

ESOL Skills for Life

Entry 3 – Reading

Sample paper 5

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

An interesting house

Paragraph one

A la Ronde is an **unusual** 18th century house in South West England. The owners, two cousins, Jane and Mary Parminter, were from this area, but the house has a French name. 'Ronde' means 'round' and that's why the house has this name. The house has sixteen sides so it is almost circular.

Paragraph two

E (Example). You can move from room to room following the sun. You can also look out of the windows on each of the sixteen sides. Because of the elevated position of the house, you can see down the hill to the sea.

Paragraph three

1. This was that they needed somewhere to keep the many souvenirs they **gathered** in Europe. They went to France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland. They probably also went as far as Spain and Portugal.

Paragraph four

2. If you visit it, you can see souvenirs of their travels, which range from some birds' eggs to valuable stones. Many of these items are now on public display in a special cupboard that used to hold their private collection. This cupboard is still in the place where the two cousins first put it.

Paragraph five

3. They also decorated the house themselves. The shell gallery is amazing! The cousins arranged 25,000 seashells in patterns on the walls. The shells break easily, and so, to keep them **intact**, you can no longer go inside the gallery. But you can see the shells in detail on a computer screen.

Questions 1-3

Four sentences are missing from the text on page 2. Look at the following sentences (A-E) and decide which one best fits each gap. There is one sentence you do not need and an example. Circle the letter of your answer **on your answer sheet**.

- A Their house soon became a tourist attraction.
- B The Parminters did not only collect interesting objects.
- C Nowadays, you can go on a guided tour of the shell gallery.
- D The two cousins had a very important reason for building the house.
- E (Example) ~~The unusual shape of the house has some benefits.~~

Questions 4-6

Choose the letter of the closest meaning for each word. Look at the text carefully to help you decide on the best answer. Circle the letter **on your answer sheet**.

4. unusual (paragraph one)

- A able
- B quick
- C strange

5. gathered (paragraph three)

- A moved
- B collected
- C wanted

6. intact (paragraph five)

- A whole
- B clean
- C shiny

Questions 7-9

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

7. According to paragraph one,

- A the cousins were French, so they gave the house a French name
- B the house has a certain name because of its shape
- C the house has the shape of a complete circle

8. According to paragraph three, it is

- A possible that the cousins travelled to Spain and Portugal
- B certain that the two cousins travelled to Spain and Portugal
- C probable that the cousins travelled further than Spain and Portugal

9. According to paragraph four, the cupboard

- A has moved from its original location
- B is on display for private tours
- C has expensive items inside

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Text A

From: Caroline Baker
 To: All Students

Dear students

Newfield College's new Job Club will begin on Monday. The Job Club will offer advice on finding work.

Please ask your course tutor for more information.

Kind regards

Caroline Baker
Job Club Manager

Text B

NEWFIELD COLLEGE JOB CLUB		
SUBJECT	TIME	TUTOR
CV workshop	Monday 3pm-4pm Thursday 12 noon-1pm	Caroline Baker
Interview techniques (individual sessions)	Monday (all day) Please email katya@newfieldcollege.uk for an appointment	Salma Bhatti
Internet job search workshop	Monday 10am-11am Thursday 3pm-4pm	Pawel Beres
Help with application forms	Tuesday & Wednesday 12pm-1pm	John Nichols

Text C

NEWFIELD COLLEGE JOB CLUB
Name:
Course:
Where do you want to work? (Tick one)
Retail
Construction
Health
Hairdressing
Other (please specify) _____
It is essential that you bring this form to your first appointment.

Text D

JOB CLUB SELF-ASSESSMENT FORM	
How confident are you about looking for a job? Circle the letter that is right for you.	
A = I can do this very well. E = I cannot do this at all.	
I can search for jobs on the internet	A (B) C D E
I can write a CV	A B (C) D E
I can do well at an interview	A B C D (E)
I can use a computer	A (B) C D E
Name: <u>ASAD YUSUF</u> Course: <u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	
Signature: _____	
Tutor: <u>TONY BROWN</u>	
<i>Please return to Caroline Baker</i>	

Text E

INTERVIEW TIPS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check travel arrangements the day before • Wear clean, smart clothes • Be friendly but not too informal • Make eye contact with your interviewers • Speak slowly and clearly • Prepare some questions to ask at the end

Texts A to E on page 4 are all about a job club at Newfield College.

Questions 10-12

Match the texts (A-E) with their purposes. Circle the letter of the correct answer **on your answer sheet**. There is one text you don't need and an example.

Example: to give advice about interviews

 E

10. to give detailed information about job club activities

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11. to announce the start of a new job club

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12. to find out what students think about their skills

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Questions 13-15

Look at the following words and phrases from texts C and D. Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

13. In text C, '**please specify**' means you must

A put a tick in the box

B write something on the line

C contact the job club for more information

14. In text C, '**essential**' means

A necessary

B significant

C optional

15. Who must sign the form in text D?

A Asad Yusuf

B Tony Brown

C Caroline Baker

Questions 16-18

Look at all of the texts to decide where to find the following information. Choose the letter of the best answer and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

16. Which tutor can help you fill in a form for a job?

A Pawel Beres

B John Nichols

C Salma Bhatti

17. Asad Yusuf needs most help with

A computer skills

B internet searches

C interview techniques

18. If you want to succeed in an interview, you should

A wear informal clothes on the day

B ask the interviewers some questions

C contact your interviewers the day before

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Task 3

Languages in England

Paragraph A

England is a country of many cultures. A recent language survey has shown that there are over 100 different languages that people speak in England. Four million people in England have a first language that is not English.

