2 READING



Do you need a place to go with your friends? Try the Manchester Youth Zone! It's a new youth centre on Rochdale Road, near the North City Library.

The MYZ is a fun, safe space where people ages 8 to 19 can hang out. That's important when schools and shops are closed. The Zone is open seven days a week and it's got about 4,000 members, so it's usually busy.

The Zone has got different spaces, like a gym for sports and a fitness area for having exercise classes. There are special rooms for games, arts and crafts, music lessons, dancing and other fun activities. It's never boring!

I usually go to the MYZ four or five times a week. On Mondays and Wednesdays, I go to drama club, and I usually have dance classes on Tuesdays and Fridays. At weekends, I often meet my friends there in the café.

I'm not into sports, but my brother Aidan often goes to the MYZ to play basketball. He also hangs out with his friends in the music room. They're in a rock band and they sometimes play on the MYZ's radio station.

I always feel good at the Zone because it's a happy, positive place. The people who work there are also really friendly. Membership only costs £5 a year, so any young person in Manchester can enjoy the Youth Zone.

A blog

Skill UP! Sometimes it is useful to read texts quickly to get a general idea of the topic.

1 ★☆☆ **Read the *Skill UP!* Read the text quickly. What do you think about the MYZ? Do you like it?**

A Yes, I think it's a great place.
B It's OK, but I like other places, too.
C No, I don't like any youth centres.

2 ★★☆ **Read the text again. Put the topics in the correct order.**

A ___ Arya's feelings about the centre
B ___ Aidan's activities at the centre
C 1 the location of the youth centre
D ___ different spaces at the centre
E ___ Arya's activities at the centre
F ___ the days the centre is open

3 ★★☆ **Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?**

1 Arya lives in Manchester. T ☑ F ☐
2 The MYZ is open when shops are closed. T ☐ F ☐
3 The MYZ isn't usually open on Sundays. T ☐ F ☐
4 The MYZ hasn't got a room for games. T ☐ F ☐
5 Arya has her dance classes twice a week. T ☐ F ☐
6 Arya isn't very interested in doing sport. T ☐ F ☐
7 Aidan's band plays on the MYZ's radio station every day. T ☐ F ☐

4 ★★☆ **Read the text. Choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.**

1 The Manchester Youth Zone is …
A a place for school activities.
B near a library on Rochdale Road.
C a sports centre and a library.
D a shopping centre for teens.

2 The Manchester Youth Zone …
A is open from Monday to Friday.
B usually closes at the weekend.
C is open to children and teenagers.
D has got about 14,000 members.

3 Arya says the Manchester Youth Zone …
A doesn't have music lessons.
B can be boring in the afternoon.
C has a big room with computers.
D has spaces for doing exercise.

4 Arya goes to the youth centre …
A more than three times a week.
B every Tuesday and Thursday.
C for dance classes on Saturday.
D because she works in the café.

5 Arya's brother Aidan …
A teaches music at the MYZ.
B isn't into sports or exercise.
C plays basketball at the centre.
D works at a local radio station.

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