

**ESOL International
English Reading Examination**

Level B1 Intermediate

Instructions to learners

Check that you have the correct paper.

Please complete the information on your mark sheet.

Use black or blue ink. Do not use a pencil.

You may NOT use a dictionary.

There are 30 questions in this examination.

You must attempt all the questions.

Record your answers on the mark sheet.

Total marks available: 30

You have **60 minutes** to finish the examination.

Text 1

Cheryl and Chris - celeb couple, parents of two, and professional 'Fun People' -	1
have just forked out \$14 million for a beachside Malibu mansion and Radar	2
Online got a sneak preview.	3
Here are six things you never thought you needed to know about someone	4
else's house, but can't deny you're vaguely interested in. Let's face it, we all	5
like being nosey.	6
1. It has four bedrooms and three bathrooms and is gated. Yes, GATED. It has	7
gates. No wandering into Cheryl's kitchen and demanding quinoa cakes with	8
mung beans, then.	9
2. It's on Malibu's most coveted beach, Little Dume, and has a private bit for	10
anchoring a yacht. They don't have a yacht but they'll obviously get one	11
because otherwise it'd be such a massive waste. Someone could be using that	12
yacht docking space, guys. Selfish.	13
3. There's a tennis court surrounded by loads of bushes so people can't take	14
pictures of Chris's backhand. Maybe he plays tennis like a toddler? We'll never	15
know.	16
4. On top of this cute little beach house, the pair own a massive estate in	17
London, a place in New York City and, in 2012, they spent about \$10 million for	18
an equestrian estate in Los Angeles.	19
5. It have heated floors to protect them against the frankly arctic Malibu	20
conditions.	21
6. Chris was, according to Radar Online, really sad when they moved to LA to	22
be closer to, erm, Cheryl's friends and family - but it looks like he's making an	23
effort to properly settle down here. They've already had a desiner in to do	24
the whole house up before the move.	25
Do you feel better now that you know all about their new house. Will you sleep	26
tonight, thanks to this insight into Cheryl's heated flooring and Chris's tennis	27
court? Good. Next up: six things you never knew about Britney Spears's	28
welcome mat.	29

1. What is the main purpose of this text?
 - a. To instruct
 - b. To persuade
 - c. To entertain
 - d. To describe

2. The phrase "forked out" as used on line 2 can be understood as:
 - a. Paid
 - b. Cleaned
 - c. Planted
 - d. Grew

3. The text suggests that the house is:
 - a. Modest
 - b. Luxurious
 - c. Public
 - d. Small

4. According to the text, which statement is true?
 - a. This is the only house Cheryl and Chris own.
 - b. Chris can't play tennis.
 - c. They have a yacht.
 - d. They have two children.

5. Where is their new house?
 - a. In Malibu
 - b. In New York City
 - c. In London
 - d. In Radar

6. A grammatical error has been made on:
- a. Line 4
 - b. Line 10
 - c. Line 20
 - d. Line 26
7. A spelling mistake has been made on:
- a. Line 1
 - b. Line 14
 - c. Line 24
 - d. Line 27
8. Which of the following contains a prefix?
- a. Preview
 - b. Being
 - c. Demanding
 - d. Properly
9. Which of the following contains a silent letter?
- a. Had
 - b. Know
 - c. Sleep
 - d. Properly
10. A punctuation mark has been incorrectly used on:
- a. Line 5
 - b. Line 9
 - c. Line 26
 - d. Line 28

Text 2

Has cycling become more dangerous?

It depends what you mean by dangerous. The most authoritative data on cycling safety and accidents is provided by the Department for Transport (DfT). According to the latest figures, during 2012 in the UK:

- 118 cyclists were killed (one every three days)
- 3,222 were seriously injured (almost nine a day)
- 15,751 were slightly injured (43 a day)

These figures are based on incidents reported to the police, so the true figure for cyclists being slightly injured is likely to be much higher.

Serious injuries are defined as an injury resulting in prolonged hospitalisation and/or significant disability. The key measure used by experts to judge cycle safety is "killed or seriously injured", which is sometimes shortened to KSI.

Are women more at risk of an accident?

Several newspaper reports have focused on deaths involving young female cyclists. These incidents are shocking and may have led to a perception that female cyclists are more likely to be involved in a collision. In fact, men and boys are far more likely to be involved in a KSI incident than women and girls.

While it is true that male cyclists significantly outnumber female cyclists in the UK, males are still over-represented in the KSI statistics. Even when taking this imbalance into account, it is estimated that males are 1.4 times more likely to be killed and 1.7 times more likely to be seriously injured than females.

Psychological research suggest that, generally, men take more risks than women. For example, a 2013 Dutch study found that male cyclists were less likely to have lights fitted to their bikes and more likely to run red lights at train crossings than female cyclists.

