

Section 1 - Reading Comprehension

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A1 Task 1 | Missing information (one to four words)

Read the following invitation for a pool party. For questions (1-7), write the missing information. Use a maximum of 4 words.

The first one (0) is an example.



0	What is the notice about?	A pool party
1.	When is the pool party?	On _____
2.	Where is the pool party taking place?	At _____
3.	What is the Swimming Centre's address?	_____
4.	What time does the pool party begin?	At _____ p.m.
5.	What time does the pool party finish?	At _____ p.m.
6.	Who is Lola?	She is _____
7.	What's the sender's full name?	_____

Test 3

A1 Task 2 | Matching opinions with sentences

Read some customers' opinions (8-12) about washing machines and match them with the sentences (A-G). There is one sentence you do not need. Write your answers in the boxes.

The first one (0) is an example.

0	"... My new washing machine stopped while on the spin cycle in the first week and damaged the walls of the laundry room!" Isabelle – Maine, USA	C
8.	"... Front loaders tend to be more energy efficient than top loaders when using warm water." Paul – Edinburgh, Scotland	_____
9.	"... Top loaders are more energy efficient when washing in cold water and this will help you save money on your bills." Silvia – Milan, Italy	_____
10.	"... Top loaders are considerably much louder than front loaders. When I switch it on in the evening, it's very noisy and I can't watch TV." Mark – Dublin, Ireland	_____
11.	"... I bought my new WM3770HWA washing machine online. Two weeks after my purchase, it started having multiple problems." Susan – Nottingham, UK	_____
12.	"... Washing machines have big performance differences in water efficiency, noise and capacity." Jaclyn – Ljubljana	_____

A.	The customer would like to have a washing machine which is also a dryer.
B.	The customer bought her washing machine on a website.
C.	The customer says that her washing machine broke down after a short time.
D.	The customer says that washing machines with a front door need less cleaning.
E.	The customer says that every washing machine is different.
F.	The customer thinks he can spend less on electricity using a top loader machine.
G.	The customer complains about the noise of his washing machine.

A1 Task 3 | Reordering sentences

Read the instructions (A-H) to plant sunflower seeds, then put them in the right order (13-18). There is one instruction you do not need.

The first one (0) is an example.



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| 0 | A | Go to your local garden centre. |
| 13. | | B. Water the seeds every day. They need a lot of water. |
| 14. | | C. Check the outdoor temperatures, as sunflowers grow best in the ground. |
| 15. | | D. Push each seed about 2.5 cm into the soil. |
| 16. | | E. Cut the flowers with big scissors. |
| 17. | | F. Select a sunflower variety, a single-stem sunflower or with several smaller flowers. |
| 18. | | G. Choose the size of your container based on the height of the sunflower you want to plant. |
| | | H. Add potting soil and compost. |

Glossary

soil (a) terreno

A2 Task 4 | Gap-fill (with pool)

Read the text about a young YouTuber. Match the missing parts in the pool with the gaps (19-27). There is one part you do not need.

The first one (0) is an example.

A YOUTUBER'S STORY

do better than him – was studying for – talking about how – found out that he –
his first video blog – go to university in the future – made Tom suddenly very famous
– would want to watch – watched a video of – of his funniest videos – was very sad



In March 2007, a 14-year-old boy named Anthony Robbins (0) was studying for
his end-of-term exams. Because he was bored, he switched on his netbook and started
surfing the Internet. While browsing the pages, he found a website called YouTube and
(19) another teenager just like him, who was sitting in
5 his bedroom (20) bored he was.

Anthony was convinced that he could definitely (21)
So, using his computer and a webcam, he created (22)
and posted it on YouTube under the name "AskTony". When a few days after Tony posted
his first video, he (23) had 150 followers, he decided to
10 make more videos to please his audience. He soon became quite popular and a few months
later a famous English TV personality showed one (24)
called "The secret of happiness" on her programme.

This (25) in the United Kingdom, and it is still
in the list of the most viewed YouTube videos with nearly 4 million views. The secret of
15 his popularity is in making videos that he himself (26)
, that don't try to sell anything. Tony passed his exams with nine A grades and one B! He
says that he wants to (27) but has decided to try
and make a career on YouTube before that.

A2 Task 5 | Matching sentences with notices

Match the notices (A-E) with the sentences (28-33). You can use a notice more than once. Write your answers in the boxes.

The first one (0) is an example.

A

B

C

D

E

0	This notice is for people attending Beverly High School.	C
28.	This notice says that everyone must wear the correct shoes when they play.	___
29.	This notice says that there is a computer for sale.	___
30.	This notice is directed at tennis players.	___
31.	This notice says that there is a special offer for students attending the one-day drama class.	___
32.	This notice says that you don't need to pay to get the bus from here.	___
33.	This notice states that trained service animals are admitted.	___

A2 Task 6 | Four-option multiple choice

Read the following text. For questions 34-39 choose the correct answer (A, B, C, or D). Put a cross (X) in the correct box. Only one answer is correct.



