

Answering from the text

Booster 6: Selecting specific information

Key learning

Some questions will ask you to select a specific type of information for your answer. To do this you need to follow two steps.

Step 1: Read the question carefully. Look for key words to help you understand the type of information you should select.

Step 2: Read the text carefully. Search for key words in the text to make sure you identify the information the question refers to.

Remember to look for the key words in the question and look for the information in the text which is related to them.

Worked example:

Read the following text carefully.

Many young people today feel as if they have lost their connection to nature. Forest School offers the opportunity for students to take part in a week of outdoor activities in a woodland setting. Activities on offer to students include:

- shelter building
- fire building
- nature treks.

What opportunity is offered to students? Tick **one** box only.

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A	To take part in a week of outdoor activities in a woodland setting	
B	Shelter building	
C	Fire building	
D	Nature treks	

Answer:

A To take part in a week of activities in a woodland setting.

Step 1: Read the question carefully. The key word in this question is **opportunity**.

Step 2: Read the text carefully. The writer refers to the '**opportunity** for students to take part in a week of outdoor activities in a woodland setting'.

Your turn:

Read the following text carefully.

Animal shelters were created to deal with the problem of abandoned pets. These shelters offer hundreds of abandoned pets:

- food
- medical care
- affection.

But shelters are desperately in need of volunteers to help. A new campaign is trying to convince young people to take part. Caring for animals is an ideal activity for young people. It gives them a sense of doing something worthwhile and adds valuable experience to their CV. Studies have shown that caring for animals is a great way of reducing stress levels and can even help deal with depression.

1. Why were animal shelters created?
2. Name **two** things animal shelters offer abandoned pets.
3. Give **one** reason why caring for animals is an ideal activity for young people.