

# ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

## Entry 2 – Reading

### Past paper 7



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**

Last Saturday we had a surprise party for my brother, Alex. It was his birthday. In the morning we gave him presents. He loved the presents, **particularly** the new mobile phone. After that he went to watch a football match with his best friend.

After Alex went to the football match, we prepared for the party. It was a sunny day and we decided to have a barbecue in our garden. The garden's lovely. It has many pretty flowers. We prepared meat, fish, vegetarian food, salad and bread. We made some drinks too. Then the guests started to arrive. They brought more food and some gifts.

Later on, we went to the airport to **pick up** my uncle, aunt and cousins. They live in the USA. They came to stay with us for a holiday, but my brother didn't know about it.

My brother came home from the football match with his friend at six o'clock. He was very surprised and **pleased** to see everyone at his party.

**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 prepared some food      C opened his presents      E ~~had his birthday~~  
 B went to a football match      D arrived at the party

Example: Last Saturday, Alex .....E..... .

1. First, Alex .....
2. Then, his family .....
3. Finally, Alex .....

**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. particularly**

- A generally
- B usually
- C especially

**5. pick up**

- A get
- B see
- C find

**6. pleased**

- A tired
- B happy
- C angry

**Questions 7-9**

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

7. Why was the party in the garden?
  - A the weather was warm
  - B they had a lot of food to cook
  - C they wanted to play football
8. The guests came to the party with
  - A drinks
  - B presents
  - C flowers
9. All the family were at
  - A the football match
  - B the airport
  - C the party

**Task 2**

**Text A**

6 Church Street  
Mayfield MA3 6TW

Neema Abdallah  
Managing Director  
Mayfield Care Home  
Mayfield  
MA1 1AB  
6 July 2015

Dear Ms Abdallah,

I have a new job. I am going to work at Mayfield Hospital as a nurse. I am sorry to leave Mayfield Care Home. It is an excellent place, but I need more hours. The new job starts on 6 August.

Yours sincerely,  
Marcin Balik

**Text B**

**From:** Neema Abdallah  
**To:** All Staff  
**Subject:** Leaving present

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Dear colleagues

Marcin is leaving. We would like to buy him a present. Could everyone give £1 to Katy at reception please?

Thank you

Neema

**Text C**

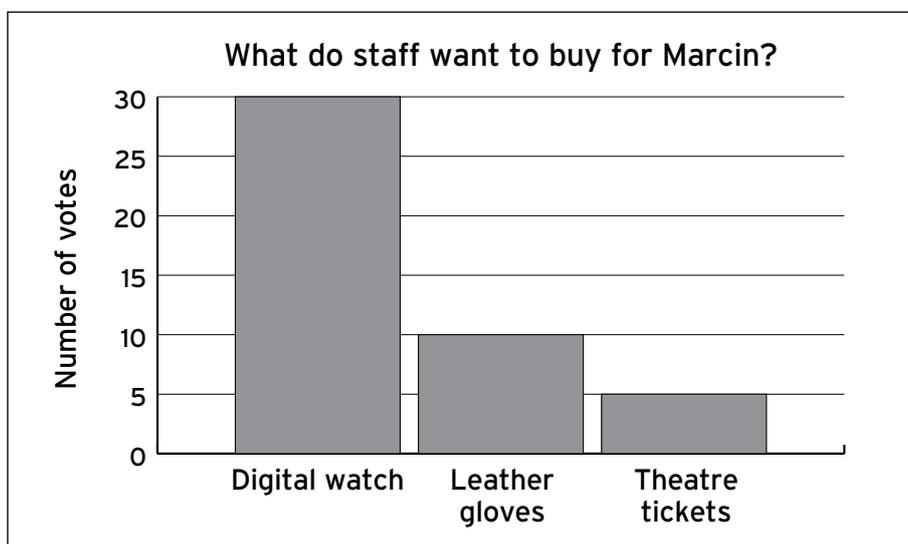
Neema  
Marcin is popular!  
We have £45 for the gift!  
Katy 😊

**Text D**

Help us choose a good present for Marcin. Please complete this form and give it to Katy by Friday.

Name	
Job title	
What's the best present for Marcin? (Please tick one)	
Digital watch <input type="checkbox"/> Leather gloves <input type="checkbox"/> Theatre tickets <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Text E**



Staff at Mayfield Care Home want to buy Marcin a leaving present. Use the texts on page 4 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: *to leave a job*

A

10. to say how much money there is for a gift

11. to ask for money for a gift

12. to say which gift you like best

### 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, Marcin says he

A is leaving his job on 6 August

B doesn't like Mayfield Care Home

C is planning to work longer hours

14. In text C, Katy says

A lots of people like Marcin

B Marcin wants more money

C Neema must buy a gift for Marcin

15. Neema wants theatre tickets for Marcin. How does she complete the form in text D?

A Digital watch  Leather gloves  Theatre tickets

B Digital watch  Leather gloves  Theatre tickets

C Digital watch  Leather gloves  Theatre tickets

### Questions 16-18

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

16. What is the most popular gift?

A Digital watch

B Leather gloves

C Theatre tickets

17. How many people chose the leather gloves?

A five

B ten

C twenty-five

18. In text C, Katy is

A worried

B happy

C sad

Turn over page

**Task 3****Did you know?****Fascinating fact file of the week**

Nowadays, almost everybody has a mobile phone. China has the most mobile phones with about 998 million phones and in India there are 904 million. Third on the list is the United States with 327 million phones and then Brazil with 276 million phones. Russia is in fifth place with 256 million phones. Almost every adult in the United Kingdom owns a mobile, but the UK is not on the list of the top ten countries.

Mobile phones are now a part of everyday life. We use them for work, in our free time and we even take them away with us on holiday. We almost do not need guide books, dictionaries or cameras anymore.

Our phones can do nearly everything for us. We can download banking apps and pay for things in shops with them. There are even plans to make phones you can use underwater. Some people say that mobile phones of the future could fix broken things. What next?

**Questions 19-21**

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

- 19.** This text shows that mobile phones are
- A popular
  - B difficult
  - C expensive
- 20.** Where is Brazil on the top ten list of countries with mobile phones?
- A third
  - B fourth
  - C fifth
- 21.** Today you can use a phone
- A to pay for shopping
  - B to repair things
  - C in the sea

**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: **banking, owns, guide, dictionaries**. 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:*

apps  
    A (example)      
 camera  
    B      
 everyday  
    C      
 million  
    D      
 phone  
    E    

Example: banking ..... A .....

22. owns ..... .....

23. guide ..... .....

24. dictionaries ..... .....

**End of exam**

