

Answering from the text

Booster 2: Reading the text carefully

Key learning

To answer questions correctly, it is important that you read the text carefully. There are two steps to follow.

Step 1: Read the whole text all the way through. Make sure you understand what the text is about, and what points the writer is making. Look up any unfamiliar words.

Step 2: Read the first question carefully. Make sure you understand what the question is asking you, then go back to the text and highlight any details which will be useful in helping you answer.

You should repeat step 2 for every question.

Worked example:

Read the following text carefully.

Two years ago, we went on holiday to Australia. It was fantastic. However, the flight was expensive and very tiring. Australia is also really hot! But we had a great time. There are so many activities to enjoy: we tried surfing and scuba diving, and we went on a wildlife safari. Even though Australia was fun, Cornwall is my favourite place for a holiday. There are several reasons for this. First of all, you can get there by car, which is a lot cheaper than flying, and the journey is not so exhausting. Also, the weather is often sunny, but much cooler, which I prefer. The activities are not so exciting, but there are some lovely walks, the sea is good for swimming, and there are lots of beautiful gardens you can visit.

Step 1:

What is the text about?

The writer is describing and comparing two holidays.

What points is the writer making?

The writer is explaining why they prefer Cornwall to Australia.

Make sure you understand and look up any unfamiliar words.

Step 2: Now read the following question carefully.

Give **two** examples of activities to enjoy in Australia.

Answers:

surfing

scuba diving

You can go back to the part of the text where the writer is describing their time in Australia, and search for the part which mentions 'activities to enjoy'. You will see that the writer specifies three things. Choose two of these for your answer.

Your turn:

Read the following text carefully.

There are several important things you should do if you are invited to a job interview.

Be prepared

Preparation is the most important key to success in an interview.

- Think about the reasons you applied for the job.
- Think about why you are suitable for the job.
- Make a note of any questions you might like to ask.

Make a good impression

The way you look and behave is also very important, so remember these points:

- dress smartly
- arrive on time
- speak clearly and politely.

1. What is the most important key to success in an interview?
2. Give **one** way in which you can prepare for an interview.
3. Give **two** ways in which you can make a good impression.