

ESOL Skills for Life (QCF)

Entry 2 – Reading

Sample 2



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 Lucy,

How are you? I went on an ESOL class trip to Bodchester last Saturday – it was **fantastic**. I had a very good time.

We met at college at 10.30am and got on the coach. We arrived at 12.30pm. Firstly, we visited Bodchester castle and we spent a couple of hours there. There were so many interesting things in the castle museum and the cakes in the café were **lovely** too!

After that, we sat on the grass by the river and had a picnic. We all brought food and I tried some traditional food from other countries. I enjoyed it but I didn't like the spicy dishes. After lunch, we went on a boat trip on the river. It was very **peaceful** and I felt relaxed. I went shopping before we left. I bought some postcards and a T-shirt.

It was a really good day and I'm planning to go there again in the summer with my sister. Do you want to come with us?

Love,

Samina

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**.

- A went on a train C went to the museum E did some shopping
 B ~~travelled to Bodchester~~ D had a picnic

Example: On Saturday morning, Samina's class B

1. First, they
2. Then, they
3. Finally, Samina

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. fantastic

- A fine
- B great
- C bad

5. lovely

- A nice
- B romantic
- C boring

6. peaceful

- A noisy
- B busy
- C quiet

Questions 7-9

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

7. Where did they have the picnic?
 - A on a boat
 - B next to the river
 - C near the shops
8. Which sentence is correct?
 - A Samina didn't try any spicy food.
 - B Samina only ate food from her country.
 - C Samina took some food for the picnic.
9. Who is going to Bodchester in the summer?
 - A Samina and her sister
 - B Samina's ESOL class
 - C Lucy and her sister

Task 2

Text A

Maple Department Store

King Street, Trinford, T2 7WD

Dear Zara,

I am pleased to confirm you have a sales assistant job at our Trinford store.

Your job starts at 9am next Tuesday in the jewellery department. Your manager is Mrs Chohan. Please phone her on Friday about your uniform.

Please find enclosed some information about the job and a floor plan.

Yours sincerely

Gina Greene

Director

Text B

**Maple Department Store
About You**

Name:

Email address:

D.O.B:

National Insurance number:

Emergency contact:

Text C

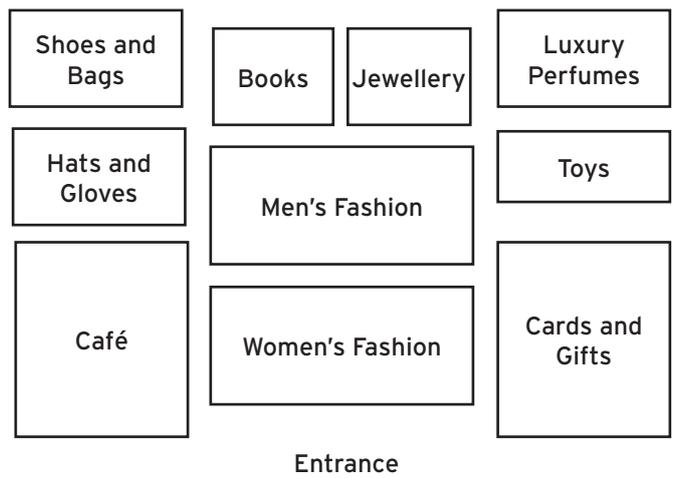
**Maple Department Store
– for new sales assistants**

Sales assistants must:

- Wear the store uniform at all times
- Arrive for work punctually
- Phone the manager when they **are unable** to come to work
- Be polite and friendly to our customers
- Attend meetings and training sessions
- Leave the store when they hear the fire alarm

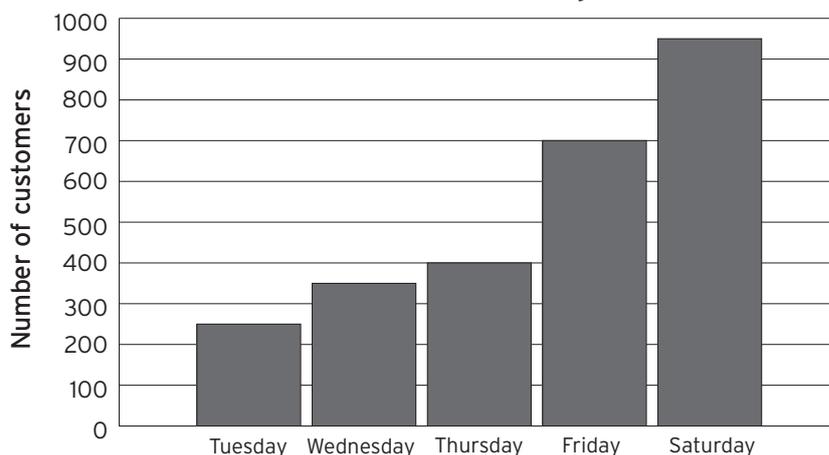
Text D

Maple Department Store Floor Plan



Text E

Number of customers visiting the store



Zara is going to work at the Maple Department Store. Use the texts 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 give someone a new job A

 10. to say when people visit the store
 11. to give instructions to new employees
 12. to give some personal information

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, Gina Greene says she

- A is going to phone Zara
- B is sending some details
- C needs some new jewellery

14. In text B, Zara will write

- A an email address
- B a start date
- C her mobile number

15. In text C, **are unable to** means

- A must not
- B cannot
- C have to

Questions 16-18

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

16. In text D, which department is in the middle of the store?

- A Men's Fashion
- B Cards and Gifts
- C Shoes and Bags

17. In text D, the Jewellery Department is

- A on the right of Women's Fashion
- B next to Luxury Perfumes
- C in front of Hats and Gloves

18. In text E, more customers visit the store on Thursday than on

- A Wednesday
- B Friday
- C Saturday

Turn over page

Task 3

Did you know? Fascinating fact file of the week

Did you know Queen Elizabeth has five different homes?

Her main home is Buckingham Palace in London. Buckingham Palace has 775 rooms, including 78 bathrooms. There are more than 1,500 doors, and 760 windows. There are also 40,000 light bulbs!

The palace also has its own church, post office, swimming pool, doctor's surgery and cinema.

Two people work full time looking after the clocks and watches – there are more than 350! More than 800 other people also have jobs at the palace.

Another of the Queen's homes is Windsor Castle. It is more than 900 years old.

The Queen has two homes in Scotland. She loves going to Balmoral Castle and usually spends her holidays there. She also has a home in Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland. It is called Holyroodhouse.

Every Christmas the Queen stays at Sandringham House, her gigantic holiday home in Norfolk.

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 Buckingham Palace
 - B the Queen's homes
 - C working for the Queen
- 20.** How many people work at Buckingham Palace?
- A more than 800
 - B about 350
 - C 900
- 21.** Where is Balmoral Castle?
- A Edinburgh
 - B Norfolk
 - C Scotland

