

## Answering from the text

### Worksheet 2: Identifying the right details in the text

**Key point**

In order to answer questions correctly, you need to read the text very closely. This will help you to understand and identify the right details in the text.

#### Get started

**1a.** Read the following advertisement from a leisure centre website.

The Kingsford Leisure Centre is offering training for the National Pool Lifeguard qualification. Applicants must be:

- at least 16 years old
- able to swim 50 metres in 60 seconds
- able to dive to a depth of three metres.

It is essential that candidates attending the course bring:

- identification
- a red t-shirt to be worn in the pool
- a whistle.

#### Hint

Read the text, then read it again very closely before you try to answer questions on it.

**Guided**

**b.** The writer specifies **three** requirements for applicants. They are included in the list below. Put a tick next to the correct requirements.

- A** Applicants must have previous experience in a leisure centre. ☐
- B** Applicants must be at least 16 years of age. ☒
- C** Applicants must have a Silver Award in swimming. ☐
- D** Applicants must be able to swim 50 metres in 60 seconds. ☐
- E** Applicants must be able to dive to a depth of three metres. ☐

#### Hint

Suggestions A and C might be true, but are they included in the text?

**c.** The writer identifies three items it is essential for candidates to bring. **One** detail below is not quite correct. Which **one** is incorrect?

- A** Identification ☐ **C** A whistle ☐
- B** A t-shirt to be worn in the pool ☐

#### Hint

What **type** of T shirt does the writer specify? Read the text closely!

#### Try this

**1a.** Read the following paragraphs from a health and fitness magazine.

Recently published statistics reveal that the number of young people swimming regularly in Britain has reduced by almost 1.5 million in the last decade.

#### Swimming in the past

Seventy years ago swimming was a rare treat. This wasn't because people didn't want to swim. The Second World War had only recently ended, and beaches were still surrounded by fencing because of the possibility of land mines, so swimming in the sea was impossible. Some towns had pools, but these were very primitive affairs – outdoor pools, unheated, with none of the water slides we take for granted today.

#### Swimming today

These days most towns have a leisure centre, with a heated indoor pool and comfortable changing rooms. They offer classes where children as young as four are taught how to stay safe in the water. There are lessons for adults, and sessions for senior citizens. So why are fewer people swimming?

**b.** The writer tells us why people didn't swim in the sea 70 years ago. Circle the correct explanation.

The sea was too cold.

The beaches were surrounded by fencing.

**c.** The writer mentions **two** specific features of old-fashioned pools. Tick the correct features.

**A** Unheated ☐ **C** Water slides ☐

**B** Outdoor ☐ **D** Uncomfortable changing rooms ☐

**d.** Why is feature C above incorrect? Circle the appropriate explanation.

The writer doesn't mention water slides

The writer says there were no water slides

**e.** The writer mentions three age groups which are catered for in modern swimming pools. Which are these?

**A** Babies ☐ **C** Parents ☐ **E** Senior citizens ☐

**B** Children as young as four ☐ **D** Adults ☐

### Watch out!

Make sure the detail you select is included in the text.

### Watch out!

Babies **are** catered for in modern pools but does the writer **tell us** they are?

## Aim to pass

**1a.** Read the following discussion from an online health and fitness forum.



**Amy:** I've applied for the life-guarding course but I'm nervous. I've been away at college doing catering, and I've hardly swum since then. I also broke my arm last year and the muscles are not as strong as they were.



**Chan:** I understand why you're unsure. I was an enthusiastic swimmer at school, but working in computers gets you out of the habit. When I started again I was worried, but you soon get back into it. Even if you don't take the course, swimming is probably the ideal activity to strengthen your arm. But I reckon you should go for it. You'll regret it if you turn down the course because of your anxieties. Also, life-guarding is an exciting career, and jobs which you enjoy and which keep you fit are rare. By the way, what made you change your mind about a career in catering?



**Amy:** I saw a documentary about surf rescue in Australia and remembered how much I love the water. Mum told me about the life-guarding course at the leisure centre and encouraged me to go for it. She said I've got my catering diploma now, and can always go back to it if things don't work out, but if I don't follow my dream I'll never forgive myself.

**b.** From the discussion, give **one** reason that Amy is nervous about starting the life-guarding course. (1 mark)

**c.** Chan gives **three** reasons why Amy should continue with the life-guarding course. In the discussion, circle **two** of them. (2 marks)

**d.** In the discussion, circle who helped Amy change her mind about catering. (1 mark)

## Rate yourself

How confident are you in identifying the right details in the text when you answer the questions?



**Got it!**

Move on to the next activity.



**Not there yet...**

Try one of the booster sheets for this worksheet.