

B1 Preliminary Part 3

1 When you are answering a multiple-choice question, what should you do if you aren't sure of the correct answer?

- a Choose any answer.
- b Take away any answers which you know are incorrect, then decide.
- c Read the whole text again to see if that helps.

2 Read the definitions and write the words.

- 1 a young child who is starting to walk
- 2 your husband's dad
- 3 to describe someone who is not married
- 4 a child who hasn't got any brothers or sisters
- 5 someone who is more than 60 years old

✓ Exam tip

In multiple-choice reading activities. If you aren't 100% sure of the correct answer, begin by taking away any answers which you know aren't correct.

3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

- 1 Jack Von Engelbrechten
 - A lives on an island with his family.
 - B has got one brother and a sister.
 - C lives in a place with many families.
 - D is moving to an island with his family.
- 2 According to the text, an advantage of island life is that
 - A there are other islands nearby.
 - B the weather is always good.
 - C people often come and visit them.
 - D there is enough time to do lots of water sports.
- 3 Why does Jack not live on the island all the time?
 - A He doesn't want to be home-schooled.
 - B He can't have a mobile phone on the island.
 - C He'd like to be with other people of the same age.
 - D He's always wanted to live in New Zealand.
- 4 What do the Dennings usually do when they travel?
 - A They visit as many places as they can.
 - B They stay in one place for a while before moving on.
 - C They live for long periods of time in one country.
 - D They try to meet as many local people as possible.
- 5 In the future, they would like to
 - A visit Central and South America.
 - B travel to Asia, including China and Thailand.
 - C stay in America and not travel any more.
 - D visit many different countries in Europe.

Unusual families

What's your family like? All families have their own daily routine, but most families do fairly similar things every day. For some families, however, life is very different.

Jack Von Engelbrechten and his younger brothers, Luca and Felix, have the tiny island of Fofoa as their home. They live with their parents and they're the only family on the island. They're lucky enough to enjoy a warm climate, with plenty of time to do water sports such as snorkelling, swimming or fishing, as well as go on boat trips and do whale watching. They can also spend time exploring the island, and being the only family there means they can be very independent.

It's not all easy, though. There can be terrible storms so the weather isn't always so great. And it's three hours by boat to the nearest island, which means that, other than visitors who come for short holidays, they only see other people when they go shopping every three weeks. There are also no mobile phones so they don't have much contact with other young people. Luca and Felix spend all their time on the island and are home-schooled. But Jack decided to go to school in New Zealand because he wanted to meet other teenagers, so he is only home during the holidays.

Kyah Denning is part of another family with an unusual life. She is the oldest of seven children, with three sisters and three brothers. When she was young, her parents decided give up their life in Utah in the USA and drive to Costa Rica, where they lived for a year. Since then they have travelled around the world, including to eight countries in Central and South America. But they don't hurry from one place to the next. They rent a house somewhere, live like local people and explore the area before moving on. Kyah loved living in India and she makes friends wherever they go. They're back in the USA at the moment after visiting Europe, and they plan to visit Thailand, China and Mongolia next. They're always ready for their next adventure!



B1 Preliminary Part 1

- 1 Complete the advice with the words in the box. There is one extra word.

design • meaning • where • who

The (a) of a text, or how it looks, can help you answer the question. Before you read, you should look carefully at each text and think about (b) it is for and (c) you would see it. Is it an email, a notice, etc?

- 2 Complete the sentences with the noun forms of the words given.

- My (independent) is very important.
- The teacher gave us (permit) to use our dictionaries.
- (adolescent) is the time when you're becoming an adult.
- I felt bad after my friend and I had an (argue).
- We couldn't understand his (explain).
- Is there much (differ) in the weather in your country and the UK?

✓ Exam tip

When you read short texts for the main message, look at each text individually. What does the visual information tell you? Is it a notice? An email? A message? Where would you see it and who is it for? Then read the text for general meaning.

- 3 For each question, choose the correct answer.

Computer club

Advanced classes are now on Thursdays instead of Tuesdays, at the same time of 4–5pm. There is no difference to the time of the beginner's class, which is on Mondays from 4.30–5.30pm as usual.

- The notice is to tell members about a change in ...
 - the day of the beginner's classes.
 - the day of the advanced classes.
 - the day of both the beginner's and advanced classes.

Hey Tom!

I need trainers for tennis. I can't find mine, so I took yours from your bag. I hope you don't mind! I'll bring them back tomorrow.
Max

- Max wrote this message to ...
 - remind Tom to bring his trainers tomorrow.
 - ask if he can borrow Tom's trainers tomorrow.
 - say he borrowed Tom's trainers today.

BERNIE'S RESTAURANT

No groups of ten or more unless you have a previous arrangement with the manager.

- What is the main idea of this notice?
 - You must reserve a table before you go.
 - Groups of more than nine need to contact the manager before going.
 - Groups bigger than ten people are not permitted in the restaurant.

Montreal Safari Park

Stay on the roads and allow animals to cross.
Never leave your vehicle, approach or feed any animals.
They can be dangerous.

- What is the purpose of this sign?
 - To warn visitors not to go near the animals.
 - To say which areas of the safari park aren't safe.
 - To inform visitors that they can leave the roads.

School talent show

Write your name below if you are interested. Please note you need signed permission from your parents to take part.

- What is this notice telling students?
 - They need to write their name down to get more information about the show.
 - Their parents have to agree that they can take part in the show.
 - There will be a talent show for students and parents to take part in.