

ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

Entry 3 – Reading

Sample 2



Time allowed: 60 minutes

Please answer **all** questions. Circle your answers in pen, **not** pencil, **on the separate answer sheet**.
You may **not** use dictionaries. You may **not** use correction fluid.

Task 1

Dolphins**Paragraph one**

The dolphin is one of the best-loved animals in the world. Dolphins live in every sea in the world, and also in some rivers. A dolphin normally lives to the age of 17, but some have lived for about 50 years. Curiously, dolphins in the past were much smaller than they are today.

Paragraph two

E (Example) . For example, dolphin brains are in two parts. When one side of the brain is sleeping, the other side is **alert** and the dolphin can watch for dangers.

Paragraph three

1. . Instead they use them to catch fish, which they then swallow in one piece. Dolphins often work together when they are hunting. They make a circle around a group of fish and swim into the centre one by one to catch a fish and eat it.

Paragraph four

2. . Adult dolphins are good at **caring for** their young and older dolphins. Scientists have also watched them carrying dolphins who were too sick to swim. They push them to the surface of the water to help them breathe.

Paragraph five

3. . Sometimes big sharks will attack dolphins but this is unusual. Their biggest danger comes from humans. Many river dolphins have died because of pollution. And in the sea, boats often crash into dolphins and **injure** them.

Questions 1-3

Four sentences are missing from the text on page 2. Look at the following five sentences (A-E) and decide which one best fits each gap. There is one sentence you do not need and an example. Circle the letter of your answer **on your answer sheet**.

- A There are other examples of dolphins helping each other.
- B Dolphins do not have many enemies.
- C Most people know that dolphins communicate by using sounds.
- D Another fact is that dolphins have 100 teeth, but they do not use them to eat.
- E (Example) ~~There are some very interesting facts about dolphin bodies.~~

Questions 4-6

Choose the letter of the closest meaning for each word. Look at the text carefully to help you decide on the best answer. Circle the letter **on your answer sheet**.

4. alert (paragraph two)

- A unhappy
- B awake
- C tired

5. caring for (paragraph four)

- A looking after
- B showing around
- C passing over

6. injure (paragraph five)

- A hurt
- B catch
- C rescue

Questions 7-9

Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

7. According to paragraph one

- A dolphins are bigger than they used to be
- B you will never see a dolphin in a river
- C most dolphins live to about 50

8. According to paragraph three, dolphins

- A prefer to fish on their own
- B fight each other for fish
- C often go fishing in groups

9. According to paragraph five

- A dolphins and humans live happily together
- B large sharks can be dangerous to dolphins
- C dolphins are safer in rivers than in seas

Task 2**Text A****Get Active Leisure Centre****Management Staff Rota****Services and Repairs**

Employee	Department/Position	Work Days
Julie Shaw	Cleaning Manager	Mon, Weds, Fri
Karen Morris	Deputy Manager	Weds-Sat
William Barkes	General Manager	Mon-Fri
Sam Jones	Gym Manager	Tues-Fri
Carol Wilson	Reception Manager	Mon, Weds, Sat
Karim Ahmed	Repairs Manager	Mon-Fri
Marek Wojch	Swimming Pool Manager	Mon-Fri

Text B**Memo**

To: All Staff

From: William Barkes

Hello everyone,

As a thank you for all your hard work in the last few months, we have organised a pool party for you and your families! There will be games and competitions in the main pool on Sunday from 5pm then refreshments afterwards. The small pool will be available for young children. Please come!

William

Text C**Get Active Leisure Centre****Customer Feedback**

Thank you for using Get Active today. Tell us your thoughts about the facilities (circle as appropriate)

1 = poor 2 = unsatisfactory 3 = satisfactory 4 = good 5 = excellent

a) changing rooms	1	2	3	4	5
b) reception staff	1	2	3	4	5
c) gym	1	2	3	4	5
d) pool	1	2	3	4	5

How often do you use Get Active?

Would you recommend Get Active to a friend? Yes/No (delete as applicable)

How can we improve Get Active?

Name: (optional)

Email address:

Would you like to receive emails about special offers?

Text D**To:** karim.ahmed@getactive.co.uk**From:** sam.jones@getactive.co.uk**Subject:** Gym machines

Hi Karim,

We've had problems with the gym machines today. Could you send someone to fix them immediately please?

Sam

Text E**Staff Leisure Card**

Name:

Position:

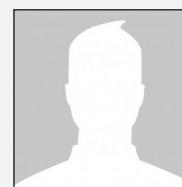
Department:

Type of card required: Pool only Gym only Pool and Gym

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Date of last medical: -- / -- / --

Authorisation by line manager (signature):



Texts A to E on page 4 are all about working at Get Active Leisure Centre.

Questions 10-12

Match the texts (A-E) with their purposes. Circle the letter of the correct answer **on your answer sheet**. There is one text you don't need and an example.

Example: to apply for staff access

E

10. to invite staff to an event

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11. to request help

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12. to inform staff of management work days

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Questions 13-15

Look at the following words and phrases from the two forms, texts C and E. Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

13. Text C asks you to 'delete as applicable'. This means you need to

- A write the name of your friend
- B cross out the word 'Yes' or 'No'
- C circle 'Yes' or 'No' on the form

14. Text B says 'refreshments'. This means

- A spa sessions
- B food and drinks
- C relaxing music

15. Text E says 'Authorisation by line manager'. This means

- A you must write your manager's name
- B your manager must sign the form
- C you must sign the form as well

Questions 16-18

Look at all of the texts to decide where to find the following information. Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

16. It is Saturday and you need to leave work early. Who should you ask?

- A Sam Jones
- B William Barks
- C Karen Morris

17. Who do you contact if the gym equipment is broken?

- A Karim Ahmed
- B Julie Shaw
- C William Barks

18. Get Active's General Manager wants

- A all staff to work harder at weekends
- B to open a small pool for children
- C to reward staff for hard work

Task 3

COUNCIL CELEBRATES TRAFFIC BREAKTHROUGH

Paragraph A

Cranley Council are celebrating this week after their campaign to improve travel in the city centre achieved excellent results.

