

## **Task 2 – Multi-Text Reading: Holidays and Travel**

### **At a glance**

**Level:** ISE Foundation

**Focus:** Task 2 – Multi-text reading

**Aims:** Developing strategies for multiple matching, answering true/false questions and note completion

**Objectives:** Students will look at three sample texts, practise creating their own questions from them based on the question types found in the exam, and try to answer each other's questions

**Skill:** Skimming and scanning, understanding from context and thinking about questions

**Topic:** Holidays

**Language functions:** Talking about past events, expressing simple comparisons and expressing likes and dislikes

**Lexis:** Vocabulary about hotels, holidays and travel

**Materials needed:** One student worksheet per student

**Timing:** Approximately 1½ hours

### **Procedure**

#### **Preparation**

1. Familiarise yourself with the reading texts and check any vocabulary you think students might need in class.
2. Print one worksheet per student.

#### **In class**

1. Explain to the class that they will be doing an activity to help them practise reading different types of texts to find information, and that they will need to do this for Task 2 – Multi-text reading in the ISE Foundation Reading & Writing exam. Tell them they will be reading texts and creating their own questions based on the question styles used in the exam.

2. Give the students the worksheet and ask them to read the three texts. Ask the students if there are any unfamiliar words or phrases and explain their meanings.
3. Explain to your class that in the reading phase of the exam, they will have to answer three types of question: multiple matching, true/false questions, and summary notes where they find a word or phrase and match it to its meaning. In this part of the lesson, you should focus on the examples on the worksheet.
4. Divide your class into groups of 2 - 4 students.
5. Ask the students to complete the exercises in the worksheet. Check the answers.

Answer Key:

Type 1 - **text 3**

Type 2 - **B** is the true statement

Type 3 - **'rooms'**

6. Discuss the three types of question with the class (*multiple matching, choose true statements and summary notes*) and elicit from them how they would make these kinds of questions.
7. Ask each group to create new questions for each of the question types, based on the three reading texts. The questions can be based on any of the texts. Duplicate the tasks if you have more than three groups in the class.
  - First group – create 5 type 1 questions (multiple matching)
  - Second group – create 8 type 1 questions (choose true statements). 5 statements should be true, with 3 either false or not given.
  - Third group - create 3 type 3 questions (summary notes)
8. Monitor the students and write up any common errors on the board.
9. When all the groups have finished writing questions ask them to pass them on to the next group to answer.
10. At the end of the activity, discuss with the class which questions were most effective, and check answers.

### **Note**

The texts in this activity are slightly longer than those in the examination to allow plenty of choice for students in constructing their questions.

**Extension activity**

In groups compare 'The Hotel Oasis' with 'Millie's Hotel'. Ask students where they would rather stay and why.

**Further support activity**

Provide support and suggest possible questions, if necessary using the student's own language.

**After class**

Ask the students to complete a short writing task – imagine you are staying in the Hotel Oasis or Millie's Hotel. Write a posting of 50 words to a social media site describing where you are staying.

**Student Worksheet**

**Task 2 – Multi-text Reading:**  
**Holidays and Travel**

Read the following three texts and answer the questions below.

**Text 1 – This is a description of a tourist hotel in a holiday brochure**

Hotel Oasis in Pearl Beach is a large modern hotel just 15 minutes from the beach. The hotel is in a beautiful garden with three swimming pools and facilities for everyone in the family. For holidaymakers who love good food the hotel's restaurant has an excellent reputation! Pearl Beach is an ideal resort for a holiday, with beautiful beaches, many lovely shops and restaurants and a wide range of interesting cultural destinations to visit nearby.

There are lots of things to do at the Oasis! Play mini-golf or tennis, or relax on a sun bed beside the pool. We also have a fully-equipped wellness centre with a sauna and spa, and beauty salon with massage treatments. In the evenings there's a full range of the best entertainment in town, with live music every day except Sunday. There are playgrounds for children, a disco for teenagers, and an adults-only piano bar for parents! Fun for all the family at the Oasis Hotel Pearl Beach!

**Text 2 – This is what someone wrote on a hotel review website**

Our room at Millie's Hotel room was fantastic and beautifully decorated with all the things you need - there was even a coffee machine in the room and the beds were so comfortable we slept like a log! We had a balcony to sit on in the evening with a marvellous view over the whole city and the bay. There's also a small bar and a roof terrace.

Breakfasts were delicious, in fact there was too much food for us to finish it all! There are lots of restaurants and bars nearby which are good value and serve a good variety of different food.

All the staff were friendly, especially Jose who helped us when we arrived. They even brought chocolates and champagne to our room on the last night.

The hotel is located in the middle of the town, very close to the shops and the beach, but it's on a quiet street so it's not noisy.

Text 3 -

More information about the Hotel Oasis

## Hotel Oasis

## Pearl Beach Resort



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AT A GLANCE

- 3 pools
- Kid's club
- Entertainment programme
- Spa
- Great cuisine
- Free wi-fi

LOCATION

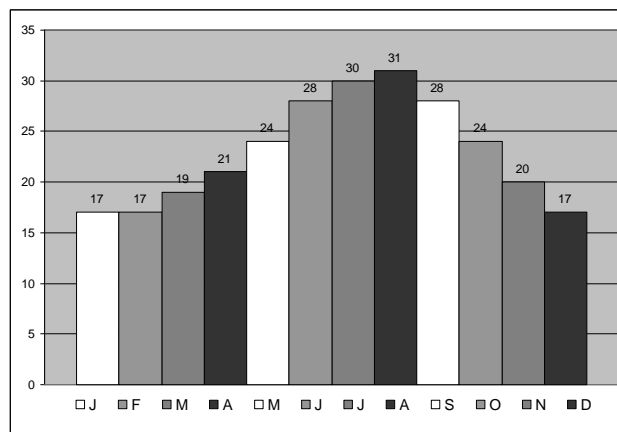
- 1 km from beach
- Close to Pearl Beach town centre
- Near shops, bars and restaurants
- One hour transfer from airport

DINING OPTIONS

- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Evening meal
- ✓ Drinks
- ✓ Snacks, Ice cream

WEATHER

Average monthly temperature for Pearl Beach.



## ISE Foundation exam type questions

### **Type 1 – Multiple matching**

Which text would be most useful for someone who:

1. Wants to find out how hot it is in Pearl Beach in August?

### **Type 2 – Choose true statements**

Choose one of the statements below which is true according to information in the texts.

- A.** Millie's Hotel is on the edge of the town.
- B.** There are swimming pools at the Hotel Oasis.

### **Type 3 – Summary notes**

Positive things about Millie's Hotel:

a) \_\_\_\_\_

c) **staff**

b) **breakfasts**

d) **location**