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11. Why is the text divided into two sections?
- The time has changed.
 - The subject has changed.
 - The place has changed.
 - The speaker has changed.
12. According to the text, which statement is true?
- 118 cyclists had an accident in 2012.
 - 118 cyclists were injured in 2012.
 - 118 cyclists were killed in three days.
 - 118 cyclists were killed in 2012.
13. What does KSI stand for?
- Killed or seriously injured
 - Killed or sometimes injured
 - Killed or serious incident
 - Key to serious incidents
14. The text suggests, that:
- Female cyclists are more likely to be killed than male cyclists.
 - Young female cyclists are more likely to be killed than young male cyclists.
 - Male cyclists are more likely to be killed than female cyclists.
 - The UK statistics have no data regarding KSI.
15. One of the reasons for male cyclists to be more at risk is:
- They are more likely to cycle too fast.
 - They are more likely to cycle with no lights on.
 - They are more likely to cycle drunk.
 - They are not very good cyclists.

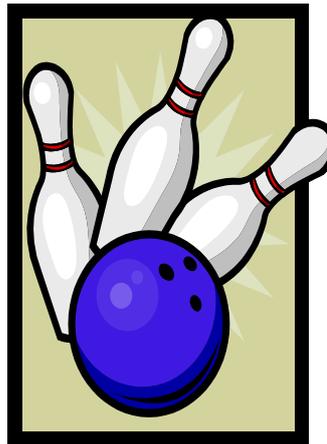
16. A grammatical mistake has been made on:
- Line 9
 - Line 12
 - Line 22
 - Line 28
17. A spelling mistake has been made on:
- Line 11
 - Line 16
 - Line 22
 - Line 24
18. The word 'several' on line 16 could be best replaced by:
- Many
 - Most
 - A few
 - Lots
19. The statement '15,751 were slightly injured' is:
- A fact
 - An opinion
 - A description
 - An instruction
20. The prefix 'over' used in 'over-represented' means:
- Too much
 - Not enough
 - Not
 - Again

Text 3

Kids Parties at The Bowling Club

PARTIES INCLUDE

- ❖ 1 Game of Bowling
- ❖ Invitations
- ❖ Party Bags
- ❖ Choice of Menu
- ❖ Shoe Hire
- ❖ Party Host
- ❖ Balloon
- ❖ Certificates
- ❖ Group Photo



MENU

Chicken Strips
Fish Pieces
Beefburger
Margarita Pizza Slice

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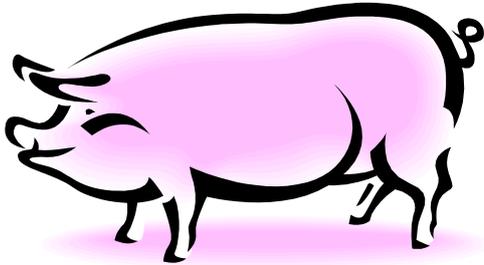
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MINIMUM of 6

21. What type of club is organising a children's party?
- Laser-quest
 - Bowling
 - Swimming
 - Restaurant
22. How much would you pay per child if you wanted a private party on a Saturday?
- 6.00 pounds
 - 7.99 pounds
 - 8.99 pounds
 - 9.99 pounds
23. How many children do you need for a standard party on a Monday?
- Maximum 5
 - Minimum 6
 - Maximum 6
 - Minimum 20
24. What is not included in the price of a party?
- Chicken
 - Photo
 - Party bag
 - Cake
25. How much deposit do you need to pay for a standard party for six on a Monday?
- 7.99 pounds
 - 8.99 pounds
 - 10 pounds
 - 50 pounds

Text 4



Free-range fun for all the family at White Farm!

Hello and welcome to White Farm, one of the East Midlands' most popular visitor attractions, where animals are free to roam.

For 20 years we've been entertaining millions of kids and adults, giving them the chance to get up close to thousands of friendly animals, like chicks, llamas, rabbits, cows and pigs. The farm is **open every day of the year** (apart from Christmas Day!) and with lots to do, rain or shine, it's perfect for family days out, school trips and birthday parties. As well as meeting the animals, you can zoom around on go-karts, catch a seasonal show, do a little shopping or even pick up a new pet!

Contact us

We're open every day from 10am but closed on Christmas Day. If you need to know anything else before you visit, please get in touch. We're always happy to hear from you.

Call the farm phone on **01624 882978**, email hello@whitefarm.co.uk or fill in an online form. We promise to get back to you as quickly as possible.



26. In which region is White Farm situated?
- a. White Post
 - b. The East Midlands
 - c. Middle England
 - d. Near London
27. White Farm has been open for how long?
- a. Twenty years
 - b. Twenty five years
 - c. Since Christmas Day
 - d. Every day of the year
28. Free-range fun implies:
- a. All the animals are kept in small cages.
 - b. Visitors can keep the animals for free.
 - c. All the animals are free to roam around.
 - d. You can buy eggs at the farm.
29. White Farm is:
- a. Not suitable for rainy days.
 - b. Suitable whatever the weather.
 - c. Closed when it rains.
 - d. Open on Christmas Day.
30. The number 01624 882978 is:
- a. For reserving tickets.
 - b. For booking transport to the farm.
 - c. The only way of contacting the farm.
 - d. For general enquiries.

End of Examination

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