

# ESOL Skills for life

Reading Entry 3  
Practice Test Paper - Set 2

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# PART 1 - A JOB APPLICATION FORM

Oliver has always wanted to travel. There are lots of countries he would like to visit but he doesn't have much money. He decides that working as a travel agent might give him some opportunities. He looks at this application form.

Do not complete this form. Look at the questions that follow.

<b>TOP TRIP TRAVEL</b>									
<b>JOB APPLICATION FORM</b>									
<b>PERSONAL DETAILS</b>									
1. First Name:	6. D.O.B.								
2. Surname:	7. Nationality								
3. Address:	8. What vacancy are you applying for? <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time								
4. Telephone:	9. Do you hold a current passport? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No								
5. Title:									
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<b>EMPLOYMENT HISTORY</b>									
11. Previous Employer 1	Previous Employer 2  <i>Please use a separate sheet of paper if you have had more than two employers</i>								
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>									
12.									
13. Signature	Date of application								

## PART 1 - A JOB APPLICATION FORM CONTINUED

Answer the following questions by putting a tick (☑) in the correct box. The first one has been done for you.

What does D.O.B. mean?

- A. Delivery of Books
- B. Danger on Bridge
- C. Date of Birth

1. What information is being asked for at No 2?

- A. Oliver's family name
- B. Oliver's son's name
- C. Oliver's wife's name

2. Which of the following is written in block capitals?

- A. Employment History
- B. JOB APPLICATION FORM
- C. employers

3. Where should Oliver sign his name?

- A. Number 1
- B. Number 12
- C. Number 13

4. The word 'fluent' appears at No 10. Oliver looks it up in the dictionary. Which definition is correct?

- A. Easy and graceful in motion or shape
- B. Able to flow freely
- C. Able to speak or write with ease

5. Where does Oliver give details of the languages he can speak?

- A. Number 7
- B. Number 10
- C. Number 12

6. What information is being asked for at No 7?

- A. Nationality
- B. Place of birth
- C. First language

Oliver gets the job at Top Trip Travel. His first clients are Mr and Mrs Oldrini. Using their letter and the timetable below, answer the questions on the next page.

November 18th

Dear Top Trip Travel,

We would be grateful if you could arrange the travel to our daughter's home in Exeter on Friday 8th December. We are both 82 and find it difficult to organise things over the telephone because we are both quite deaf.

We will want to travel home during the afternoon of Sunday 10th December. We prefer to travel by rail but changing trains is a problem as my husband uses a wheelchair. Could you check that the train has good disabled access and somewhere to buy a cup of tea and a sandwich?

If we arrive in Exeter between 3.30pm and 5.00pm our son-in-law can pick us up on his way from work. Could you also book a table for four in the Exeter Lion restaurant on Saturday night at 8.30pm? It is a surprise for my daughter's birthday. Could you check that there are vegetarian dishes on the menu before you make a reservation?

Thank you very much for your help. I will collect the tickets on Saturday morning (25th November).

Many thanks  
Isabella Oldrini

**SOUTH WESTERN - BIRMINGHAM/EXETER/BIRMINGHAM - TRAIN TIMES (DECEMBER)**

OUTWARD		Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Depart	11.12	13.42b	14.09b	11.30b	13.12b	14.12	12.12	13.12b	14.12
Arrive	13.43	16.07	16.43	15.27	16.43	17.43	14.40	15.43	16.43	
Change	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Duration	2.31	2.25	2.34	3.57	3.31	3.31	2.28	2.31	2.31	

b = buffet car/refreshments  
Full disabled access on all **SOUTH WESTERN** trains

## PART 2 - TRAVEL CONTINUED

Answer the following questions by putting a tick (☑) in the correct box.

7. Why is it difficult for Isabella to organise things on the telephone?

- A. Because Isabella does not speak English very well
- B. Because she cannot read the telephone directory
- C. Because she and her husband cannot hear very well

8. Oliver books tickets for Isabella and her husband. What time should he book tickets for the journey from Birmingham?

- A. 11.12
- B. 13.42
- C. 14.09

9. Why do Isabella and her husband want to arrive between 3.30pm and 5.0pm?

- A. Because they need to get to the restaurant
- B. Because their son-in-law can pick them up
- C. Because they will be tired

10. Why is it inconvenient for Mr and Mrs Oldrini to change trains?

- A. Because they are deaf
- B. Because they are in a hurry
- C. Because Mr Oldrini uses a wheelchair

11. Why do Mr and Mrs Oldrini want to eat at the Exeter Lion restaurant?

- A. Because it is their daughter's birthday
- B. Because the restaurant serves good vegetarian food
- C. Because there was no buffet car on the train

12. On what date will Isabella pick up the tickets from Top Trip Travel?

- A. 8th December
- B. 10th December
- C. 25th November

Read the text below.

Tomorrow, cyclist John Brown is returning to the UK after completing an epic three-year journey around the world. The final leg of Mr Brown's solo journey will be a cross-channel ferry from France, after a bike ride that took him 45,000 miles across five continents and through 60 countries.

His journey started in August 2001 in Settle, North Yorkshire and took him through Europe and the Middle East and crossing Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and Sudan, where temperatures reached 45C. From Cape Town he took a boat across to South America.

Along the way, John travelled through several countries, which were described as 'high risk zones' by the British Foreign Office, but he always got a warm welcome. His favourite countries were South Africa, Sudan, Russia, Georgia, Colombia and the USA. He returned to Europe yesterday from Canada.