Paragraph B

Most non-native English speakers have English as their second language. The survey showed that 1.6 million of these people can speak English well, but around 726,000 people say they do not speak English well.

Paragraph C

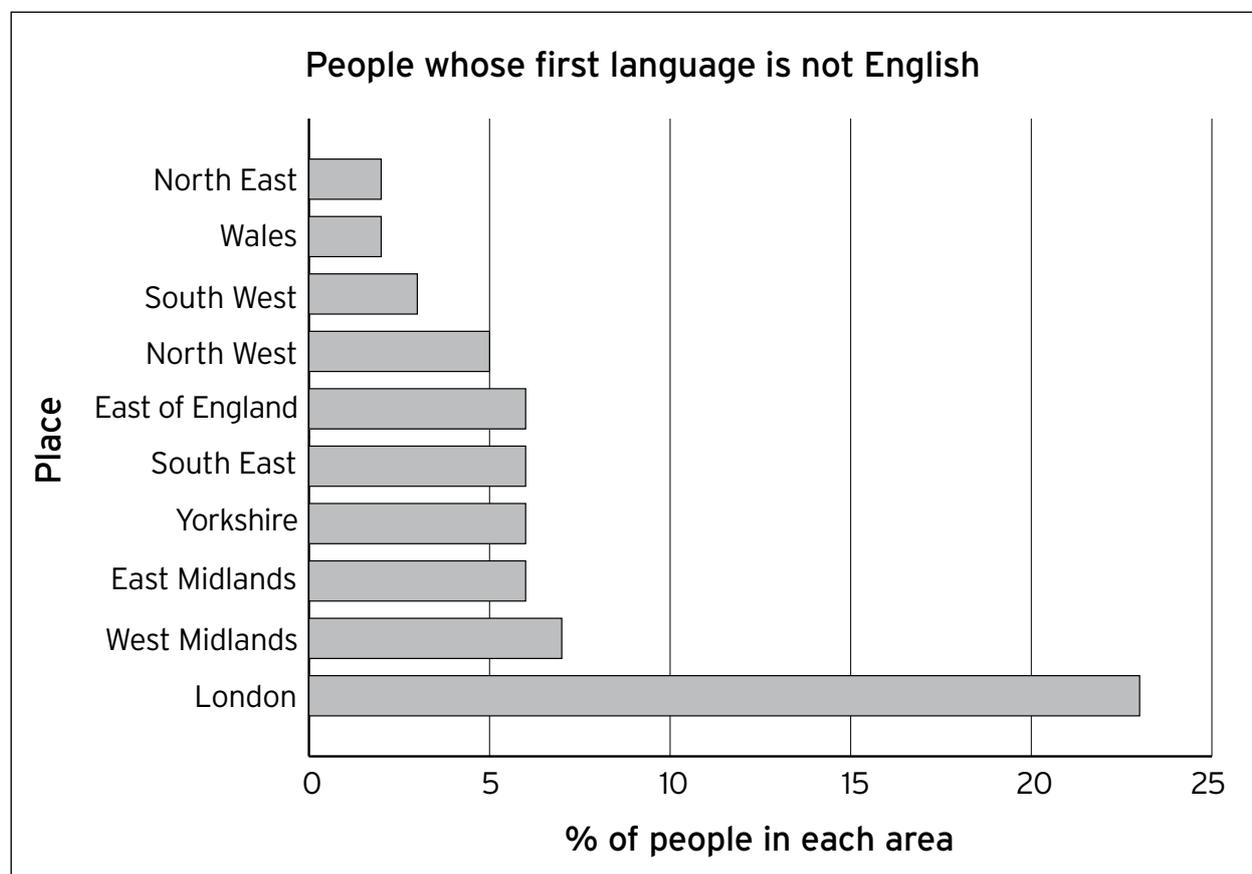
A decade ago very few people in England spoke Polish. Now, Polish is the first language of over half a million people in England. It is the language most people speak after English. In total, one per cent of the population have Polish as their first language.

Paragraph D

Nearly a quarter of all Polish speakers in Britain live in London. About 150,000 are there, which is two per cent of the capital's population. There are also many Polish speakers in small farming towns across Britain.

Paragraph E

After Polish, the next most common languages include Punjabi, Urdu, Bengali and Gujarati. Chinese, Arabic and some European languages are also among the top 20 most common languages in England.



Questions 19-21

The text on page 6 has five paragraphs (A-E). Each paragraph has a purpose. Choose the letter of the paragraph that best matches the purposes below. Circle the letter **on your answer sheet**. You do not need to use all of the paragraphs. There is an example.

Example: to introduce the text

A

19. to explain where Polish speakers live in England

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20. to give information about which languages people speak

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21. to discuss people's English language ability

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Questions 22-24

Choose the letter of the best answer according to both the text and the diagram and circle it **on your answer sheet**.

22. Which place has more non-native speakers of English?

- A South West
- B East Midlands
- C North East

23. The percentage of people in the North West who are non-native speakers is

- A 3 per cent
- B 5 per cent
- C 6 per cent

24. In England

- A four million people are non-native speakers of English
- B two per cent of the population are Polish speakers
- C 150,000 people are Polish speakers

Questions 25-27

Look at the list of words. They are in alphabetical order. Circle the letter of the best answer **on your answer sheet**.

25. Which word comes first in the list, before **Bengali**?

- A Romanian
- B Portuguese
- C Arabic

26. Where does **Polish** come in the list?

- A between English and Gujarati
- B between Gujarati and Punjabi
- C between Punjabi and Tamil

27. Which word comes last in the list, after **Urdu**?

- A Turkish
- B Russian
- C Welsh

Languages

Bengali

English

Gujarati

Punjabi

Tamil

Urdu

End of exam