

ESOL Skills for Life
English Reading Assessment – Entry Level 3

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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Complete the information above.

Use **blue** or **black** ink. Do not use a pencil.

You must **not** use a dictionary.

There are 4 tasks and 20 questions.

You should try to answer ALL the questions.

You have **1 hour and 15 minutes** to finish the assessment.

Task 1 Read the text then answer the questions.



What is a blog?

A blog is an online diary that is useful to read because you can get a lot of advice about DIY, applying make-up and cutting hair, cooking, gardening and looking after your health. Some blogs gossip about famous people. Some people like to talk about what they had for breakfast, how they felt when they were late for work and other people write about holiday experiences, hobbies or getting married. People write blogs because they love to share information.

Some blogs are very professional such as the 'Huffington Post' which is a news blog.

Anyone can start a blog and there are many useful websites that can help you do it, but if you do decide to set up a blog, make sure you keep it up-to-date as you may have people waiting for your next blog.

Writing a blog takes a lot of time. Also, it needs to be easy to navigate so that readers can find information quickly and easily. It looks similar to a webpage and has links and a homepage.

The last thing you write on a blog is called a 'post' and this is the first thing people see when they access your blog, so this is why it is important to make sure it is up-to-date.

Why don't you try and write a blog? You may have something very interesting to share with other people. You can also learn a lot of things by reading a blog.

Circle the correct answer.

- 1. What is a blog?**
 - (a) an online newspaper
 - (b) an online diary
 - (c) an online magazine
 - (d) an online book

- 2. Why do people write blogs?**
 - (a) because they are bored
 - (b) because they like to learn things
 - (c) because they want to be famous
 - (d) because they want to share information

- 3. Why does it need to be easy to navigate?**
 - (a) so people can find information quickly
 - (b) so people can send messages
 - (c) so people can upload photos
 - (d) it doesn't need to be easy to navigate

- 4. What is "a post"?**
 - (a) a letter on a blog
 - (b) the first thing you write on a blog
 - (c) the last thing you write on a blog
 - (d) a text message on a blog

- 5. What is the main purpose of this text?**
 - (a) to teach you how to start a blog
 - (b) to describe what a blog is
 - (c) to explain the disadvantages of a blog
 - (d) to tell you how to find a blog

Task 2 Read the text then answer the questions.

theguardian

Indian court orders cinemas to play the Indian National Anthem before films

India's Supreme Court has ordered cinemas in India to play the Indian National Anthem, which is the Indian national song called 'Jana Gana Mana', before showing a film. The Court said Indian people must respect their country and before they watch a film in the cinema, they must stand up to listen to the song.

The Court said that people do not respect their country enough. They said that cinemas must have the Indian flag inside the buildings. They must also shut the doors of the cinemas to stop people from entering or leaving the cinemas when the national song is played.

People are not allowed to print the National Anthem on T.Shirts, mugs or posters and they must not make money from singing it.

Surabhi lives in India and she is a 22 year old woman. She said she always goes to the cinema, and she disagrees with the Court. She said, "We want to relax, to enjoy ourselves, to spend time with family and friends. We always stand up for the national anthem before we listen to a political speech, or for the Republic Day parade, or in school, but we don't think it is a good idea to stand up in the cinema, before we watch a film. Why should we? Loving our country doesn't mean standing up for the National Anthem in a cinema before watching a Bollywood movie!"

Furqan is a 26 year old woman who also lives in India and she agrees with Surabhi. She said, "I don't have to prove I love India every time I go anywhere. I just want to enjoy Bollywood films without worrying about politics."

Nitin Datar, who is the Head of the Maharashtra-based Cinema Owners and Exhibitors Association, welcomed the Supreme Court's order. He believes it is a good idea.

Circle the correct answer.

- 6. What is the text about?**
- (a) people do not respect Indian cinemas
 - (b) people must listen to the Indian National Anthem in Cinemas in India
 - (c) people do not watch enough films in Cinemas
 - (d) people must not listen to the Indian National Anthem
- 7. In the text, what should people in Indian cinemas do when they are listening to the Indian National Anthem?**
- (a) stand up
 - (b) sing for money
 - (c) leave all the doors open
 - (d) sit down
- 8. Who agrees that the Indian National Anthem must be played in Cinemas?**
- (a) Furqan
 - (b) Nitin
 - (c) Surabhi
 - (d) nobody
- 9. What is the Indian National Song called?**
- (a) anthem
 - (b) Song for India
 - (c) Jana Gana Mana
 - (d) Indian Song
- 10. What kind of films are often played in Indian cinemas?**
- (a) Indian films
 - (b) Hollywood films
 - (c) Political films
 - (d) Bollywood films

Task 3

Read the text then answer the questions.

