

Reading test advice

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Make the most of your Reading test.

- Look out for the title, headings and any special features such as capital letters, underlining, italics, figures, graphs and tables
- Make sure that you understand the questions and follow instructions carefully
- Pay attention to timing; do not spend too long on one passage or question
- Do not try and read every word; remember, you are reading for a purpose
- If you do not know the answer to a question, attempt it but do not waste time; move quickly onto the next one
- Do not panic if you do not know anything about the subject of the text; all the answers can be found in the text
- The word(s) you use must be taken from the Reading text; you must not change the form of the word(s) in the text
- Do not worry if there is a word that you do not understand – you may not need to use it
- Check your spelling
- Be careful to use singular and plural correctly
- focus precisely on what you are asked to do in ‘completion’ type questions
- if the question asks you to complete the note ‘in the...’ and the correct answer is ‘evening’, just use ‘evening’ as your answer; note that ‘in the evening’ would be incorrect
- pay attention to the word limit; for example, if you are asked to complete a sentence using no more than two words, if the correct answer is ‘silk shirt’, the answer ‘shirt made of silk’ would be incorrect
- attempt all questions; there are no penalties for incorrect answers, so you have nothing to lose
- check your answers