Paragraph B

Five years ago, traffic jams were a serious problem in Cranley. The main reason was that more than three-quarters of journeys to the city centre were by car. Then several large companies moved their head offices there. This made the traffic situation even worse.

Paragraph C

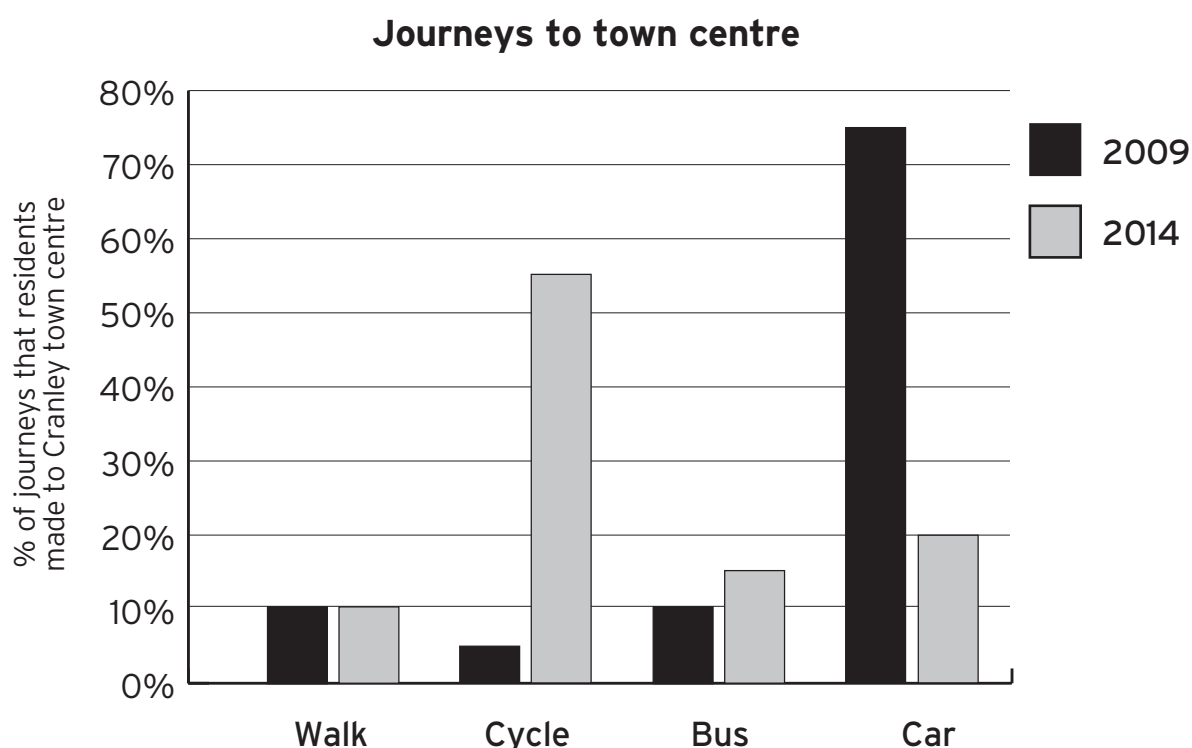
The council considered building a new road but residents hated the idea. Then the council thought about 'park and ride'. They wanted to build some large car parks on the edge of the city and use trams to take people into the centre. However, this was too expensive.

Paragraph D

Finally the council asked residents for their opinions. Many people said they would like more cycle lanes. At first the council was unsure. 'We thought people would cycle in fine weather and use their cars when it was raining,' said Chief Executive Angela Peterson. 'However, we had some meetings with residents and decided to give it a try.'

Paragraph E

As the chart shows, this was definitely the right decision. Car travel has decreased dramatically.



Questions 19-21

The text on page 6 has five paragraphs (A-E). Each paragraph has a purpose. Choose the letter of the paragraph which best matches the purposes below. Circle the letter **on your answer sheet**. You do not need to use all of the paragraphs. There is an example.

Example: *to introduce the text*

 A

19. to describe some of the council's ideas for improving traffic

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20. to explain why transport was a problem in Cranley centre

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21. to inform readers of what the council decided to do

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Questions 22-24

Choose the letter of the best answer according to both the text and the diagram and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

22. What was the least popular way to travel to Cranley centre in 2014?

A by bus

B by car

C on foot

23. In 2009, the percentage of people who travelled to work by car was

A 75 per cent

B 20 per cent

C 55 per cent

24. Traffic jams increased in the city centre because

A it was too expensive to travel by tram

B some new businesses moved to Cranley

C the council didn't provide enough car parks

Questions 25-27

Your teacher has made a list of words from the text for you to learn. The words are in alphabetical order, but the following words are missing: **achieved, dramatically, companies, journeys**. For each word, choose the correct place (A-E) in the list and circle the letter **on your answer sheet**. There is one place you do not need and an example.

Example: *achieved* A

25. *dramatically*

26. *companies*

27. *journeys*

	<i>Word list to learn by next week!</i>
	<u> A (example) </u>
	build
	<u> B </u>
	celebrating
	<u> C </u>
	definitely
	<u> D </u>
	expensive
	<u> E </u>
	residents
	situation

