

ESOL Skills for Life
English Reading Level 1
SAMPLE Assessment

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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, 6 questions per task; 24 marks

You have **1 hour** to finish the assessment.



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Task 1

Read the text then answer the questions.



The Encierro ... The Running of the Bulls

The most famous running of the bulls is held during the festival of Sanfermines in honor of Saint Fermin in Pamplona, located in the region of Navarra, Spain. Bull running is also traditionally held in other places such as towns and villages across Spain, Portugal, and in some cities in Mexico, and southern France during the summer.

In Pamplona, the Encierro is a major event celebrated every year from the 6th to the 14th of July in San Fermin. Tourists from all over the world visit San Fermin to watch the bull running through the old quarter of the town.

The actual Encierro event begins on the 7th July when the clock on the Church of San Fermin strikes 8am. A rocket is fired into the air to alert the runners that the corral gate is open. A second rocket signals that the bulls have been released. There are six fighting bulls, six steers (oxen) that run in a herd with the bulls, and three more steers that follow the herd to encourage any reluctant bulls to continue along the route. The function of the steers, who run the route daily, is to guide the bulls to the bullring. The average speed of the herd is 24 km/h (15 mph). The third and fourth rockets are signals that the herd has entered the bullring and after that, they have gone into the ring's corral, marking the end of the day's event. This same event happens each day for eight mornings of the festival. Runners must be at least 18 years old to participate.

The run usually lasts between two and three minutes, averaging 2 minutes 30 seconds, although it has sometimes taken over ten minutes, especially if one of the bulls has become separated from his companions.

Runners run in front of the bulls to beat them to the bullring without getting hurt. It is dangerous and every year between 50 and 100 people are injured during the run.

Circle the correct answer.

- 1. What is the main point of the text?**
 - (a) to persuade us to watch the Encierro
 - (b) to advise us to be careful during the Encierro
 - (c) to explain the Encierro
 - (d) to describe the Encierro.

- 2. During the festival, how many days do they run the bulls?**
 - (a) 6 days
 - (b) 7 days
 - (c) 8 days
 - (d) 9 days.

- 3. How many fighting bulls do they run each day?**
 - (a) 6
 - (b) 15
 - (c) 18
 - (d) 9.

- 4. What does the fourth rocket signal?**
 - (a) the bulls have entered the bullring
 - (b) the bulls have left the corral
 - (c) the gate of the corral is open
 - (d) the bulls have entered the bullring's corral.

- 5. How long does the race typically last?**
 - (a) 10 minutes 20 seconds
 - (b) 2 minutes
 - (c) 3 minutes 20 seconds
 - (d) 2 minutes 30 seconds.

- 6. What do the runners try and do?**
 - (a) follow the bulls to the bullring
 - (b) guide the bulls to the bullring
 - (c) race the bulls to the bullring
 - (d) lead the bulls to the bullring.

Task 2 Read the text then answer the questions.



Grooming your Dog

1. Firstly, make sure you have an appropriate area of your home that will give you some space to work.
2. It is vital to ensure you have all the necessary equipment before you begin grooming.
3. Give the dog a thorough shampoo bath and allow the hair to dry before moving onto the next step.
4. Start by combing out the areas of hair that are not matted, then do the matted hair with a heavy-duty comb and a fine-wire brush.
5. Turn the clippers on and allow your dog to become accustomed to the sound.
6. Place the side of the clippers on the dog's skin and let them feel the vibrations. Once your dog is happy, you can begin using them on your dog's hair.
7. Lay the clippers flat against the dog's body and make slow, long strokes following the way the dog's hair naturally grows to avoid pulling the skin. Use the same strokes around the entire body of the dog.
8. Proceed to the legs, use the same method remembering to follow the direction of the hair. The top of the head can be trimmed using the clippers, but use caution when you get close to the eyes.
9. Now it is time for your dog's face. You will want to use your scissors VERY slowly around the eyes and nose to carefully trim excess hair.
10. Lastly, you may find it necessary to bathe your dog after the grooming is complete, to get rid of loose hair.

Congratulations! You have now successfully groomed your dog.
Give your dog a treat.

Circle the correct answer.

- 7. What is the most important thing to be sure of before grooming?**
- (a) the dog's hair is dry
 - (b) the dog has a bath
 - (c) there is space in the house to use
 - (d) you have the right equipment.
- 8. What is the meaning of the word 'matted' in point 4?**
- (a) tangled
 - (b) curly
 - (c) long
 - (d) wet.
- 9. How should you not use the clippers?**
- (a) quickly
 - (b) gently
 - (c) slowly
 - (d) carefully.
- 10. What should you do when cutting round the face?**
- (a) use scissors
 - (b) use clippers
 - (c) use cutters
 - (d) use a razor.
- 11. How do you avoid pulling the dog's skin?**
- (a) by cutting the dog's hair in different strokes
 - (b) by cutting the hair in the direction of its growth
 - (c) by cutting the hair when its wet
 - (d) by cutting the hair with scissors.
- 12. How often should you ideally bathe the dog during the grooming process?**
- (a) once
 - (b) never
 - (c) twice
 - (d) 3 times.

Task 3

Read the texts then answer the following questions.

