

# ESOL Skills for Life

## Entry 2 – Reading

### Sample 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**

From: samira323@email.com  
 To: olga234@email.com  
 Subject: New flat

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Hello Olga

How are you, Sven and baby Anya?

Hussein and I moved into our new flat on Friday. It has two bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a **tiny** bathroom.

In the morning, Hussein borrowed a van. Then he and his friend, Farid, moved the furniture from our old flat. It took them four hours and Farid got a backache. Then I **prepared** sandwiches for lunch. That was the first meal in our new home!

In the afternoon, Hussein and Farid cleaned the kitchen and I cleaned the bedrooms. Then I ordered some pizza from the takeaway shop because we were hungry and **exhausted**. After that, Hussein drove Farid home and returned the van.

On Saturday, I'm going shopping with my sister, Marina. She's going to get us some cushions for the sofa. We bought the sofa last week. I'm going to buy some pictures and plants.

Please come and visit us next Sunday!

Love Samira

**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 cleaned the kitchen	C bought a sofa	E got a backache
B <del>borrowed a van</del>	D ordered some pizza	

Example: First, Hussein ..... B .....

- Then, Farid .....
- Next, the friends .....
- Finally, Samira .....

**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. tiny**

- A large
- B small
- C lovely

**5. prepared**

- A liked
- B found
- C made

**6. exhausted**

- A tired
- B dirty
- C happy

**Questions 7-9**

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

**7. Farid and Hussein**

- A drove to the shops
- B moved the furniture
- C cleaned all the rooms

**8. Who lives in the new flat?**

- A Olga and Sven
- B Hussein and Farid
- C Samira and Hussein

**9. What is Marina going to buy?**

- A a sofa
- B pictures
- C cushions

**Task 2**

**Text A**

**JOB VACANCY**

Our busy factory needs a cleaner.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday only  
Good rate of pay  
For more details phone  
Marta Schmidt (Manager)  
01582 654321  
Interviews: Monday 1 July

**Text B**

**From:** Marta Schmidt, Manager  
**To:** Patrick, Receptionist  
**Subject:** Cleaner interviews

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Hello Patrick

We have four people for the interviews today. Here are their names and the interview times:

10am Tracey Martin  
11am Robert Kubica  
12pm Michele Ord  
1pm Rashmi Patel

The interviews are in Room 3. Can you open the door at 9.30am and put water, tea and coffee on the table?

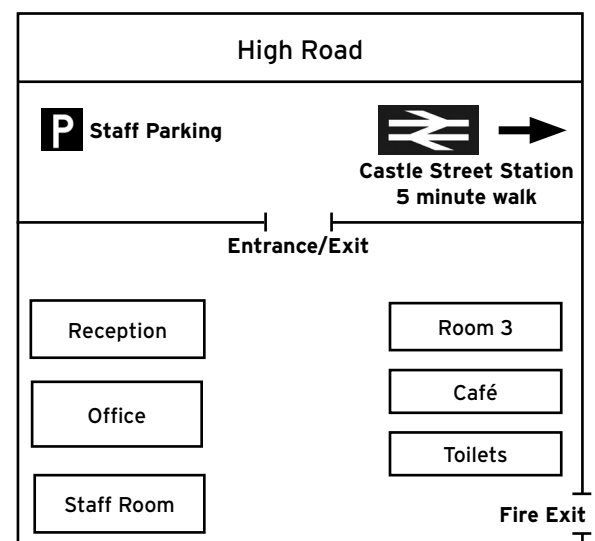
Thanks  
Marta

**Text C**

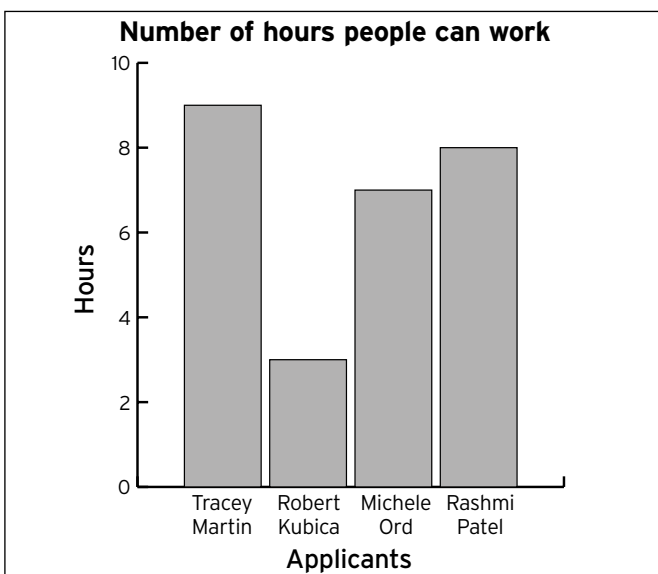
Cleaner application form			
Name			
Contact number			
When can you work? (Please circle)	Morning 9-12	Afternoon 12-3	Evening 3-6
Can you work overtime? (Please circle)	Yes	No	
Signature			

**Text D**

**Plan of factory**



**Text E**



A factory is hiring a new cleaner. 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 apply for a job*

C

10. to show the places in a factory

11. to give information to a work colleague

12. to tell people about a new job

### 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, cleaners need to

A start work on the 1 July

B visit the factory to ask for a job

C telephone Marta for more information

14. In text B, Marta asks Patrick to

A interview the cleaners with her

B get some drinks for Room 3

C telephone her at 9.30am

15. In text C, what information does the form ask for?

A name, address, signature

B name, telephone number, signature

C name, date of birth, telephone number

### Questions 16-18

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

16. Where is the Fire Exit?

A between the reception and the office

B opposite the staff room

C next to the car park

17. The train station is

A a short walk from the factory

B next to the fire exit

C opposite the factory

18. Who can work more hours than Rashmi?

A Michele

B Robert

C Tracey

**Turn over page**

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

Romans made the first 'pencils' thousands of years ago. They were small brushes used for writing. Roman pencils were very different to the ones we use today. Modern pencils have a simple design. They are light and made from wood.

In 1662, Germany made pencils in large factories. These pencils had string around them. Later, they started to use wood. At first, pencil makers didn't paint the wood around the pencil because the wood colour was very nice. In 1890 many pencil makers started painting pencils different colours and putting their names on them.

Around the year 1900, the best pencils came from China. In China, yellow is a special colour and an important one. It is the colour of kings and queens. Pencil makers started to use yellow to show people their pencils were the best. These days, yellow is still a popular colour for pencils.

**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 Roman pencils
  - B the colour yellow
  - C the history of pencils
- 20.** The first pencils were
- A made in factories
  - B in different colours
  - C created many years ago
- 21.** When did manufacturers begin to paint pencils?
- A 1662
  - B 1890
  - C 1900

**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 **calendar**?

- A folder
- B brush
- C pencil

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

- A between diary and ink
- B between ink and paint
- C between paint and rubber

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

- A paper
- B scissors
- C highlighter

**Stationery**

calendar

diary

ink

paint

rubber

ruler

# End of exam

## **Skills for Life Entry 2 Reading – Sample paper 2 Answers**

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