

# ESOL Skills for Life

## Entry 3 – Reading

### Sample paper 4

**Time allowed:** 60 minutes

- ▶ Write your name, candidate number, centre number and exam date on your answer sheet.
- ▶ You must not open this exam paper until instructed to do so.
- ▶ Please answer **all** questions.
- ▶ Circle your answers in blue or black pen **on the separate answer sheet.**
- ▶ You must not use pencil, erasable pen or correction fluid on the answer sheet.
- ▶ You must not use a dictionary in this exam.
- ▶ You must not take this exam paper out of the exam room.

## Task 1

## Television

### Paragraph one

One popular leisure activity around the world is watching television (TV). In the USA the average person watches almost five hours per day, more than any other country. Countries such as Japan, Russia, Brazil and China are also in the top ten countries for watching the most TV each day.

### Paragraph two

**C (Example)**. John Baird, one of Scotland's most **significant** engineers, helped to invent TV. He was born in 1888 before radio or television even existed. He was the first person to introduce moving pictures on TV to the world.

### Paragraph three

..... **1.** ..... This was because you could watch silent films but at home you could only listen to the radio. Baird wanted people to watch films at home too. He designed his first TV when he was in his thirties. The TV was very **basic**. He used boxes, biscuit tins, card and a motor from an electrical fan. His first TV picture was in black and white and **it** wasn't very clear.

### Paragraph four

..... **2.** ..... Then he sent the first TV images under the sea, from Britain to America. Baird wanted to **broadcast** outside sports events on TV so in 1931, he made a TV camera for filming outside. He continued his work and much later on developed colour TV.

### Paragraph five

..... **3.** ..... We have 3D and HD televisions, not small black and white ones. Although there are many satellite and cable channels, the BBC is still the most watched channel in the UK.

**Questions 1-3**

Four sentences are missing from the text on page 2. Look at the following 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 Baird sent pictures from London to Glasgow, through a phone line.
- B People used to enjoy going to the cinema.
- C (Example) ~~But how did TV begin?~~
- D Most people didn't use to like television.
- E Television is very different these days.

**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. significant** (paragraph two)

- A common
- B necessary
- C important

**5. basic** (paragraph three)

- A simple
- B cheap
- C complicated

**6. broadcast** (paragraph four)

- A invent
- B show
- C sell

**Questions 7-9**

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

**7.** According to paragraph one, in Japan, Russia, Brazil and China, people

- A watch less television than the USA
- B have fewer television viewers than the USA
- C don't have as many televisions as the USA

**8.** In paragraph three, '**it**' means the

- A cinema
- B television
- C picture

**9.** According to paragraph five, the BBC is

- A popular because of satellite and cable channels
- B more popular than satellite and cable channels
- C less popular than satellite and cable channels

**Turn over page**

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

Westshire Advice Network, 100 High Street, Norton NO1 63T

Jamal Azizi  
5 Oakwood Lane  
Norton  
NO10 4TA

15 June

Dear Jamal,

You will be glad to know that the management has approved your transfer to our Newfield branch.

I am sorry to lose you, as you have been an excellent member of staff. However, I understand that the Newfield branch will be more convenient for you when you move house. Can you please complete the enclosed form and return it to head office?

Yours sincerely,

*Karen David*

Karen David

Manager

**Text B**

**WESTSHIRE ADVICE NETWORK  
CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM**

Name	
New address	
Telephone	
Date you are moving to new accommodation (DD/MM/YYYY)	
Signature	

**Text C**

**From:** Anya Kurbatova  
**To:** Jamal Azizi  
**Subject:** Welcome!  
**Attached:** 📎 Annual leave form

Hi Jamal

Welcome to the Newfield Centre! Sorry I can't greet you in person but I have to go to see a client. I'm enclosing a list of local lawyers who can help us with difficult advice cases. Don't hesitate to contact one of them if necessary. But I'm hoping you'll have a quiet first morning!

You said you would like time off when you move house. Can you please complete the attached form?

Kind regards

Anya

Anya Kurbatova  
Manager, Newfield Centre

**Text D**

Newfield Advice Centre

**Consultants**

If you have difficulty helping a client, these people can give expert advice:

<b>Education</b>	Patrick O'Callaghan 07896 12345
<b>Health</b>	Zuzana Burak 07753 67899
<b>Accommodation</b> (rented)	Mary Butcher 07774 23455
(homeowners)	Imran Shahdid 07723 45678
<b>Benefits</b>	Delia Ledward 07766 55443

**Text E**

**ANNUAL LEAVE REQUEST FORM**

Name	
<b>Date of application</b>	
I wish to take leave from .....	to .....
Signature	
<b>Line manager authorisation</b>	

Texts A to E on page 4 are all about working for Westshire Advice Network.

### 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 welcome a new member of staff* ..... **C** .....
- 10.** to ask for time off work .....  
**11.** to give information about new contact details .....  
**12.** to provide important telephone numbers .....

