

Reading Comprehension – Test 2



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Read each text carefully and choose the best answer (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Magazine article

Read the article about a zookeeper. Then answer questions 1-7.

Meet Daniel Osei, Zookeeper

Daniel Osei works at Greenfield Zoo. He looks after the giraffes and the zebras. His day starts very early. He gets up at half past five and arrives at the zoo at half past six, before the visitors come.

First, Daniel cleans the animals' houses. This is hard work, but he doesn't mind. Then he gives the animals their breakfast. Giraffes eat a lot of leaves – about 30 kilos every day! After that, he checks that all the animals are healthy. If an animal is sick, he calls the zoo doctor.

In the afternoon, Daniel talks to visitors. He tells them interesting facts about the animals, and children often ask him lots of questions. 'That's my favourite part of the job,' he says.

Daniel finishes work at four o'clock. He is often tired, but he is never bored. 'Every day is different,' he says. 'I can't imagine doing anything else.'

1. What is the article mainly about?

A How to visit Greenfield Zoo C What giraffes eat	B A zookeeper's working day D How to become a zoo doctor
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2. What time does Daniel arrive at the zoo?

A At half past five B At six o'clock	C At half past six D At four o'clock
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3. What is the first thing Daniel does at work?

A He gives the animals their breakfast. C He checks that the animals are healthy.	B He talks to visitors. D He cleans the animals' houses.
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4. What does Daniel do when an animal is sick?

A He calls the zoo doctor. C He closes the zoo.	B He gives it more leaves. D He takes it home.
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5. Which part of the job does Daniel like best?

A Getting up early C Talking to visitors	B Cleaning D Feeding the giraffes
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6. "This is hard work, but he doesn't mind." Here, "he doesn't mind" means:

A he forgets to do it C he hates doing it	B he is happy to do it D he doesn't understand it
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7. What can we guess about Daniel?

A He wants to find a new job. C He is the zoo doctor.	B He only works at weekends. D He really enjoys his job.
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Part 2: Information notice

Read the notice from a campsite. Then answer questions 8-14.

Welcome to Sunny Hill Campsite!

Reception: Open every day from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. If you arrive later, please call the number on the door.

Shop: Our small shop sells bread, milk, fruit and other food. Fresh bread arrives every morning at 7.30. The shop closes at 6 p.m.

Showers: The shower block is next to the playground. Hot water is free, but please don't stay longer than ten minutes.

Quiet time: Please be quiet between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Other guests are sleeping!

Fires: Campfires are not allowed. You can use the barbecue area near the lake.

Bikes: You can rent bikes at reception for €5 a day. Children's bikes and helmets are also available.

Pets: Dogs are welcome, but they must stay on a lead at all times.

Rubbish: Please put your rubbish in the green bins near the car park.

Have a great stay!

8. Who is this notice for?
- A** People who work in the shop **B** People who live near the lake
C People staying at the campsite **D** People selling bikes
9. The Garcia family arrive at the campsite at 9 p.m. What should they do?
- A** Call the number on the door **B** Wait until 8 a.m.
C Go to the shop **D** Ask the other guests
10. Priya wants fresh bread for breakfast. When should she go to the shop?
- A** Before 7 a.m. **B** After 6 p.m. **C** At 10 p.m. **D** After 7.30 a.m.
11. Where can guests cook food outside?
- A** Next to the playground **B** In the barbecue area near the lake
C Near the car park **D** Anywhere they want, on a campfire
12. Sam wants to bring his dog. Which sentence is true?
- A** Dogs are not allowed at the campsite. **B** The dog must stay in the car.
C The dog must be on a lead all the time. **D** The dog can only come in the morning.
13. "Children's bikes and helmets are also available." Here, "available" means:
- A** you can get them **B** they are only for adults
C they are not ready yet **D** they are all sold out
14. Which sentence is TRUE according to the notice?
- A** The shop is open until 8 p.m. **B** Guests can make noise at 11 p.m.
C Campfires are allowed near the lake. **D** Hot water in the showers is free.

Part 3: Short story

Read the story. Then answer questions 15-20.

