



# Extra training

## Reading Task 116

**Match the headings (1-8) to the paragraphs (A-G).**  
**There is one heading that you do not need to use.**

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| 1. A non-serious travel problem | 5. A fun day out          |
| 2. A heroic journey             | 6. A famous town          |
| 3. A serious matter             | 7. Days of travel         |
| 4. A piece of travel history    | 8. A city of two flavours |

- A.** The world's first supersonic passenger aircraft was the Concorde. Built as the result of a collaborative effort between the governments of Britain and France, the Concorde flew at more than twice the speed of regular aircrafts and at twice the altitude. The Concorde began its first commercial flights in 1976 and was retired in 2003 after 27 years of service.
- B.** The Alps are one of the great mountain ranges of Europe. They are located in south-central Europe and stretch for almost 1,200 kilometres. As routes of trade and invasion, alpine passes are full of history. In 218 BC, the famous Carthaginian military commander Hannibal is believed to have crossed the Alps with 38,000 infantry, 8,000 cavalry and 37 war elephants in order to invade Italy!
- C.** LegoLand is the name of four theme parks that are based on the famous child's toy. Lego. The theme parks - in Denmark, the USA, Germany and the UK - attract millions of visitors every year. The parks feature lego-themed roller-coaster rides, model villages of famous landmarks and world scenes all built from millions of lego bricks.
- D.** Rubbish in the ocean - particularly plastics and discarded fishing nets - represents a serious threat to marine life. It has been estimated that approximately 13,000 pieces of plastic litter are floating on every square kilometre of ocean surface. Millions of sea animals die each year from entanglement or ingestion of plastics.
- E.** Wimbledon is a suburb in London that is famous across the world for hosting the annual tennis championships. Each year in June and July, thousands of tourists join Londoners for the chance to watch the world's greatest tennis players compete for tennis' most prestigious trophy. But the pretty village of Wimbledon, with its charming buildings and medieval High Street, is worth a visit at any time of year.
- F.** Jet lag is a condition often experienced after flying across several time zones in a short period of time. Symptoms generally last a few days and can include: daytime sleepiness, insomnia at night, headaches, decreased performance, and loss of appetite. While eastward travel is associated with difficulty falling asleep at night and difficulty waking in the morning, westward travel is associated with tiredness in the early evening and pre-dawn awakening.
- G.** Only one city in the world is located on two continents. That city is Istanbul in Turkey. Istanbul lies on either side of the Bosphorus Strait, the narrow waterway which separates the continents of Europe and Asia. Istanbul is the world's third most populous city and has a long and glorious history. It has been the capital of three great empires: the Roman, the Byzantium, and the Ottoman Empires.

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Wimbledon



Istanbul