LC Reading 1

Read the texts. Choose the correct answer to complete each text.

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Alexander loves football. He has been playing since he was 5 years old, sometimes on two teams at one time. He hopes someday to play ..... .



2

- professional
- professionally
- profession

Dear Mary,
This has been a really difficult week. I had classes and then tennis practice every day until very late and then once I got home I still had homework. I'm really looking forward to the weekend when I ..... .

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- will now relax
- did just smile
- can just relax

Cooking isn't difficult if you're only willing to put some time and effort into it. Start off slow, making small breakfasts and simple meals and ..... you'll be making complicated recipes without any problems!

4

- soon
- in other words
- because of this

Many people have air conditioning to keep their homes cool in the summertime. ....., air conditioning can be very expensive because it uses a lot of energy.

5

- Moreover
- As a result
- However

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Read the text. Use the sentences to complete the text. Choose the correct sentence for each gap. There is one extra sentence you will not need.

A Pain in the Back

The weight of rucksacks has become such an issue for schoolchildren that some schools are banning their use during school hours, weighing those that look too heavy for the student and even calling in special doctors to warn students about the dangers of carrying heavy loads.

Oftentimes, students as young as 8 or 9 carry around books for all of their classes each day. For a young and undeveloped child this could cause back pain and other serious injuries. Some students have started to use rucksacks with built-in wheels so they can roll their books around.

The heavy backpack problem has become so common that many schools, especially secondary schools, have backpack policies. This means that teachers who think that a student is carrying a backpack that is too heavy may tell that student to lighten their load. Often,

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schools provide lockers or cubbies for students to keep books in when they aren't being used. Another technique becoming popular is called 'double booking', in which two sets of books are used, one for students to keep at home and another set kept in the classroom. The middle grades are of most concern because primary school students do not carry as many books and older students are presumed to be more physically developed or able to bring books to school in cars. On average, secondary school students have about five textbooks. [ ]

Experts say that for every 20lbs. of bodyweight, you should only carry 3lbs. in your backpack. This equals 15%. Other recommendations go as low as 6% of your body weight. This means many students are at risk of real injuries!

A. These doctors are called chiropractors and specialise in back and neck pain.

B. Usually, students will be given a place to put their books after they've been asked to take some out of their bag.

C. However, some schools have not addressed this issue yet.

D. For example, pulled muscles or weakened bones.

E. This takes the weight off their bodies, but rolling-backpacks aren't always easy to move around.

F. Some of those books weigh up to two kilograms.

G. In some schools that means up to 8 books at a time.

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Read the four texts. Which text gives you the answer to each question? Choose the correct text (A-D) for each question.

A.

To: EllenBard@email.com
Subject: Bed Delivery

Mrs. Bard,
We are writing to confirm the delivery of your wood-framed bed to the following address, on May 6th at 2 pm: 34 Bennington Road, Brookfield.
Thank you,
Eileen Tanger Sales,
Brigdon Beds

B.

Hello Ellen,
I can't believe you guys are moving! I'm seriously depressed about this, except I know you'll only be moving 30 minutes away. How is everything going? Are you ready to move? What day do you move into the new place? Have you sold your old place yet?
Also, how is the new job? I guess it makes sense that you want to live in Brookfield since you'll be so close to work now! Give me a call if you're not too busy!
Sharon

C.

Brookfield Regional Bank
Memo
I would like to thank all of you for making my promotion to manager so easy. You are the best employees a manager could have and I hope we all continue to work together long into the future.
I will be taking a few days off work next week (from the 5th to the 8th) because I'm moving to a new place, but I should be back on Monday!
Ellen Bard
Brookfield Regional Bank,
Manager

D.

FOR SALE

- Apartment on 50 Moose Way, Hancock
- **Sellers**: Ellen and Bob Bard
- **Price**: £100,000 or best offer

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Which text:

confirms a delivery?

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is from a friend?

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Which text gives the answers to the following questions?

How much are Ellen and Bob Bard selling their old house for?

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When will Ellen take time off to move?

=>

When will Ellen be back to work?

=>

How far away is Ellen moving?

=>

What is the address of Ellen and Bob's new apartment?

=>

Read the text and answer the questions. Use a maximum of three words for each answer. DO NOT WRITE MORE THAN 3 WORDS FOR EACH QUESTION.

Droughts

If it were up to me, the weather would be hot and sunny every day. Good thing it's not up to me. The Earth needs rain and snow. Without a reliable supply of water, we would have nothing to drink, nothing to help our fruit and vegetables grow. Swimming pools would be empty. Lawns would have no grass. Electricity would be expensive. Plants would die; animals would follow.

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Such a water shortage may sound extreme, but it's happening right now in parts of the western United States. An area called the Colorado River Basin, which stretches from Wyoming to Arizona, is in the middle of the worst drought in at least 500 years. Rivers in this region are at their lowest levels ever recorded. If the drought continues, the results could be disastrous. The river basin is a major source of water for big cities, including Las Vegas, Phoenix, and Los Angeles. Entire ecosystems depend on this water, as do farmers and many other people who live and work in the area.

Extreme weather and natural disasters are a normal part of life on Earth. Tornadoes, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes destroy houses and kill people. Droughts are also menacing. They can last for over ten years. No one knows how to predict or stop them. In fact, many things that people do make the problem worse. The worst thing that people do is waste water.

Experts say that major droughts in the 1200s and 1300s may have driven the Native American Anasazi out of places such as Mesa Verde in Colorado and Chaco Canyon in New Mexico. 'Water is life', says geologist John Dohrenwend of Teasdale, Utah. 'If you don't have it, the land can't support life.' Out West, rivers and flood plains make up just 3 percent of the land area, Dohrenwend says. But these 3 percent support a full 90 percent of the region's plant and animal life.

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Scientists are just beginning to understand the conditions that lead to droughts. They're finding that small changes in the movement of air and water can have a huge effect on climate around the globe. If people want to continue living with cheap electricity and clean water, they'll need to find ways to use less of the precious liquid. In fact, the drought in the western U.S. might just be a wake-up call for all of us, no matter where we live. 'In some ways, the problem sounds like a simple one of not enough water,' Dohrenwend says. But it's really more complicated than that. 'When you start to look at what goes on in a river moving from the mountains to the sea, all the things we as human beings use it for, and all of what actually happens during a drought, a lot of what is going to happen isn't necessarily obvious,' he says. "It could cause things we don't want to happen much sooner than we might think."

Where is there a drought right now?

What is the water level of the rivers in the Colorado River Basin?

How long can droughts last?

What is something people do to make droughts worse?

What made the Native American Anasazi leave Colorado and New Mexico in the 1200s and 1300s?

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What percent of the United States' west is made up of rivers and flood plains?

What percentage of life is supported by the few rivers and flood plains in the western USA?

The movement of which two things affect the climate?

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