

**ESOL Skills for Life
English Reading
SAMPLE Assessment – Entry 3**

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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 4 tasks and 20 questions

You should try to answer ALL the questions.

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



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Task 1

Read the text then answer the questions.



Foods similar to pizza have been made since the Stone Age, more than 10,000 years ago. It is thought of have been created in the Middle-East, where they made flatbread cooked with various fruits, meat and vegetables.

In Sardinia, a group of archeologists found some preserved baked bread and they dated it to around 7,000 years old.

In 16th century Naples, people called flat bread ‘pizza’ and it was mostly made for poor people, because of its basic ingredients. It was sold on the streets, rather than made at home in domestic kitchens.

Pizza, as we know it today, has been credited to a baker called, Raffaele Esposito. He opened the first known pizza shop in Port Alba in Naples in the 1800s.

Esposito was asked to make some pizza for the visit of King Umberto and Queen Margherita of Italy in the late 1889. According to legend, Esposito topped the pizza with white mozzarella cheese, green basil and tomatoes to represent the three colours of the Italian flag. This pizza became known as a Margherita, which is still one of the most popular pizzas today.

Circle the correct answer.

1. Where did the first version of pizza come from?

- (a) Naples
- (b) the Middle-East
- (c) Sardinia
- (d) Port Alba.

2. In Naples, who mostly ate pizza?

- (a) Raffaele Esposito
- (b) Queen Margherita
- (c) King Umberto
- (d) poor people.

3. Who baked the first modern day pizza?

- (a) Queen Margherita
- (b) Raffaele Esposito
- (c) the Neolithic people
- (d) King Umberto.

4. Why was Esposito asked to make a pizza?

- (a) because the King and Queen were visiting Naples
- (b) because people wanted a pizza to represent the Italian flag
- (c) because people wanted to celebrate the opening of his pizza shop
- (d) because the King wanted to show people a new pizza recipe.

5. What are the colours of the Italian flag?

- (a) red, white and blue
- (b) green, white and red
- (c) blue, green and white
- (d) white, blue and yellow.

Task 2

Read the text then answer the questions.



Travel by Train

Are you thinking of visiting friends or family? Or just going on a Sunday family day trip? Come and travel First Class on the Express for only £10 extra, every weekend and bank holiday.

Our First Class carriages aren't just havens of comfort; they provide you with free refreshments and something to read on your journey. We have copies of The Times newspaper and the Financial Times for every passenger.

If you need to freshen up before your onward journey, you can use our first-class wash room facilities on board the Express. Also, as a First Class customer, you can pop into our First Class Lounge at London Euston and make use of the showers.

Each First Class carriage has its own fridge stocked with complimentary water bottles for you to just help yourself.

The First Class Restaurant has a three course menu with complimentary bottle of water and bottle of wine or juice. If you only fancy a snack, you can buy a club sandwich, cheese, nuts and fruit.

So, come and travel First Class with us!

We look forward to welcoming you onboard the Express.

Circle the correct answer.

6. What is the main point of the text?

- (a) to review a First Class travel experience
- (b) to persuade you to travel First Class on the Express
- (c) to give you instructions about how to travel First Class
- (d) to explain what First Class means.

7. When can you travel First Class for just £10 extra?

- (a) when you visit family and friends
- (b) every weekend and bank holiday
- (c) in the summer holidays
- (d) Sundays only.

8. What is the name of the train?

- (a) First Class
- (b) London Euston
- (c) Carriage
- (d) Express.

9. Where can you have a wash on the train?

- (a) use the shower in the First Class carriage
- (b) use the bath in the First Class carriage
- (c) use the washing bowl in the First Class lounge at the station
- (d) use the First Class wash room on the train.

10. What do you get free of charge when you travel First Class?

- (a) a three course meal
- (b) bottle of water, wine or juice
- (c) snacks
- (d) nuts and fruit.

Task 3 **Read the text then answer the questions.**



Do you want to be a festival musician

Festivals have become a favourite summer pastime in the UK and Europe, and are the best places to go to see new bands and hear new styles of music.

Getting booked to play a music festival is extremely competitive, so taking the right approach is the best way.

Now, I'm not going to say it's going to be easy to get a foot in the door- if it was, well, everyone would be doing it - but you can get yourself on stage in front of festival crowds by getting your band booked for a music festival. For great tips, click on the following website: www.bookabandfestival.co.uk

Circle the correct answer.

11. What type of punctuation is missing from the heading?

- (a) !
- (b) ,
- (c) ?
- (d) ;

12. Within the text, what type of word is 'extremely'?

- (a) adverb
- (b) adjective
- (c) verb
- (d) pronoun.

13. What does 'to get a foot in the door' mean in the text?

- (a) to kick a door
- (b) to walk through the gates of the festival
- (c) to get your band booked to play on stage
- (d) to put your foot through a door by accident.

14. In the text, what does 'summer pastime' mean?

- (a) an activity
- (b) food
- (c) an instrument
- (d) a song.

15. What is the main point of this text?

- (a) to tell a story
- (b) to describe something
- (c) to sell something
- (d) to give advice.

Task 4 **Read the text then answer the questions.**



BREAKING STORIES AND UPDATES FROM THE BBC....

PRINCE GEORGE LOVES DINOSAURS

The Duchess of Cambridge says that Prince George loves to visit the Natural History Museum. Kate said her son especially likes the 3D sculptures and dinosaurs at the London museum. She also said he likes volcanoes. Prince George's favourite dinosaur is T-Rex because "it is the noisiest and most scariest".

His younger sister, Princess Charlotte, is very chatty, Kate revealed, saying that she is very confident and "is the one in charge". The brother and sister are very good friends and only occasionally fall out.

But like all children, they love to play and at a recent garden party, George was seen blowing soap bubbles whilst Charlotte was fascinated with balloons.

Prince George is due to start school shortly and Princess Charlotte will begin nursery school in London.

Reported by BBC

Circle the correct answer.

16. There is a spelling error in the 1st paragraph. Which word is spelt incorrectly?

- (a) museum
- (b) favourite
- (c) noisyest
- (d) scariest.

17. In the 2nd paragraph, what is the meaning of the phrase ‘is the one in charge’?

- (a) someone who is the boss
- (b) someone who is the eldest
- (c) someone who has more money
- (d) someone who complains a lot.

18. Which word does not mean ‘fascinated’?

- (a) interested
- (b) bored
- (c) captivated
- (d) mesmerized.

19. Look at the names of dinosaurs in the table. Where in the table would ‘Supersaurus’ go alphabetically?

Stegosaurus	Styracosaurus	Theropods	Triceratops	Tyrannosaurus	Velociraptor
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- (a) between ‘Stegosaurus’ and ‘Styracosaurus’
- (b) after ‘Stegosaurus’
- (c) between ‘Styracosaurus’ and ‘Theropods’
- (d) before ‘Triceratops’.

20. What type of text is this document?

- (a) an essay
- (b) a news report
- (c) a review
- (d) a blog

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