Text 1

Keeping you secure

We take your security seriously as you trust us to keep your money safe.
We will never ask for your PIN or Password by text or email so never give this information to anyone
However, we advise you to change your pin regularly.

Text 2

Anxiously I tug on my thick, woolly socks. The gigantic peak of Mount Snowdon looms above me. My skin tingles as the air is so cold. I fumble with my boot laces, trying to tie them with my cold, stiff fingers. I pull on my fur lined mittens, then step into the crisp, crunching snow. A shiver of fear runs down my spine and the hair on the back of my neck stands up. This is the start of an adventure that will be with me forever.

Text 3

Amble Puffin Festival

CELEBRATE EVERYTHING PUFFIN WITH A WEEK OF FUN ACTIVITIES!

See the puffins in their natural habitat, as they care for their newly hatched pufflings. An extraordinary and rare glimpse of puffins in the wild!
Come along and give your children a unique experience!

Text 4

UK Today

Unsettled with showers or longer spells of rain. There will be sunny spells and heavy, thundery showers across much of England and Wales during Thursday. It will be breezier across Scotland and Northern Ireland, where it will be cool and cloudy with further outbreaks of rain.

Circle the correct answer

13. Which text is advisory?

- (a) Text 1
- (b) Text 3
- (c) Text 4
- (d) Text 2.

14. Which text could be found in a novel?

- (a) Text 4
- (b) Text 3
- (c) Text 2
- (d) Text 1.

15. What type of text is text 3?

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

16. Which text is descriptive and creates imagery?

- (a) Text 2
- (b) Text 4
- (c) Text 1
- (d) Text 3.

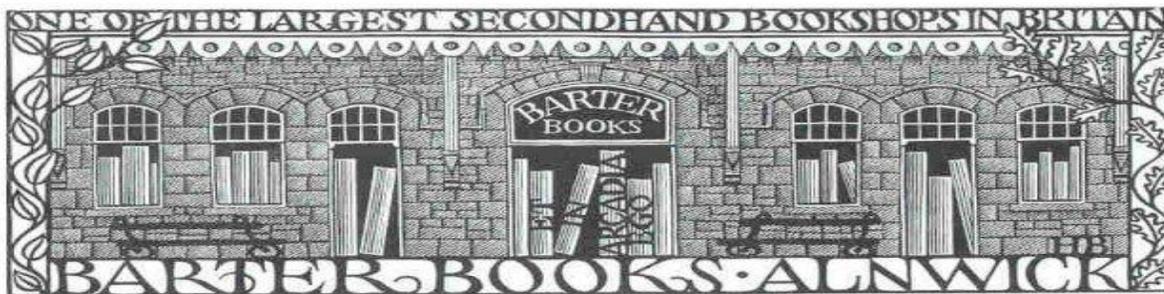
17. What textual feature do you see in text 3 to show excitement?

- (a) underline
- (b) capitals
- (c) exclamation mark
- (d) bold print.

18. Which text is the most factual but likely to change?

- (a) Text 3
- (b) Text 1
- (c) Text 4
- (d) Text 2.

Task 4 Read the text then answer the following questions.



Barter Second-hand Books is located in a small market town in Alnwick, in part of a superb, old, Victorian railway station designed by William Bell in 1887.

At 32, 000 sq. ft. the building is one of remarkable size and grandeur for a small market town in Northumberland. The branch line however, was closed 81 years later in 1968, but it is one of the ambitions of the new owners that one day it will be restored by the ALN Valley Railway Project.

Present Day - Take a tour

The bookshop has seven rooms. The entrance is the old Station Parcels' Room, which still has the open window with bars through which passengers would buy railway tickets. Just beyond that window was the original Station entrance, now a children's book room. The middle room marks the beginning of the outbound platform, with the buffers at one end where the trains would stop.

Directly opposite the children's book room is a range of rooms which formed the central island of the station. These contain the old waiting room which remains a place for the public just to sit, read newspapers, enjoy the open fire, drink coffee - and read. The passenger waiting room has been renovated to accommodate a coffee shop with homemade cakes, but still has the feel of the old Victorian waiting room. The biggest room of the shop is part of the old outgoing platform where the trains stopped. You can clearly see where the tracks were, although they are now filled in with concrete.

Circle the correct answer.

- 19. Define the word 'buffers' in the first sentence:**
- (a) a cleaning machine
 - (b) pads that absorb the impact of a train when it stops
 - (c) IT software
 - (d) a train compartment where they sell food.
- 20. What is the name of the market town?**
- (a) Barter
 - (b) Victoria
 - (c) Alnwick
 - (d) Northumberland.
- 21. What kind of books does the bookshop sell?**
- (a) second-hand
 - (b) brand new
 - (c) antique
 - (d) only children's literature.
- 22. What is unique about the window at the entrance to the bookshop?**
- (a) you can still buy tickets there
 - (b) it is open with bars
 - (c) it has coloured glass
 - (d) it is closed all the time.
- 23. What does the coffee shop feel like?**
- (a) comfortable and modern
 - (b) old but comfortable
 - (c) old and cold
 - (d) new but small.
- 24. How long did the building operate as a railway station?**
- (a) 68 years
 - (b) 87 years
 - (c) 96 years
 - (d) 81 years.

END OF ASSESSMENT

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