The Birthday Cake

Nadia's brother, Omar, was going to be eighteen on Saturday. Nadia wanted to give him something special, but she didn't have much money. Then she had an idea: she could make him a chocolate cake.

On Friday evening, while Omar was at football practice, Nadia found a recipe online and started baking. Unfortunately, she forgot to set the timer. When she opened the oven, the cake was black and the kitchen was full of smoke.

Nadia almost cried. Just then, someone knocked on the door. It was Mrs Kowalski, their neighbour. 'I smelled the smoke,' she said. 'Is everything OK?' Nadia explained the problem. Mrs Kowalski smiled. 'Come to my flat. I have everything we need.'

Together they made a new cake, and this time it was perfect. The next day, Omar's eyes opened wide when he saw it. 'You made this?' he asked. Nadia looked at Mrs Kowalski and laughed. 'Well, I had a little help.'

15. Why did Nadia decide to make a cake for Omar?

- A** Omar asked her for one.
- B** She didn't have much money for a present.
- C** She wanted to learn to cook.
- D** Mrs Kowalski told her to make one.

16. Where was Omar when Nadia started baking?

- A** At football practice
- B** In the kitchen
- C** At Mrs Kowalski's flat
- D** At a birthday party

17. What went wrong with the first cake?

- A** The oven was broken.
- B** She had no chocolate.
- C** She forgot to set the timer and it burned.
- D** She used the wrong recipe.

18. How did Mrs Kowalski know there was a problem?

- A** Nadia phoned her.
- B** Omar told her.
- C** She heard Nadia crying.
- D** She smelled the smoke.

19. "Omar's eyes opened wide when he saw it." This shows that Omar was:

- A** angry
- B** surprised
- C** tired
- D** bored

20. What does Nadia mean when she says, "I had a little help"?

- A** Mrs Kowalski helped her make the cake.
- B** She bought the cake in a shop.
- C** Omar helped her with the recipe.
- D** She didn't make a cake at all.

Answer key – Reading Comprehension – Test 2

1 B	2 C	3 D	4 A	5 C	6 B	7 D	8 C	9 A	10 D
11 B	12 C	13 A	14 D	15 B	16 A	17 C	18 D	19 B	20 A

Explanations

- B** – The whole article describes Daniel's day at work, from morning to four o'clock.
- C** – He gets up at half past five, but he arrives at the zoo at half past six.
- D** – The text says 'First, Daniel cleans the animals' houses.'
- A** – The text says 'If an animal is sick, he calls the zoo doctor.'
- C** – After talking about visitors and their questions, he says 'That's my favourite part of the job.'
- B** – 'Not mind' something means it is OK for you and does not make you unhappy.
- D** – He is never bored and says he can't imagine doing anything else, so he clearly loves his job.
- C** – It welcomes guests and ends with 'Have a great stay!', so it is for people staying there.
- A** – Reception closes at 8 p.m., and the notice says to call the number on the door if you arrive later.
- D** – Fresh bread arrives every morning at 7.30, so she should go after that.
- B** – Campfires are not allowed, but guests can use the barbecue area near the lake.
- C** – The notice says dogs are welcome, but they must stay on a lead at all times.
- A** – 'Available' means you can get or use something.
- D** – The notice says 'Hot water is free'. The other sentences do not match the notice.
- B** – She wanted to give him something special but didn't have much money, so she had the idea of making a cake.
- A** – The story says she baked 'while Omar was at football practice'.
- C** – She forgot to set the timer, so the cake was black and there was smoke.
- D** – Mrs Kowalski says 'I smelled the smoke.'
- B** – When your eyes open wide, you are usually surprised, and Omar then asks 'You made this?'
- A** – Nadia and Mrs Kowalski made the new cake together, so Nadia did not make it alone.

Notes for teachers: Give students about 10 minutes per text and encourage them to read the whole text once for gist before answering. The questions test whether students can locate specific details, such as times and places, and whether they can avoid distractors that repeat words from the wrong part of the text. Vocabulary questions focus on phrases like 'doesn't mind' and 'available'. As follow-up, students can write a short notice for their school or a 'day in the life' article about someone they know.