



PET READING Part 1

Question 1

Dear Lucy,
I need a calculator for my homework. I can't find mine so I took yours from your bag. Hope you don't mind! I'll give it back to you tomorrow.
Love, Tina.

Tina wrote to Lucy to ...

- remind her to take her calculator to school tomorrow.
- say that she has borrowed Lucy's calculator.
- ask if she could borrow her calculator tomorrow.

Read both, the statement and the alternatives and:

a) Explain in your own words and in English what you understood for the following words:

- a. Remind: _____
- b. Mine: _____
- c. Give something back: _____
- d. Borrow: _____

b) Read again both the statement and the alternatives and answer these questions briefly:

- a. Who's writing the message? _____
- b. Who needs the calculator? _____
- c. Who's the owner of the calculator? _____

c) Now read the statement again and solve the exercise, in the following lines write why you have chosen that answer,

Question 2

A sports watch was found in the gym on Friday evening. To claim it, speak to Mrs Kent.

Speak to Mrs Kent if ...

- you have lost a watch.
- you want to watch sports in the gym.
- you have found a sports watch.

Read both, the statement and the alternatives and:

d) Explain in your own words and in English what you understood for the following words:

- a. Claim: _____
- b. Sports watch: _____

e) Read again both the statement and the alternatives and answer these questions briefly:

- c. Where can you find this message? _____
- d. Who may be Mrs. Kent? _____
- e. Is it possible to recover the watch? _____

f) Now read the statement again and solve the exercise, in the following lines write why you have chosen that answer,

Question 3

For the school environmental project, please bring your old magazines to school and leave them in the box outside the Geography room.

The notice reminds students to ...

- bring magazines for use at school.
- read old magazines to help them with a geography project.
- throw away their old magazines.

Read both, the statement and the alternatives and:

g) Explain in your own words and in English what you understood for the following words:

- f. Magazine: _____
- g. Bring: _____

h) Read again both the statement and the alternatives and answer these questions briefly:

- h. Do you have to bring magazines from the library? _____
- i. Where can you find magazines for your project? _____
- j. If you don't have any magazines, you can not do the project? _____

i) Now read the statement again and solve the exercise, in the following lines write why you have chosen that answer,

Question 4

Not enough people have requested bus transport to the theatre, so you'll have to make your own way there. Make sure you arrive by 7pm.

The message tells people to ...

- arrive at the theatre at 7pm using their own transport.
- arrive at the bus stop at 7pm to go to the theatre.
- meet outside the theatre at 7pm to take the bus home.

Read both, the statement and the alternatives and:

- j) Explain in your own words and in English what you understood for the following words:
 - k. Request: _____
 - l. Transport: _____
- k) Read again both the statement and the alternatives and answer these questions briefly:
 - m. What do you have to do if you do not have transport? _____
 - n. What time does the performance start? _____
- l) Now read the statement again and solve the exercise, in the following lines write why you have chosen that answer,

Question 5

Tennis Club

Beginners classes will now take place on Fridays instead of Mondays, at the same time of 5pm-6pm.

Advanced classes will take place on Fridays from 6pm as usual.

The message describes a change in ...

- the day of the beginner's tennis class
- the day of both the beginner's and the advanced tennis classes
- the time and day of the beginner's tennis class

Read both, the statement and the alternatives and:

- m) Explain in your own words and in English what you understood for the following words:
 - o. Beginners: _____

p. Take place: _____

q. Instead: _____

n) Read again both the statement and the alternatives and answer these questions briefly:

r. What time did Beginners classes begin on Mondays? _____

s. Has Advanced classes changed their timetable? _____

o) Now read the statement again and solve the exercise, in the following lines write why you have chosen that answer,

Question 6

Thanks for the information about the health and safety course. Any other time, I'd go. Time off school! But it's my art class that day. I don't want to miss it!

Jess writes to her friend to ...

- refuse an invitation to go on a health and safety course.
- suggest going on a health and safety course.
- accept an invitation to go on a health and safety course.

