

# ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

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## Entry 2 – Reading

### Past paper 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**

## **Cricket**

No one knows exactly when or where the sport of cricket began but people believe it began in south-east England. It started as **amusement** for children in the 1500s before adults in the south east started to play it in 1600.

The English introduced cricket to North America in the 1600s, before people first played cricket in the north of England in 1720. The game continued to become popular in all parts of England and, in 1751, Yorkshire, in the north, had its first official game. In the 1700s it arrived in other parts of the **globe**. First in the West Indies, then in India. It arrived in Australia in 1788, and in 1862 the England national team's first tour was to Australia. New Zealand and South Africa followed in the early 1900s.

The first ever cricket match between two countries was the USA and Canada game in 1844 in the USA. Canada won the match. However, the general public in Canada never **favoured** cricket. In the summer season Canadians preferred to play baseball, not cricket.

**Questions 1-3**

Choose the correct ending to complete the sentences. There is one answer you don't need.  
Circle the letter of your answer **on your answer sheet**.

A 1500s	C 1788	E 1844
B 1600	D 1720	

*Example: Cricket first started in the .....A..... .*

1. Cricket was in northern England in .....
2. Australian cricket started in .....
3. An important international game was in .....

**Questions 4-6**

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

**4. amusement**

- A fun
- B work
- C study

**5. globe**

- A country
- B world
- C area

**6. favoured**

- A understood
- B practised
- C liked

**Questions 7-9**

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

7. Which sentence is correct?
  - A We think cricket started in south-east England.
  - B Adults played cricket before children.
  - C We know when cricket began.
8. Which country did the English team visit first?
  - A the USA
  - B Australia
  - C Canada
9. The Canadians
  - A lost a cricket match against the USA
  - B travelled to England in 1844
  - C enjoyed the game of baseball


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**Task 2****Text A**

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Email:</b>			
<b>Contact number:</b>			
<i>Please tick where you want to go.</i>			
<b>Pizza World</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Chinese Garden</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Andy's Kitchen</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Taton Restaurant</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Text B**

**From:** Stephanie Kew  
**To:** All staff  
**Subject:** Team Meeting

 Voting form.doc

Hi everyone,

There will be a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 5pm to talk about where we can go for our staff party on Friday night. The meeting will be in Southern Building on the second floor in room 1. Don't go to our usual meeting room in Western Building. It is closed. I have attached a list of places we could go for the party. Please choose one.

See you then,

*Stephanie*

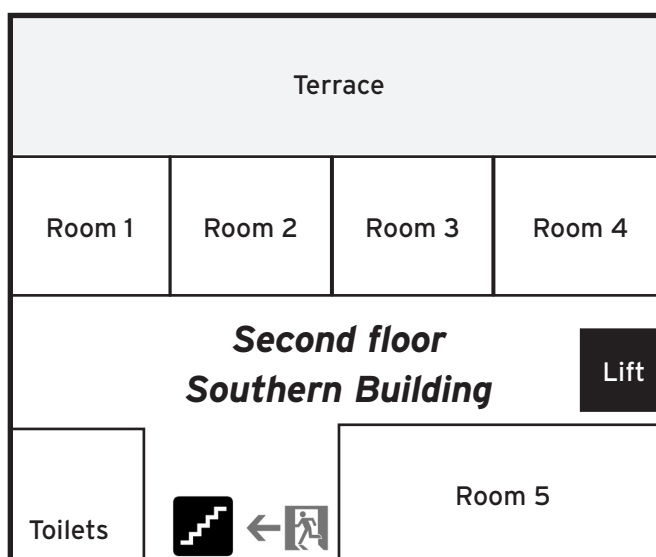
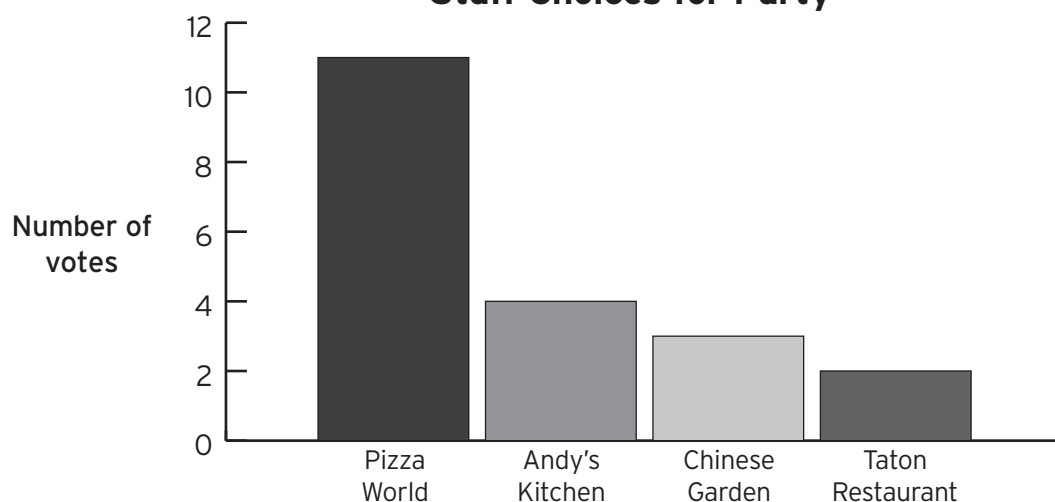
**Text C**

