

ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

Entry 2 – Reading

Past paper 8



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**.

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|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| A had lunch | C met a famous actor | E took some pictures |
| B went home | D went to London | |

Example: First, the friendsD..... .

- 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 wonderful
- B busy
- C funny

5. exhausted

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

6. snack

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

Questions 7-9

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

- Where did they go for a walk?
 - A in the park
 - B by the river
 - C near the station
- Who wanted to go inside?
 - A Kamil
 - B Luqman
 - C Piotr
- 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

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Task 2**Text A**

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



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

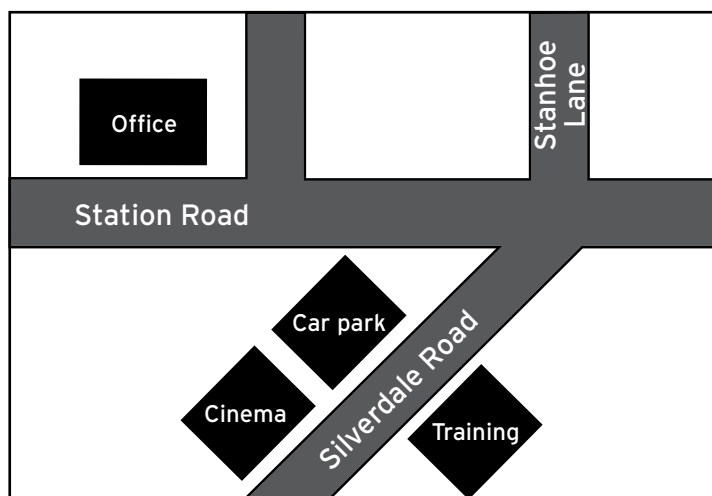
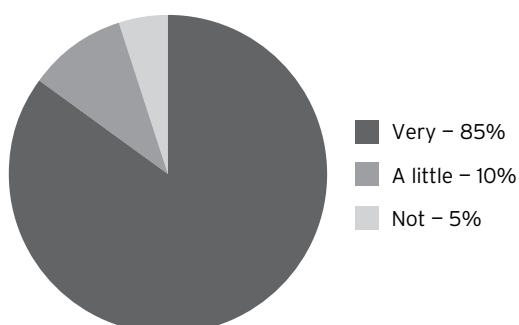
Text C

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 full name

B her department

C her job title

14. In text C, the IT department

A are worried about the training

B did not like 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 an application

C a questionnaire

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

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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?

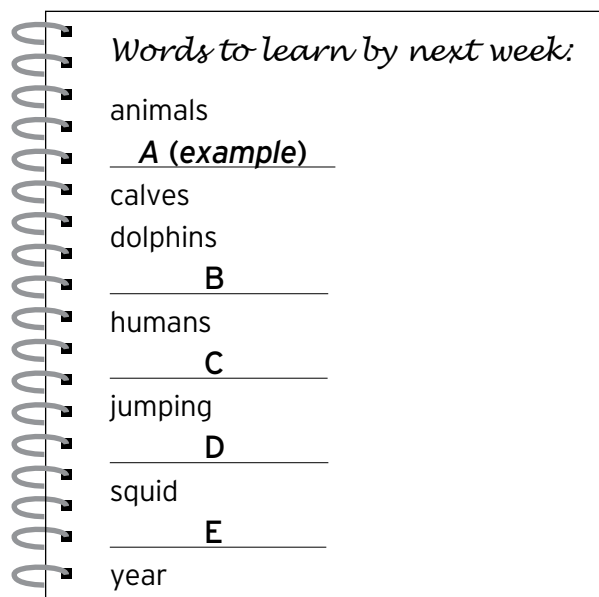
- A 1
- B 8
- C 40

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

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: **better**, **larger**, **excellent**, **intelligent**. 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:

animals

A (example)

calves

dolphins

B

humans

C

jumping

D

squid

E

year

Example: better A

22. larger

23. excellent

24. intelligent

End of exam