### Questions 13-15

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

- 13.** Jamal is moving into a new flat on 15 February. How must he write the date in text B?  
 A 15/2/17  
 B 02/15/17  
 C 15/02/2017
- 14.** Text E asks for '**date of application**'. Jamal must write the date of  
 A the first day of his time off  
 B the day he completed the form  
 C the day he started work at the centre
- 15.** Text E asks for '**line manager authorisation**'. This means Jamal must  
 A write the name of his line manager  
 B ask his line manager to sign the form  
 C sign the form and give it to his manager

### 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.** Karen David works at the  
 A head office  
 B Norton office  
 C Newfield office
- 17.** When Jamal arrives at his new office, Anya will be  
 A on the telephone to a lawyer  
 B ready to welcome him  
 C out visiting a client
- 18.** One of Jamal's clients has a difficult problem with his landlord. Who can help Jamal give advice?  
 A Mary Butcher  
 B Delia Ledward  
 C Imran Shahdid

**Turn over page**

**Task 3****Electronic books****Paragraph A**

An electronic book (also known as an e-book) is a book in electronic form that you read on computers, tablets or smartphones. An e-reader is small, electronic and designed just for reading e-books.

**Paragraph B**

In 1998 the first e-book readers started to appear. At first e-books were not popular and paper books remained the favourite reading choice. People expected e-books to go out of fashion and disappear.

**Paragraph C**

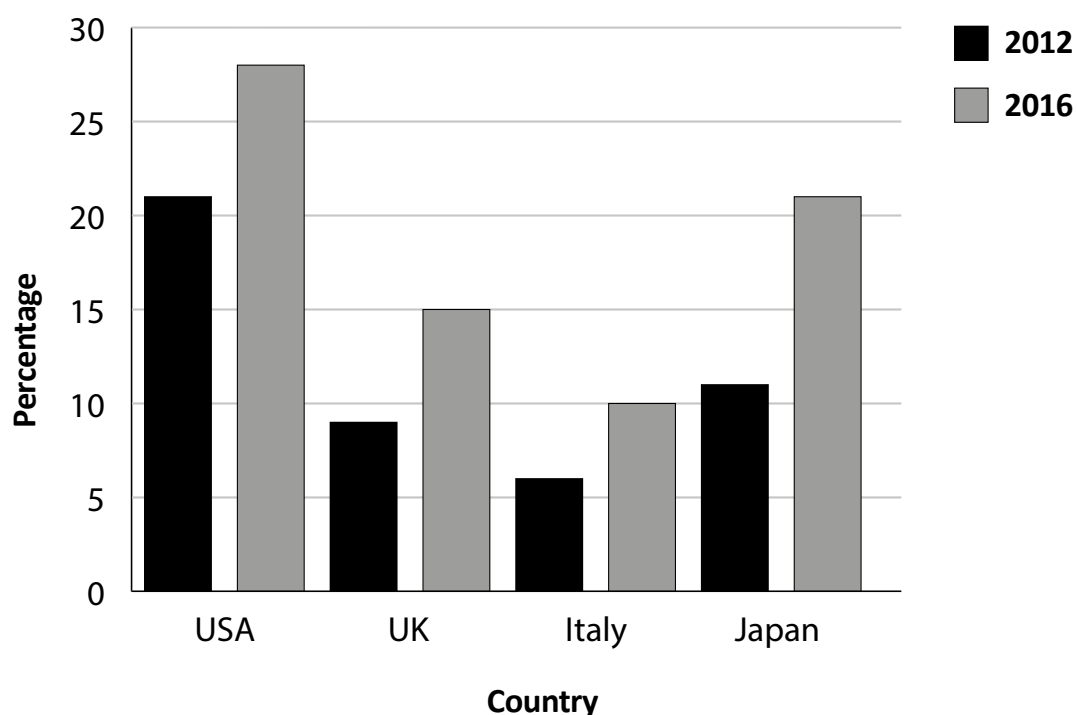
In 2004, electronic ink technology improved. The colour and brightness of e-reader screens also got better. E-books then became available for smartphones and other technology and all this meant e-book sales started to rise.

**Paragraph D**

However, some people still want to read paper books. They prefer the feel of them in their hand and they say they like to see books on a shelf. Others dislike looking at screens or don't want to use technology all the time.

**Paragraph E**

This has not prevented e-books from growing in popularity. A recent survey showed that 78% of people used e-books for research and 56% used them for study. Only 10% of people used them for leisure, so it seems paper books are still the most popular choice for free time reading.

**Spending on e-books**

**Questions 19-21**

The text on page 6 has five paragraphs (A-E). Each paragraph has a purpose. Choose the letter of the paragraph that 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 say why e-books became more popular

.....

20. to inform readers what people use e-books for

.....

21. to explain why some people like traditional books

.....

**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. Which country spends the least on e-books?

A UK

B Japan

C Italy

23. In 2016, the percentage of people in the UK who bought an e-book was

A 9 per cent

B 15 per cent

C 20 per cent

24. People most often read e-books for

A research

B study

C leisure

**Questions 25-27**

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

25. Which word comes first in the list, before **electronic**?

A book

B speed

C index

26. Where does **page** come in the list?

A between leisure and paper

B between paper and screen

C between screen and text

27. Which word comes last in the list, after **type**?

A word

B e-book

C research

**Reading**

electronic

leisure

paper

screen

text

type

**End of exam**

## **Skills for Life Entry 3 Reading – Sample paper 4 Answers**

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