

ESOL Skills for Life
SAMPLE English Reading Assessment
Entry 2

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Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Do not open the paper until you are told to do so.

Write your name.

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

You must **not** use a dictionary.

There are 8 tasks and 20 questions totalling 30 marks

You should try to answer ALL the questions.

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



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Task 1



Michael Foreman is a famous writer. He writes children's stories and draws all the pictures in his books using watercolours. He has won awards for writing and drawing pictures, and has over 50 years' writing experience.

Some of his stories are about friendship, battles and peace. Michael campaigns for peace and environmental issues, and writes about it a lot in his stories. Some of his stories are called "All That Rubbish", "Dinosaurs" and "One World".

Read the text then answer the questions. Circle the correct answer.

1. Who does Michael write stories for?

- (a) adults
- (b) teenagers
- (c) children

2. How many years' writing experience has Michael got?

- (a) less than 50 years
- (b) more than 50 years
- (c) exactly 50 years

3. What does Michael write about a lot?

- (a) battles
- (b) the environment
- (c) friendship

Task 2a

4. Read the text then write the correct word in the gap.

become

go

came



Mo Farah is a British long distance runner. He was born in Somalia on 23 March, 1983 and _____ to the UK aged 8 as an asylum seeker. Since then he has _____ the most successful athlete in the European Athletic Championships.

He **competes** in 5,000 and 10,000 metre races and won a gold in 2012 and a double gold in Rio in 2016.

He was invited to _____ to Buckingham Palace to receive a CBE by the Queen in 2013.

Task 2b

5. Now answer these questions. Circle the correct answer

(a) What tense is the verb in **bold** on line 4?

- (i) simple past tense
- (ii) simple present tense
- (iii) present continuous tense

(b) Which sport does **Mo** do?

- (i) cycling
- (ii) running
- (iii) swimming

(c) When did he go to Buckingham Palace?

- (i) 2013
- (ii) 2016
- (iii) 2012

Task 3 Read the text.

Apples

Apples are the king of all fruit. They _____ from the Middle East, about 4000 years ago, and are now one of the most favourite and popular fruits ever known.

In the UK we say "An apple a day keeps a doctor away". Apples have many health benefits. The best part of the apple is the white flesh under the skin. The Greeks and Romans loved apples and the Vikings _____ the apple was magical and kept people young. Today we have apple shampoo and apple skin cream to help prevent spots on the face. So, next time you _____ an apple, just remember you are buying something wonderful.

Which is the best word? Circle the correct answer.

6. 'They _____ from the Middle East....'

- (a) coming (b) come (c) came

7. 'the Vikings _____ the apple was magical....'

- (a) believed (b) believe (c) beliefs

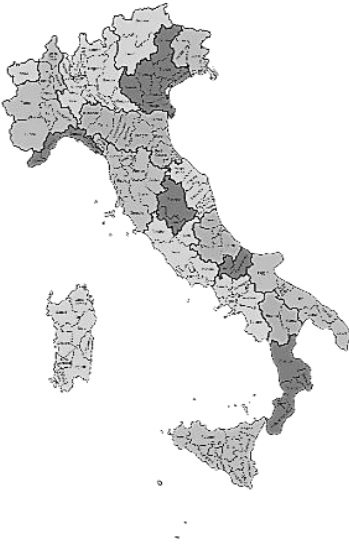
8. 'So, next time you _____ an apple,

- (a) bought (b) bring (c) buy

Task 4

Look at the different styles of information. They all have different features of text.

Text 1



Text 2

1. Put water in the pan
2. Add a pinch of salt
3. Add the peas
4. Boil for 10 minutes
5. Drain the water and serve

Text 3

Dear Miss Taylor

Tommy will not be at school today, he is ill.

**Kind regards,
Mrs Brown**

Text 4

No Parking



Circle the correct answer.

9. Which text is a sign?

- (a) Text 2
- (b) Text 4
- (c) Text 3

10. What is the purpose of text 2?

- (a) to tell someone not to do something
- (b) to give instructions
- (c) to explain a situation

11. What is text 1?

- (a) a map
- (b) a photograph
- (c) a cartoon

Task 5

Read the text then answer the questions.



The Buffet Cruise

Join our two and half hour Cruise and enjoy a freshly prepared buffet with live music, a relaxed atmosphere and a lovely scenic view from the boat. Booking is essential to enjoy some of the following recipes:

- Roast chicken with summer salad
- Tomato pasta salad
- Cheddar and red onion quiche
- Chocolate fudge cake

Circle the correct answer.

12. What can you see from the boat?

- (a) scenic view
- (b) live music
- (c) relaxed atmosphere

13. How long is the cruise?

- (a) under 2 hours
- (b) 2 hours
- (c) over 2 hours

14. Which food is a dessert?

- (a) tomato pasta salad
- (b) chocolate fudge cake
- (c) cheddar and red onion quiche

Task 6

Read the text then answer the questions. Circle the correct answer.



How should you wash your hands?

1. Turn on the tap and make sure the water is not too hot
2. Wet your hands with clean, running water
3. Lather your hands by rubbing them together
4. Rub the back and front of your hands, under the nails and in between the fingers
5. Rub the soap in your hands for at least 20 seconds
6. Rinse your hands well under clean, running water
7. Pat dry with a clean towel

Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with soap and clean, running water.

15. What is the main purpose of this text?

- (a) to tell you why you should wash your hands
- (b) to tell you how to wash your hands
- (c) to tell you not to wash your hands

16. How are diseases spread?


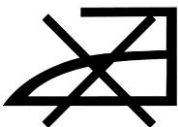
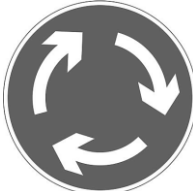

- (a) by washing hands with soap and clean running water
- (b) by rubbing your hands with soap
- (c) by not washing hands with soap and clean water

17. What should we wash?

- (a) only back and front of hands
- (b) nails and back of hands only
- (c) back and front of hands, nails, in between fingers

Task 7a




18. Look at the signs. Answer the questions. Write your answer in the table.

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
			

Which sign means 'CCTV camera'	
Which sign means 'recycling'	
Which sign means 'do not iron'	

Task 7b

19. What are the rules for these signs? Write the meaning in the boxes:

(a) In the toilet		
(b) In the street		
(c) At a railway station		

Task 8

jellyfish	sailfish
flounder	halibut
seahorse	oyster
sponge	eel

20. Read the text. Put the words into alphabetical order.

Some are already done for you.

1. eel
2.
3.
4.
5. oyster
6. sailfish
7. seahorse
8. sponge

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