

# ESOL Skills for Life

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## Entry 2 – Reading



### Practice paper 1

**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**

Hi Trevor!

How are you? I had a good weekend. I went to London with my friends Kamil and Luqman. We had an **amazing** time!

First we took a train from my house to Waterloo Station. We visited the National Gallery and saw some wonderful paintings! We took lots of photos in the city centre. I'll send some to you.

Then we went for a walk near the river and we saw Big Ben. It started to rain and Luqman wanted to go indoors. We were also hungry. We went to get a pizza. It was my favourite kind!

After that, we went to a cinema. I'm sure I saw a famous actor there but nobody believed me! I tried to take a picture but it was too dark! Oh well.

At the end of the day, we took a big, red bus to the train station. I was **exhausted** when I got back. I ate a **snack** and I went to bed early.

Next time, come with us!

Piotr

**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 had lunch | C met a famous actor        | E took some pictures |
| B went home | D <del>went to London</del> |                      |

Example: First, the friends ..... D .....

- Then, they .....
- When it started raining, they .....
- Finally, they .....

**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. amazing**

- A busy
- B funny
- C wonderful

**5. exhausted**

- A very sad
- B very tired
- C very happy

**6. snack**

- A short walk
- B small meal
- C quick shower

**Questions 7-9**

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

**7.** Where did they go for a walk?

- A in the park
- B by the river
- C near the station

**8.** Who wanted to go inside?

- A Kamil
- B Lugman
- C Piotr

**9.** Why couldn't Piotr take a picture in the cinema?

- A he wasn't allowed
- B he didn't have his phone
- C there wasn't enough light

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

To: tamara@email.co.uk  
 From: vasanta@company.co.uk  
 Subject: Training day

 Map

Dear Tamara

The training day is on Tuesday.  
 The training isn't at the main office.  
 It is at 22 Silverdale Road, room 19.  
 I am also attaching a map.

Kind regards

Vasanta Kumar  
 HR Manager

**Text B****Questionnaire**

What did you think about the training day?

How comfortable was the training room? (please circle)

Very comfortable    Quite comfortable    Not comfortable

How useful was the training? (please circle)

Very useful            Quite useful            Not useful

Which department do you work in?

Do you want to say anything else about the training?

THANK YOU

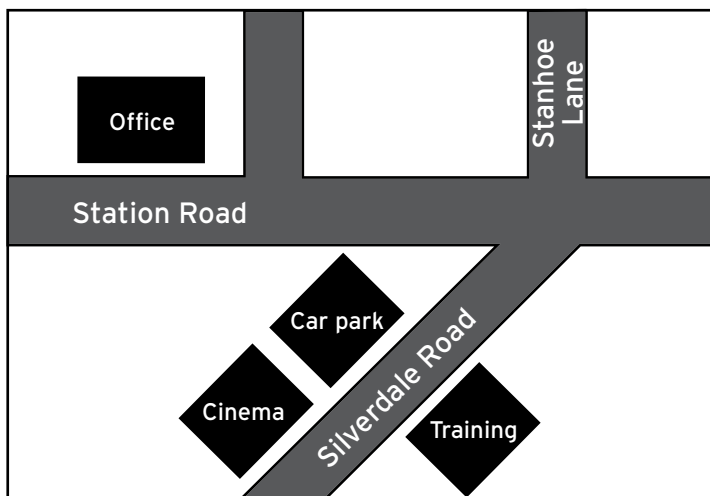
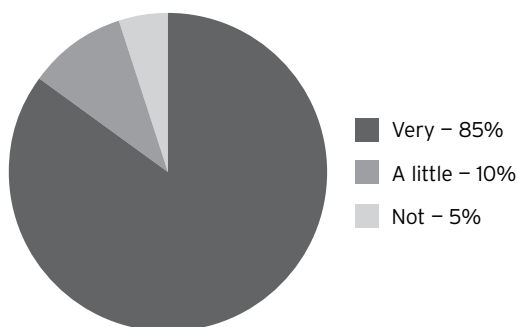
**Text C**

Dear Carlos,

Thank you for your hard work.  
 The training event was great.  
 The IT staff really enjoyed it. I am  
 really pleased and we are having  
 more training later this year.

Thanks again,

*Vasanta Kumar*

**Text D****Text E****How useful was the training?**

The HR department organised a training day. 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 help someone find out how to get somewhere*

..... **D** .....

**10.** to thank someone for their work

.....

**11.** to give someone's thoughts about the training

.....

**12.** to tell someone about a training day

.....

### Questions 13–15

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

**13.** In text B, Tamara must give

A her department

B her full name

C her job title

**14.** In text C, the IT department

A did not like the training

B are worried about the training

C are going to have more training

**15.** In text A, what does Vasanta Kumar send with his email?

A a map of the area

B a questionnaire

C an application

### 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, the office is on

A Silverdale Road

B Stanhoe Lane

C Station Road

**17.** In text D, the training venue is

A opposite a car park

B next to a cinema

C behind the office

**18.** In text E, most people thought the training was

A not useful

B very useful

C a little useful

**Turn over page**

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

Dolphins live in seas and rivers around the world. Larger dolphins grow to a length of 8 metres. Smaller Bottlenose dolphins are only 1 metre long. Female dolphins usually live for forty years or more.

Female dolphins are called cows and male dolphins are called bulls. Baby dolphins are called calves. Dolphins usually have babies every 3-4 years. The calves are born under water and stay with their mother until they can find food on their own.

Dolphins enjoy playing and jumping out of the water. They like to live with other dolphins in groups called pods. They have 100 teeth and eat fish and squid.

Dolphins are very intelligent animals. They have excellent eyesight and can hear better than humans. They also use their ears to find objects and food. They 'talk' to each other by making noises. They are popular animals but fishing kills lots of dolphins every year.

**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 rivers and seas
- B dolphins
- C fishing

**20.** How many years do dolphins live?

- A 1
- B 8
- C 40

**21.** Dolphin babies leave their mothers when they

- A are born in the water
- B can get their own food
- C are 3-4 years old

**Questions 22-24**

Look at the list of words. They are in alphabetical order.  
Circle the letter of the best answer **on your answer sheet**.

**22.** Which word comes first in the list, before **dolphin**?

- A eel
- B fish
- C crab

**23.** Where does **lobster** come in the list?

- A between jellyfish and octopus
- B between octopus and prawn
- C between prawn and seahorse

**24.** Which word comes last in the list, after **starfish**?

- A whale
- B oyster
- C mussel

**Sea animals**

dolphin

jellyfish

octopus

prawn

seahorse

starfish

**End of exam**

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### **Answers**

1. E
2. A
3. B
4. C
5. B
6. B
7. B
8. B
9. C
10. C
11. B
12. A
13. A
14. C
15. A
16. C
17. A
18. B
19. B
20. C
21. B
22. C
23. A
24. A