Sign language is a natural language which has developed spontaneously over time within the communities of **deaf** people. But when did the history of sign language begin? Sign language probably started at the same time as vocal language. There are reports of first forms of gestural communication among the deaf at the time of the ancient Romans. This demonstrates just how natural sign language is if there are hearing problems.

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- Until the 18th century, sign language was in fact seen as a poor and primitive method of communication for the deaf. The first to deal most seriously with this language was the Abbot de L'Épée, a teacher who began to observe and study the gestures that his deaf pupils spontaneously produced. With their help, he created new signs and a grammar, introducing tenses and articles. De L'Épée's method was very successful. In fact, his students were able to communicate effectively and learn a lot. It was thanks to this success that the Abbot managed to establish the first public school for **deaf-mutes** in France. His method was so successful that it began to spread throughout the world
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- 15 and, in 1817, the first school for the deaf was opened.

- Today, many countries have already recognized the sign language spoken by their deaf citizens. Deaf people can freely use sign language even in official spheres and can teach using signs. There are also sign language courses at university to train professional interpreters, who as a result enable deaf people to access all types of information. The
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- Language of the Signs is not a mimic language, it uses a visual-gestural channel, which allows the "signer" (who marks, that is the speaker) a full autonomy of the incoming and outgoing message: the eyes listen, the hands produce. We are talking about a real language, with grammar rules and a syntax. This is not a universal language: the languages are different for each country exactly like the vocal languages, and are also
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- rich in dialectal variables.

Glossary

deaf (adj) sordo

deaf-mute (adj) sordomuto

34. Sign language is used by:

- A. ☐ blind people.
 B. ☐ people with hearing problems.
 C. ☐ people who can't walk.
 D. ☐ poor people.

35. The first forms of gestural communication date back to:

- A. ☐ Egyptian times.
 B. ☐ Roman times.
 C. ☐ Greek times.
 D. ☐ Etruscan times.

36. The Abbot de L'Épée was a:

- A. ☐ scientist.
 B. ☐ doctor.
 C. ☐ teacher.
 D. ☐ deaf student.

37. De L'Épée created:

- A. ☐ a grammar for deaf people.
 B. ☐ a primitive method of communication.
 C. ☐ a vocal language.
 D. ☐ a mimic language.

38. The first public school for deaf-mutes:

- A. ☐ had only male students.
 B. ☐ was closed during the summer.
 C. ☐ trained professional interpreters
 D. ☐ was in France.

39. During gestural communication:

- A. ☐ the eyes listen, the hands speak.
 B. ☐ the eyes listen, the feet speak.
 C. ☐ the hands listen, the eyes speak.
 D. ☐ the ears listen, the hands speak.

	Not given	False	True
0. The first T-shirt was made by a woman.	☒	☐	☐
40. The Cooper Company created T-shirts for men who were good at sewing.	☐	☐	☐
41. American sailors started wearing T-shirts in 1905.	☐	☐	☐
42. In Cuba everyone could work wearing a T-shirt.	☐	☐	☐
43. The novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald was the first to mention the word T-shirt.	☐	☐	☐
44. Marlon Brando was the first actor to wear a T-shirt in a film.	☐	☐	☐
45. There is a T-shirt available for every occasion.	☐	☐	☐

A2 Task 7 | True / False/ Not given questions

Read the text about the history of T-shirts. Are sentences 40-45 True, False or Not given in the text? Put a cross (X) in the correct box.

The first one (0) is an example.



A must-wear

If we were to be asked what the most common and popular item of clothing in the world is, we would probably all answer the T-shirt. But where does the T-shirt come from?

The story of the T-shirt officially begins in 1904, when a an **advertisement** from the Cooper Underwear Company - a clothing company specializing in **underwear** - advertised the launch of an elastic, round neck undershirt on the market. "No **safety pins**, no button, no **needle**" was Cooper's slogan to sell this new product to men who had no great **sewing skills**.

The idea was a great success. The following year the American navy forced its sailors to wear T-shirts under their uniforms. For a long time, the classic T-shirt was considered underwear, and it couldn't be worn in public - in Cuba there were even laws which prohibited workers from wearing T-shirts in the sun.

In 1920, F. Scott Fitzgerald, in his novel *This Side of Paradise*, was the first to use the term T-shirt, a name probably suggested by the shape of the **garment**.

Thanks to 1950s American cinema, the T-shirt became a fashionable piece of clothing in America and quickly spread all over the world. James Dean, Marlon Brando and John Wayne were all very famous actors who wore jeans and white short-sleeved T-shirts on the big screen.

Today, the T-shirt has thousands of possible combinations for both daily use and formal events. A lot of T-shirts are made by artists specifically for big brands. A T-shirt can be worn to **stand out**, to communicate and to advertise. T-shirts are now worn by people of all ages at any time of the year.

Glossary

advertisement (n) pubblicità
underwear (n) biancheria intima
safety pin (n) spilla di sicurezza
needle (n) ago

sewing skills (n) abilità di cucito
garment (n) capo d'abbigliamento
stand out (v) risaltare