

Answering from the text

Booster 4: Understanding the meaning of questions

Key learning

When selecting appropriate information to answer questions you must understand what the question is asking. There are two steps you should follow.

Step 1: Read the question carefully.

Step 2: Make sure you understand any unfamiliar words in the question.

Worked example:

Read the following text carefully.

There are two parts to the driving test:

1. a practical exam
2. a theory exam.

The first involves:

- driving the car on a public road
- following the instructions of the driving examiner.

The second involves:

- a multiple-choice test of 50 questions
- a video question and answer test.

What are the **two** parts of the theory exam?

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A	Driving the car on a public road	
B	Following the instructions of the driving examiner	
C	A multiple-choice test of 50 questions	
D	A video question and answer test	

Before you answer the question, remember the two steps described above.

To answer this question, you need to be confident that you understand the meaning of the word 'theory'.

There are two ways you can find out the meaning of a word:

- look it up
- work it out from the way it is used in the text.

Here the way the word is used in the text makes its meaning clear. The writer describes the practical exam as the first part of the test, and the theory exam as the second.

Answers:

C A multiple-choice test of 50 questions

D A video question and answer test

Your turn:

Read the following text carefully.

A lot of people these days are vegetarian. There are many reasons why a person may choose to be vegetarian. Some people worry that eating too much meat or fish is bad for your health; others think that killing animals for food is cruel. However, an increasing number of people are now becoming vegans. Vegans refuse to eat any products which come from animals – not only meat, but eggs and dairy products.

1. Why do vegans refuse to eat dairy products?
2. Give **two** reasons why people are becoming vegetarians.