

Reading Task 1

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (1–5).

There are **three choices you do not need to use**.

1. James Turner – The Mentor

I've worked as a teacher for over 30 years, and I've always believed that people learn best when they feel respected and valued. Many of my former students still keep in touch with me, which makes me proud. Some even call me their "second father" because I always encouraged them, not only academically but also personally.

2. Laura Pérez – The Introvert

I wouldn't describe myself as shy, but I do find large groups exhausting. I prefer spending time with just a few close friends. At work, my colleagues sometimes think I'm unfriendly because I avoid crowded social events, but the truth is that I need space to recharge.

3. Ahmed Khan – The Leader

I've been managing a team of engineers for nearly a decade. The most important skill in my opinion isn't technical knowledge but the ability to listen. A leader who is arrogant or bossy quickly loses the respect of others. I try to be fair, decisive, and supportive, so my team members know I value their opinions.

4. Sophie Dubois – The Adventurer

I've never been afraid to stand out from the crowd. My friends say I'm impulsive, and maybe that's true—I once quit my job and moved to another country with nothing but a suitcase. I

love meeting new people and adapting to new cultures. For me, life is too short to stay in one place.

5. Michael O'Connor – The Family Man

I don't care about fame or fortune; for me, happiness means spending time with my wife, children, and grandchildren. I'm proud of my heritage and the traditions we've passed down through generations. Every holiday, the whole extended family gathers in my house—it's noisy, chaotic, but also wonderful.

Which person...

- A. prefers avoiding big groups of people?
- B. shows pride in family connections and traditions?
- C. believes fairness and respect are the key to managing others?
- D. is described by others as impulsive?
- E. highlights the importance of financial success?
- F. is considered a role model by former students?
- G. enjoys the feeling of belonging to a large organisation?
- H. values meeting new people and learning from them?

Task 2

Reading Task

Read the texts below. Match choices (A–H) to (1–5).

There are **three choices you do not need to use**.

1. Helena Schmidt – Cultural Anthropologist

When I first entered the field, I expected to spend most of my time in libraries or universities. Instead, I found myself living among remote communities, learning their languages and

customs. The more I studied, the more I realised how little I knew. My colleagues sometimes describe me as obsessive, but I simply believe that real understanding only comes from immersion.

2. Marcus Lee – Entrepreneur

I built my first company at the age of twenty-three with boundless energy and optimism. Within two years, however, it collapsed completely, and I was left with debt, disappointment, and the uncomfortable feeling that I had let people down. At the time, I considered it the greatest failure of my life. Looking back now, I realise it was also the most important experience in shaping who I am. The lessons I drew from that collapse—about resilience, decision-making, and the value of humility—were far more powerful than any I could have learned from an easy success. If everything had gone according to plan, I might have grown arrogant or careless. Instead, the failure forced me to confront my weaknesses, and that has been the foundation of my later achievements.

3. Aisha Rahman – Diplomat

My daily work isn't glamorous: endless negotiations, carefully chosen words, and an ability to hide irritation even when confronted with arrogance. People imagine diplomacy as elegant dinners and handshakes; in reality, it is patience under pressure. When we achieve even a small breakthrough, though, the sense of relief is enormous.

4. David Clarke – Humanitarian Aid Worker

When I began volunteering, I thought enthusiasm alone would be enough. I quickly learned that good intentions are worthless without resilience. After weeks of distributing supplies in a flood zone, exhausted and covered in mud, I questioned

whether I could keep going. What sustained me was the gratitude of families who had lost everything yet still managed to smile.

5. Sofia Alvarez – University Professor

I never set out to be an academic star, yet over the years, publications and awards have come my way. What matters more to me is mentoring the next generation of scholars. I want my students to leave my courses not only with knowledge but with the courage to challenge ideas—including my own.

Which person...

- A. emphasises that persistence matters more than enthusiasm?
- B. believes that even minor progress can feel rewarding?
- C. admits to constantly balancing fear with ambition?
- D. suggests that immersion is the only path to true expertise?
- E. highlights the importance of family traditions?
- F. insists that questioning authority should be encouraged?
- G. describes the painful lessons gained from failure?
- H. points out that appearances of the profession can be misleading?

Task 3



Reading Task

Read the texts below. Match choices **(A–H)** to **(1–5)**.

There are **three choices you do not need to use**.

1. Lisa Morgan – Fashion Designer

Lisa always pays attention to detail. She loves experimenting with new styles and colours and enjoys helping her clients find

outfits that suit them perfectly. Even after a long day, she ensures her clothes are tidy and stylish because she believes presentation affects confidence.

2. Peter Novak – Office Manager

Peter is known among his colleagues for being extremely dependable. He always finishes tasks on time, helps others when needed, and remains calm even during stressful periods. People trust him to keep things running smoothly.

3. Sarah Thompson – Teacher

Sarah is very patient and understanding with her students. She listens to their problems, offers advice, and encourages them to do their best. Even when students make mistakes repeatedly, she remains calm and supportive.

4. Mark Evans – Actor

Mark is tall and has striking features. People often comment on his piercing blue eyes and confident posture. He takes care of his appearance, from his hairstyle to his clothing, because he knows it is important for his profession.

5. Emma Clark – Volunteer Coordinator

Emma is sociable and friendly. She loves meeting new people, organising events, and encouraging volunteers to participate. She is approachable and makes everyone feel included, even in large, busy groups.

Which person...

- A. is very attentive to their appearance and style?
- B. is calm and reliable in stressful situations?
- C. enjoys meeting and motivating new people?

- D. shows patience and understanding with others?
- E. is confident and has striking physical features?
- F. prefers to work alone and avoids social gatherings?
- G. is strict and rarely shows flexibility?
- H. prioritises speed over accuracy in tasks?