**From:** Stephanie Kew  
**To:** All staff  
**Subject:** How to get to Pizza World

There will be a staff bus leaving work at 5.30pm from the main office. It is free but you have to tell me if you want a place on the minibus. There are only 8 places so please tell me as soon as possible! You can drive if you want to. There is a car park behind the restaurant.

Thanks

*Stephanie*

**Text D****Text E****Staff Choices for Party**

Marco is going to the staff party. Use the texts to answer the questions.

### Questions 10-12

What is each text for? Circle the letter of the text **on your answer sheet**. There is one text you don't need and an example.

*Example: A voting form*

A

10. To tell staff about a meeting

11. To give details of travel arrangements

12. To show the results of a vote

### Questions 13-15

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

13. In text A, Marco needs to

A give his phone number

B say where he works

C write his address

14. In text B, what does Stephanie send with her email?

A directions to the party

B a voting form

C a food menu

15. In text C, the minibus

A has enough places for everyone

B is not very expensive

C leaves from the main office

### Questions 16-18

Look at texts D and E. Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

16. In text D, where is Room 1?

A Opposite the toilets

B Next to the lift

C Between Rooms 3 and 5

17. Which sentence is correct?

A The lift is near Room 4.

B The stairs go to the terrace.

C All the rooms are the same size.

18. Which restaurant has more votes than Andy's Kitchen?

A Taton Restaurant

B Chinese Garden

C Pizza World

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**Task 3**

### **A Great Office Invention**

Post-It notes are so useful. They are small squares of paper that you can stick anywhere. They are perfect for leaving notes on the fridge or your desk. Spencer Silver invented them. In 1970, Silver wanted to invent strong glue but discovered a very weak glue instead.

No one knew what to do with the weak glue. In 1980, Silver's friend Arthur Fry used bookmarks to keep his place in a song book but they always fell out. Fry used the glue and found they stayed in place. After that, Silver created Post-It notes but not many people bought them. A few years later, Silver gave free Post-It notes to a lot of office workers so they could try them. This was a good idea! By 1998, Post-Its were really popular.

One Post-It note became art. A famous artist drew a pencil drawing on a Post-It note and sold it for £640.

**Questions 19-21**

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

**19.** This text is about

- A Spencer Silver
- B weak glue
- C Post-It notes

**20.** When did Spencer Silver invent weak glue?

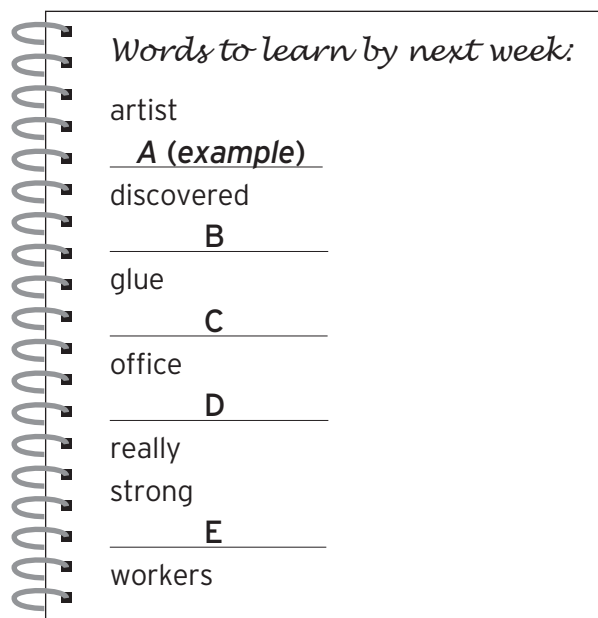
- A 1970
- B 1980
- C 1998

**21.** Who helped invent Post-Its?

- A Arthur Fry
- B office workers
- C an artist

**Questions 22-24**

Your teacher wants you to learn this list of words from the text. The words are in alphabetical order, but the following words are missing: **bookmarks, useful, popular, invention**. 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.



*Words to learn by next week:*

artist

    A (example)    

discovered

    B    

glue

    C    

office

    D    

really

strong

    E    

workers

Example: *bookmarks* ..... A .....

**22.** useful .....

**23.** popular .....

**24.** invention .....

**End of exam**

