

Answering from the text

Booster 3: Using details from the text

Key learning

When you are answering a question about a text it is important that you answer using details from the text, rather than giving answers based on general knowledge or assumptions.

To help you answer correctly, remember that the questions are not asking you what **you** think, they are asking you what the **writer** thinks.

Worked example:

Read the following text carefully.

The most important thing you should do before you buy a mobile phone is make a list of all your needs. Here are some questions you should consider:

Do you want a phone for playing games as well as making calls and sending texts? If you do, you should look for a phone with a large screen.

Do you want to listen to music on your phone? If you do, you should look for a phone with a lot of storage.

Do you want to take pictures with your phone? If you do, you should look for a phone with a high-quality camera.

Are you out and about a lot of the time? If you are, you may want a phone with long battery life.

What is the most important thing to do before you buy a mobile phone? Tick **one** box only.

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A	Look at some advertisements for mobile phones	
B	Make sure you have enough money to buy the phone you want	
C	Make a list of all your needs	
D	Ask a friend for some advice	

Answer:

C Make a list of all your needs

Each of these suggestions may seem sensible, but the correct answer is C because it is what the writer tells you in the text.

Your turn:

Read the following text carefully.

I recently bought myself a bicycle. It's changed my life. There are so many advantages to travelling by bike. For example, I now find that I can get where I want to quickly, and on time. Also, I no longer have to rely on public transport. I don't even have to sit in traffic jams, because most towns now have cycle lanes.

Some people think that riding a bike is dangerous because you don't have the same protection as in a car. But if you buy yourself some knee-pads and a proper helmet, and stick to the cycle lanes, you'll be quite safe. In fact, recent surveys show that more serious accidents take place in cars than on bikes. For me, the best thing about cycling is that it makes you fitter. Travelling to work in the morning used to make me anxious and bad-tempered. Now it's a pleasure.

1. Give **two** advantages of riding a bicycle.
2. Why do people think that riding a bike is dangerous?
3. Name **two** forms of protection you can wear when riding a bike.