John Brown's journey, which was funded by a private donor, has raised more than £150,000 from business sponsors for the Yorkshire charity World Youth in Need, which supports young people orphaned or abandoned by war, AIDS or poverty.

Speaking from the family home in Settle today, his mother Jenny Brown said, "It's a fantastic achievement. I was more concerned about John being homeless for three years than the dangers of cycling. You can fall off your bike in Settle," she said. "He will be home tomorrow and I am over the moon. It will be the first time we've seen him since he left." Mrs Brown said "We thought about visiting him during his journey, but I wasn't sure I could keep a straight face and wave him off to another jungle or desert without sitting down and crying".

John said, "I feel excited, nervous and rather sad that it is nearly done and I have to remind myself that the end of the ride does not mean the end of my life."

Answer the following questions.

Tick () the correct box.

13. John was seen as 'prosperous' in many countries. What does the word 'prosperous' mean?

- A. Productive
- B. Overweight
- C. Rich

14. Where do you think this text comes from?

- A. A letter
- B. A story book
- C. A newspaper

15. Where will John end his journey?

- A. Europe
- B. Settle, North Yorkshire
- C. Canada

16. John's mother will see John tomorrow when he returns home. Where is he today?

- A. In France
- B. In the UK
- C. In Canada

17. Where was John yesterday?

- A. In France
- B. In Canada
- C. In the UK

18. What does the phrase 'high risk zones' mean in the third paragraph?

- A. Too far away for a cyclist
- B. Difficult to enter for foreign travellers
- C. Dangerous

19. What does the phrase 'over the moon' mean?

- A. High in the sky
- B. Really happy
- C. Over tired

20. John's journey has raised £150,000. What will the money be used for?

- A. To repay a private donor
- B. To pay for travel expenses
- C. To help young people across the world who are in difficulty

21. Which of the following uses the future tense?

- A. He will be home tomorrow
- B. His journey started in Settle
- C. I feel excited

22. Which sentence has incorrect punctuation?

- A. His favourite countries were South Africa, Sudan, Russia, Georgia, Colombia and the USA.
- B. Jenny Brown said its a fantastic achievement.
- C. His journey started in August 2001 in Settle, North Yorkshire.



Read the texts below and then answer the questions on the following page.

**Text 1**

### US Ticket Wins £150m Lottery

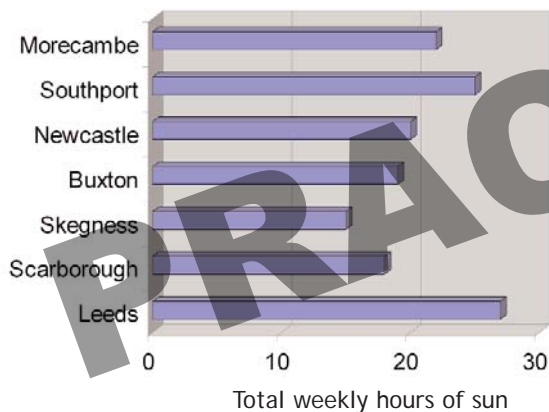
One lucky person in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, has scooped a £150 million lottery jackpot in last night's Mega Millions. The winner has yet to come forward. The largest US lottery jackpot was £210 million, won in the Big Game.

**Text 2**

There was a young lady from Leeds  
 Who planted some magical seeds  
 She was quite sad to see  
 When they reached eight foot three  
 They were really just unsightly weeds

**Text 3**

### Sunshine Scores



**Text 4**

### Blue Box Buns Assistant Manager

We are the region's leading producer of quality buns for the discerning bun connoisseur.

Candidates must be proficient in telephone sales, be well organised and highly motivated. Computer skills and the ability to communicate at all levels are also required.

Please ring for an application form on **01234 598463**

**Text 5**

Dear Ana,  
 We are having a really lovely time here - the sun has been shining every day, so we have spent a lot of time on the beach. Yesterday we went on a tour of the vineyards and bought three cases of wine!

Lots of love, Catarina.




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Now answer the questions below by putting a tick (☑) in the correct box. The first one has been done for you.

You would probably find Text 5

- A. on a postcard
- B. in a newspaper
- C. in an advertisement


23. Which text has examples of words that rhyme with each other?

- A. Text 1
- B. Text 3
- C. Text 2


24. Which text gives information about the weather?

- A. Text 2
- B. Text 3
- C. Text 5


25. You would probably find Text 4 in:

- A. An instruction manual
- B. The Yellow Pages
- C. A newspaper


26. Which of these is in the correct alphabetical order?

- A. Scarborough, Skegness, Southport
- B. Skegness, Southport, Scarborough
- C. Southport, Scarborough, Skegness


27. Which word could replace 'discerning' in Text 4?

- A. Recognising
- B. Discriminating
- C. Perceptible


28. Which text is a news report?

- A. Text 1
- B. Text 2
- C. Text 5


29. An alternative headline for Text 1 could be:

- A. Jackpot Winner Remains a Mystery
- B. The Richest Person in the World
- C. Spend, Spend, Spend!


30. You are unsure of the meaning of the word 'scooped' in Text 1. In this article it means:

- A. hollowed out
- B. reported in one newspaper before all the others
- C. received a large, quick gain


End of practice test paper.

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