Read both, the statement and the alternatives and:

p) Explain in your own words and in English what you understood for the following words:

t. Safety: _____

u. Time off: _____

v. Miss: _____

q) Read again both the statement and the alternatives and answer these questions briefly:

w. Is the person interested in the health and safety course.? _____

x. Is the person interested in art classes? _____

r) Now read the statement again and solve the exercise, in the following lines write why you have chosen that answer,

PET READING Part 3

• OUTDOOR DUBLIN

- With attractive public gardens, elegantly designed squares and the sprawling expanse of Phoenix Park, Dublin provides a wealth of green space, with plenty of opportunities for a stroll or an alfresco picnic. Outside the city, the shores of Dublin Bay offer bracing walks, while hardier souls might fancy a dip in the sea.

• CHILDREN'S DUBLIN

- There's plenty in Dublin for kids to enjoy. As well as the attractions shown here, there's fun to be had exploring the delights of the National Wax Museum and Tara's Palace or venturing into the great outdoors, with trips to Phoenix Park or the seaside. Most attractions and activities offer significant discounts to children.

• SHOPPERS' DUBLIN

- Dublin boasts some excellent book and CD shops, the most notable of them specializing in Irish literature and music. Fashionistas are well catered for too, with plenty of boutiques, jewellery shops and department stores stocking the best of Irish and global design. On a fine day, consider heading for a food market or an artisan deli and picnicking in one of the city's attractive squares.

• SPORTING DUBLIN

- Sport is an integral part of Irish life and no more so than in the capital. Gaelic football, hurling, soccer and rugby matches feature on pub TV screens and as a prominent part of daily conversation, and newspaper coverage seems boundless. Then there's also that well-known Irish fondness for a flutter, be it on the horses or the dogs.

• FESTIVALS

- Dublin stages numerous festivals during the year. The arts are particularly well catered for, with major events devoted to theatre, film, music and literature an established part of the calendar. There's plenty for children to enjoy as well, such as the St Patrick's festival and numerous events in Temple Bar.

• FREE DUBLIN

- Though Dublin is an expensive city, there are plenty of free attractions that won't burden your pocket or purse. Some major sites, such as the National Gallery and National Museum, charge no entrance fee except for special events. There's also plenty of street and outdoor entertainment, especially in summer.

• DUBLIN TASTES

- Dublin's culinary reputation is fast improving, though prices can sometimes be off-putting. The pleasures of modern Irish cuisine (as well as the finer points of Guinness) are dealt with elsewhere, but there are plenty of traditional tastes that won't break the budget and will leave you with an evocative memory of the city.

TASK 1:

After getting the meaning in context of the following phrases and concepts, explain them in your own words (in English)

1.*the sprawling expanse of Phoenix Park*.....

2. ... *plenty of opportunities for a stroll or a n alfresco picnic.*

3. ...*hardier souls might fancy a dip in the sea.*

4. *Dublin boasts some excellent book and CD shops,*...

5. *Fashionistas are well catered for too,*...

6. ...*and newspaper coverage seems boundless.*

7. ...*with major events devoted to theatre, film, music and literatura*...

8. ...*free attractions that won't burden your pocket or purse.*

Now read the article again and answer True or False to the following statements.

- 1) There are few truly open green spaces in Dublin.

True False

- 2) There are so many wonderful things to do with children in Dublin.

True False

- 3) Most attractions have reduced prices for kids.

True False

- 4) Dublin is home to some of the best book and CD shops in the world.

True False

- 5) There are many local and specialist food markets in Dublin.

True False

- **6)** In Ireland sport plays a big role in the local communities and society.

True False

- **7)** There are a lot of festivals in Dublin throughout the year.

True False

- **8)** If you plan to be in Dublin with kids on St Patrick's Day then avoid the Temple Bar area.

True False

- **9)** Entry to the National Gallery is always free.

True False

- **10)** Dublin's culinary reputation is growing both at home and abroad.

True False