hot there. It's terrible here at the moment. Yesterday there was a gale-force wind. It was so strong that the roads were blocked by falling trees and the chimney was blown off our roof.

It will be good to see where you live at last! Jill and Mary are excited about seeing the cat! Also, the apartment in the mountains looks nice from the pictures on the Internet. I think it might have been a bit much for the girls to spend the whole time in Granada. I think they're looking forward to going up into the mountains

Anyway, I must go. I have to do some shopping and then take Jill to another party. Both she and Mary were out last night. They have a better social life than me!

I will give you a ring next week. Take care.

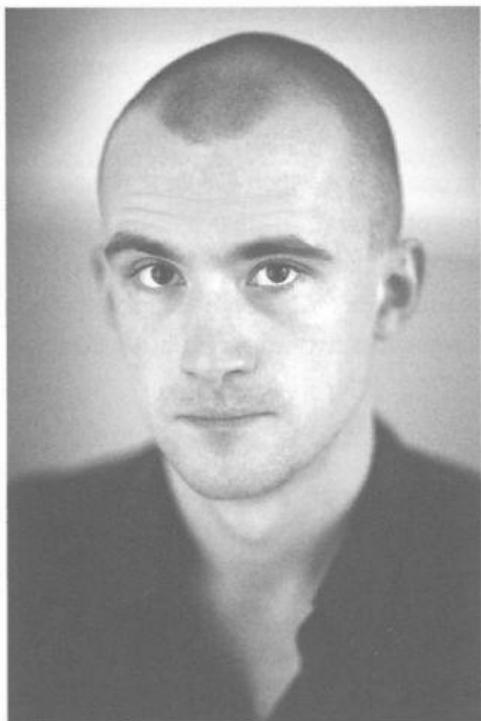
Lots of Love  
Kate  
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<b>0</b>	<i>How does Kate feel about finishing work?</i>	<b>happy</b>
<b>Q1</b>	What help will Kate get while she's studying?	
<b>Q2</b>	What caused a problem in Kate's house?	
<b>Q3</b>	How many times has Kate been to Jane's flat?	
<b>Q4</b>	Where does Kate think it is a good idea to go in Spain?	
<b>Q5</b>	What do Jill and Mary do more than Kate?	
<b>Q6</b>	How is Kate going to contact Jane soon?	

## Questions 21 – 25

Read the text and the questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter **A**, **B**, **C** or **D** on your answer sheet.



### James Glossop – *Times* newspaper's Young Photographer of the Year

I always loved taking pictures, but the move to becoming a photographer happened when I was at university in Manchester, where I studied for my degree in English. I was asked to take pictures for a university brochure and I realised that I could make money doing something I really enjoyed.

After university, I entered *The Times* newspaper's Young Photographer of the Year competition. The prize for winning was to actually work for the paper.

Working there is great because I get a wide variety of interesting jobs. From the beginning they got me doing the big things, like political conferences and international golf tournaments. For example, I recently travelled around Greenland for 11 days for a story on climate change. I mix with the best photographers and journalists in the profession, people perhaps 20 years older than me, and I have to be at the same level as them.

I can be a serious person and that comes across in my work – which can be a bad thing if you want to make the newspaper's readers smile! When you take photos of people, they need to be able to trust you. People seem to trust me more because I work for *The Times*, and the editors there trust me, in turn, to do a good job.

In Scotland, where I'm based, I'm hoping to be on the Royal Rota, which means I'll be one of the few photographers allowed to take pictures of the Queen and her family when they visit. But, generally, I'm not interested in famous people. I like ordinary people who invite you into their home and show you their world – like the hunters and fishermen I met on my trip to Greenland.

21 What is James trying to do in this text?

A advise young photographers about how to get a job  
B explain how winning a competition is helping his career  
C describe his techniques for taking good photographs  
D show how challenging his job at the newspaper is

22 While James was at university he discovered that

A he wasn't interested in studying English any more.  
B he enjoyed taking photographs.  
C he couldn't take the kind of photographs he wanted to.  
D he would be able to earn money from photography.

23 What does James say about working for *The Times* newspaper?

A The journalists can take a long time to get a story.  
B He prefers working on international issues.  
C He was given main events to photograph from day one.  
D It's difficult working with the older, more experienced professionals.

24 James believes his serious character can have an effect on

A the people who look at his photographs.  
B the kind of jobs he is given.  
C the people he takes photographs of.  
D the way he gets on with his colleagues.

25 Which postcard might James have sent to his parents last month?

A Having a few problems – when people find out which newspaper I work for, they won't trust me to photograph them!

B I seem to spend every day taking photos of yet another major sporting event – when will they let me do something different?

C This is what I love doing – taking pictures of local villagers doing their daily work and letting me see what their lives are like.

D It's been a busy week – I've been all around Scotland photographing the Prince and his wife on their tour.