

# ESOL Skills for Life

## Entry 2 – Reading

### Sample paper 1

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**

Hi Nuha,

I'm in Venton this week and I'm having a great time. Yesterday I went to the main square. It was very **crowded** – there were so many people. I couldn't take any good photos. I had a very good time. It's really beautiful. I'm here with my friend, Asia, and we are staying in a bed and breakfast hotel in the centre of the city. The room is comfortable and clean, but I don't like the breakfast. I ask for tea, but they always **serve** coffee.

After breakfast tomorrow, we're going to a museum. In the afternoon, we're going on a canal trip on a boat. I have to get in the boat carefully. I don't want to get wet! I'm really excited! It takes half an hour from start to finish, and there is a **wonderful** restaurant close to the water. I'm going to have some pasta there for my dinner. Seafood pasta is my favourite. Seafood is a speciality here!

See you soon,

Ruth

**Questions 1-3**

Choose the correct ending to complete the sentences. There is one answer you don't need.  
Circle the letter of your answer **on your answer sheet**.

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|----------------|---------------------|-----------|
| A a restaurant | C the main square   | E a canal |
| B a museum     | D <del>Venton</del> |           |

Example: This week, they are in   D  .

1. Tomorrow morning, they are going to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Next, they are going to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Finally, they are going to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Questions 4-6**

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

**4. crowded**

- A funny
- B dangerous
- C busy

**5. serve**

- A want
- B give
- C take

**6. wonderful**

- A fantastic
- B old
- C expensive

**Questions 7-9**

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

7. Who is in Venton?
  - A Nuha and Asia
  - B Asia and Ruth
  - C Ruth and Nuha
8. What does Ruth think of the hotel?
  - A she likes everything about it
  - B she likes some things about it
  - C she doesn't like it at all
9. The restaurant is near the
  - A canal
  - B hotel
  - C centre

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**Task 2**

**Text A**

**Newfield Gym** 

**Membership form**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of birth   /   /       
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Text B**



**Newfield Gym**  
 For sale at reception

Towels (various colours)	£5
Sports bags (black and yellow)	£10
Water bottles (when available)	£2

**Text C**

Newfield Gym  
 75 Queen's Road  
 Newfield NF4 3TP  
 01536 713648

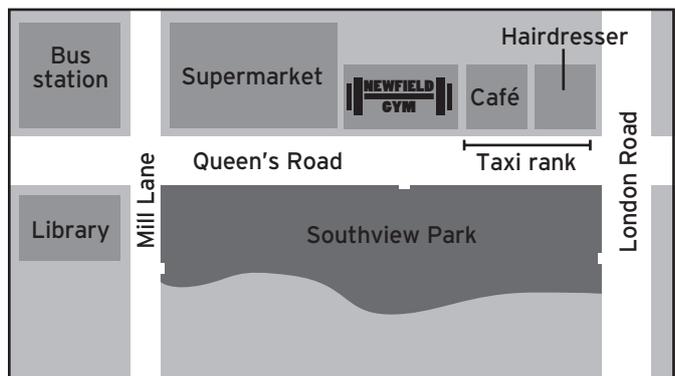
Dear Mr Khan

Thank you for your application to join our gym. Please telephone us between 9am and 5pm to book an appointment with our manager, Helen Bailey. Helen will show you the gym machines and help you plan your fitness routine.