FRENCH BEEF STROGANOFF



*600g beef fillet
25g butter
1 onion, thinly sliced
250g button mushrooms, thinly sliced
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
Glass of red wine
400ml beef stock
1 tbsp vegetable oil
2 heaped tbsp soured cream
squeeze of lemon (optional)
finely chopped parsley, to serve
flaked sea salt
freshly ground black pepper*

- Cut the beef fillet into slices $\frac{1}{2}$ –1 cm thick and 1cm wide. Season the meat with salt and pepper and put it in a dish and pour the wine over it. Leave it for at least an hour.
- Heat the butter in a frying pan. Add the onion and fry for 2 minutes, then add the mushrooms and cook until everything is soft. Add the mustard and stir. Add the stock into the pan, and then leave it to simmer until half the liquid has gone. Stir in the soured cream and take the pan off the heat.
- In another frying pan, heat the vegetable oil. When it's smoking hot, add the strips of beef fillet. Fry until the meat is browned on all sides. This should take about a minute.
- Reheat the onion and mushroom sauce, and then add the beef. Check if it needs more salt and pepper (taste it). If you find the sauce is too strong, add a squeeze of lemon. Sprinkle everything with parsley before serving.

Read more at <http://www.hairybikers.com/recipes>

Circle the correct answer.

11. Look at the ingredients in the table
Alphabetically, where would you write
'soured cream' in the table?

- (a) between 'lemon and onion'
- (b) after 'vegetable oil'
- (c) in front of 'flaked sea salt'
- (d) between 'onion' and 'vegetable oil'

Flaked sea salt
Lemon
Onion
Vegetable oil

12. What kind of text is this recipe? Choose one.

- (a) descriptive
- (b) informative
- (c) instructive
- (d) persuasive

13. What do you put in the sauce at the end of the recipe if it is too strong?

- (a) parsley
- (b) lemon
- (c) salt and pepper
- (d) mushrooms

14. How long do you fry the onions and mushrooms for?

- (a) 2 minutes
- (b) until half the liquid has gone
- (c) an hour
- (d) until they are soft

15. Who would read this text?

- (a) a vegetarian
- (b) someone who can't eat dairy food
- (c) someone who hates mustard
- (d) someone who loves cooking

Task 4 Read the text then answer the questions.



The Robin

The Robin is the UK's favourite bird with its bright red breast and brown feathered body. You can see them all year round in the garden and especially at Christmas! It is also called 'the gardener's friend' as it will sit nearby and watch you dig the earth. After that it will fly down and look for worms. It is brave and territorial and will frighten away intruders. However, they are cute to look at and sing all the time. They sing at night near street lights. You can see them in woods, hedges, parks and gardens and they love to eat worms, seeds, fruit and insects.

The Kingfisher

Kingfishers are small unmistakable bright blue and orange birds. You can't miss them! They fly low over water, and hunt fish from riverside bushes, occasionally hovering above the water's surface. Kingfishers are protected birds because water pollution is dangerous for them. You can see them by hedges near still or slow flowing water such as lakes, canals and rivers. Occasionally they visit garden ponds. They love to eat fish and aquatic insects.

The Lark

Larks have pale brown feathers with dark streaks. They have rounded wings and rather short tails, stout, short legs with a long, arched hind claw and strong, triangular, pointed bills. They sing while they fly over open areas and nest on the ground. They avoid woods, hedges and bushes. They love to eat seeds and insects.

Circle the correct answer.

- 16. What kind of text is this?**
- (a) persuasive
 - (b) instructive
 - (c) informative
 - (d) argumentative
- 17. Why is the lark different from the other birds?**
- (a) it loves hedges
 - (b) it builds nests in bushes
 - (c) it lives in woods
 - (d) it avoids hedges and bushes
- 18. What does the word 'unmistakable' mean?**
- (a) difficult to notice
 - (b) easy to see
 - (c) difficult to recognise
 - (d) easy to confuse
- 19. Which bird eats fish?**
- (a) The Lark
 - (b) The Robin
 - (c) The Kingfisher
 - (d) none of them
- 20. Which bird sings all the time?**
- (a) The Robin
 - (b) The Kingfisher
 - (c) The Lark
 - (d) none of them

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