

True/False

1 Choose the corrective alternative.

- When you do a True/False activity, you must first read the statements/text.
- When you read the text for the first time, you must read it quickly/slowly.
- When you're looking for answers, you should read the whole/parts of the text carefully.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two extra words you do not need to use.

bright • calm • cheerful • easy-going • likeable • lively • reliable • talkative • well-organised

- Zack is really He plans things carefully and works efficiently.
- Matt is very He always has something to say!
- Sara is a person. She's got lots of friends because she's nice to everyone.
- Clara is always She's always smiling and never lets anything make her sad.
- David a person. You can trust him and he keeps his promises.
- Alicia is very She's full of energy and enthusiasm.
- Maria is She's relaxed and doesn't easily get upset about things.

✓ Exam tip

In True/False activities, read the text quickly first to get a general idea and then read the statements. After that, find the parts of the text where you think the answers are and read them carefully.

3 Read the text and decide if the statements are True (T) or False (F).

- Employers are now more interested in personality than qualifications. T / F
- The Big Five personality test looks mainly at how people behave. T / F
- People who score highly in conscientiousness are unlikely to do something without planning it. T / F
- If you score highly in agreeableness, you are likely to work well with young children. T / F
- When it comes to high-pressure jobs, it is better to score highly in neuroticism than score low. T / F
- People who score highly in openness are usually clever. T / F
- If you score highly in extroversion, you enjoy being with others but need to be alone afterwards. T / F

The right personality for the job



When people are looking for a job, they often focus on qualifications and experience. However, personality is becoming more important to employers when considering who to hire and some ask candidates to do personality tests.



One such test is known as a Big Five exam. It looks at behaviour in different situations as well as your emotions and personal qualities. You get scores in five key areas: conscientiousness, agreeableness, neuroticism, openness and extroversion. Most people have a mix of these qualities, but usually have one that is strongest.



People who score high in conscientiousness are well-organised, focussed and pay attention to detail. They think about others and about how what they do can affect them. They're able to work to a deadline and not give in work late, and they prefer to plan things before they do them. Accountants and managers need a high level of conscientiousness. On the other hand, if you want to be something like a primary school teacher, you need to score highly in agreeableness. These people are cooperative, reliable and affectionate. They also enjoy helping others, and are friendly and caring. When there is a problem, they can compromise with others to find a solution.

When it comes to neuroticism, low scores are preferable. Low-scorers are calm, cheerful and easy-going. They cope well with pressure and that's why they make excellent nurses and social workers. High scores in this area reflect people who are anxious and moody, which are qualities that don't work in a stressful environment.

Two excellent career options for high-scorers in openness are being a tour guide or pilot. They are imaginative, adventurous people who love learning and new experiences. They tend to be bright and curious, too, and they're good at communicating with others. Similarly, if you're sociable, talkative, likeable and lively, you're likely to score highly in extroversion. High scorers are good at planning their time and enjoy working with others because it gives them energy. They don't need to spend time alone to relax and recover. Recommended careers include being an event planner or a personal trainer.

4 Find words in the text that have these definitions.

- thinking about something carefully (paragraph 1)
- very important (paragraph 2)
- a specific time or date by which you must do something (paragraph 3)
- accept something that is not exactly what you want (paragraph 3)
- likely to become unhappy or angry for no particular reason (paragraph 4)
- usually do a particular thing (paragraph 5)
- get back to the way things were before something (paragraph 5)

B1 Preliminary Part 1

1 Choose the correct alternative.

When you look at short messages, you **(a)** *should/shouldn't* look at the design. You **(b)** *should/shouldn't* only read the words. You **(c)** *should/shouldn't* think about where you might see it.

2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

cute • medium-height • medium-length • spiky • stocky

- Sam isn't tall or short, he's
- My brother puts a lot of spray in his hair to make it It stands up on his head.
- We just got a new kitten. It's so
- Max looks very strong although he's not tall. He's
- My hair used to be very long, but I had it cut. I didn't want it short, so it's

✓ Exam tip

Look carefully at the design of each text. What kind of text is it? Where might you see it? Who is it for? This information can help you understand the message.

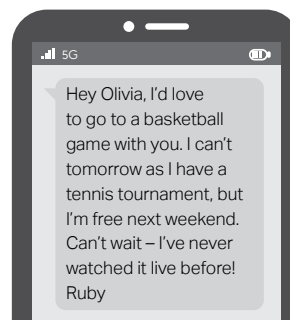
3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

Timetable changes

Trains between Manchester and Darwen will not run on 26th June due to work on the lines. There will be a replacement bus service for all trains.



- What is the purpose of this sign?
 - To inform passengers that some trains are permanently cancelled.
 - To say when people have to use the bus instead of the train.
 - To tell people about available bus and train services in Manchester.



- Ruby has written this message to ...
 - tell Olivia which sports she enjoys watching.
 - see if Olivia wants to watch basketball with her.
 - accept an invitation from Olivia to watch a sports game.

HAVE YOU SEEN SCOTTIE?

Scottie is a cute, friendly dog. He's short and stocky, with short black spiky fur and a medium-length tail. Blue collar.

Call Kate on 07634 98786. £50 reward.

- What is the purpose of this notice?
 - To tell people about a lost animal.
 - To advertise a dog that is for sale.
 - To describe a dog that Kate has found.

School council

Are you confident, well-organised and reliable? We need two new council members. Closing date for applications is tomorrow. Forms are available from the school office.

- What is the main idea of this notice?
 - You must apply soon if you want to be on the school council.
 - All council members must be confident and well-organised.
 - Only two people can apply to be on the school council.

Help wanted!

We want to improve the school newsletter so we're looking for creative articles, stories, pictures and photos. If you're artistic or you're a confident writer, get in touch with Sofia on 07944 89966.

- This notice is for students who ...
 - think the newsletter is creative.
 - need help with their writing or drawing.
 - can contribute to the school newsletter.