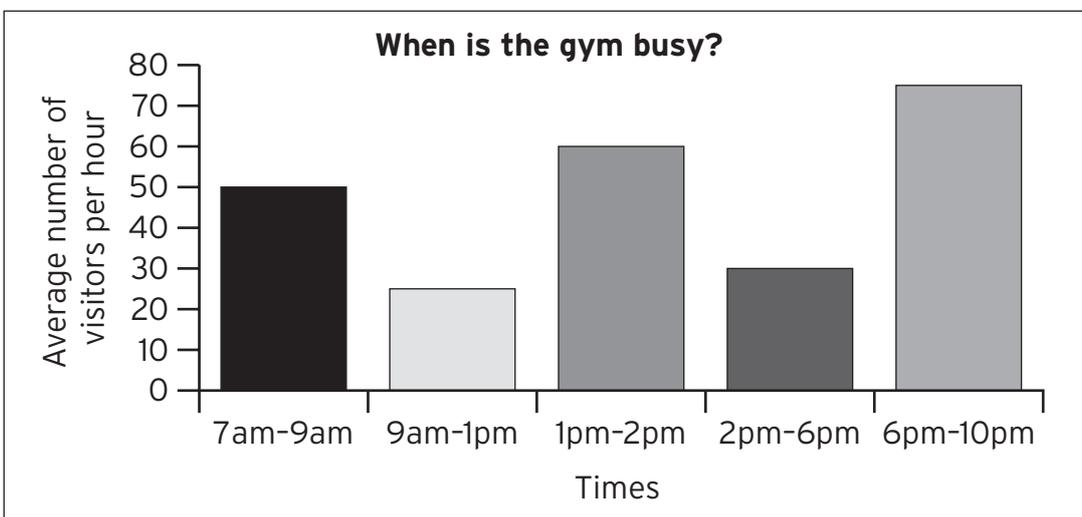
Helen is free on Saturday afternoon or before 12 noon on Monday.

Kind regards  
 Zahra Abdullahi  
 Assistant Manager

**Text D**



**Text E**



Mr Khan wants to join Newfield Gym. Use the texts on page 4 to answer the questions.

### Questions 10-12

What is each text for? Circle the letter of the text **on your answer sheet**. There is one text you don't need and an example.

*Example: to apply to join the gym*

A

10. to show when people use the gym

11. to ask Mr Khan to make an appointment at the gym

12. to show new members how to find the gym

### Questions 13-15

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

13. In text A, what is the correct way to write a date of birth?

A 13 Feb 86

B 13 02 1986

C 13 02 86

14. Which sentence is correct for text B?

A The water bottles are two different colours.

B You can buy a sports bag at reception.

C Towels are not always available.

15. When can Helen Bailey see Mr Khan?

A on Monday afternoon

B between 9am and 5pm

C on Saturday afternoon

### Questions 16-18

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

16. Where is Newfield Gym?

A opposite the park

B next to the bus station

C between the café and the hairdresser

17. You can get a taxi from

A Queen's Road

B London Road

C Mill Lane

18. Newfield Gym is busy between 1pm and 2pm but it is busier between

A 7am and 9am

B 9am and 1pm

C 6pm and 10pm

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**Task 3****Did you know?****Fascinating fact file of the week**

Do you know about Flat Holm Island? It is in South Wales, and has a special history and people.

One person was Guglielmo Marconi. He worked for the Post Office. In his free time, he invented the radio. In 1897 he sent the first ever radio message across the sea to his friend on Flat Holm. For two days, his machine didn't work. Then, on the third day, he sent a message. It said, 'Are you ready? Can you hear me?' The answer was, 'Yes, loud and clear', and the world had its first radio.

On this island, people only use batteries and natural energies for electricity. There is an old lighthouse on the island. In 1997, it became almost completely solar-powered. Five years later in 2002, Spencer Pearson made the first telephone call from the island. It was to his office in Cardiff, Wales.

**Questions 19-21**

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

**19.** The text is about

- A a lighthouse
- B a radio
- C an island

**20.** When did Guglielmo Marconi send the first radio message to the island?

- A 2002
- B 1997
- C 1897

**21.** Pearson made the first telephone call to

- A Flat Holm
- B Cardiff
- C the Post Office

**Questions 22-24**

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

**22.** Which word comes first in the list, before **electricity**?

- A post
- B island
- C batteries

**23.** Where does **machine** come in the list?

- A between history and lighthouse
- B between lighthouse and office
- C between office and people

**24.** Which word comes last in the list, after **radio**?

- A sea
- B loud
- C natural

**Words about  
 Flat Holm Island**

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 electricity.....

history.....  
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lighthouse.....  
 .....

office.....  
 .....

people.....

radio.....  
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**End of exam**