

Exam-style task

Hints and tips for Reading Part 2

What you have to do

- Read five short descriptions of people and eight texts on a particular topic.
- Match the people to five of the texts.
- The texts represent possible choices (things to buy, jobs, courses, etc.) for the people.

How to approach it

- First read the descriptions of the five people.
- Next read the eight texts. Underline any matches you find in them.
- Go back and check carefully that the text has all

the things that the person (or people) wants or needs. There may be one or two details that make the match wrong.

How to prepare yourself

- If you find the same words or phrases in both a description and a text, be careful: there may be one or two details that make the match wrong. Read for similar meaning rather than for identical words.
- Try to read a variety of texts that contain information about goods and services, for example holiday brochures, TV and film reviews, college courses, etc.


PART 2


Questions 1–5


- The young people below are all students who would like to take a break from full-time study by doing a Gap Year Challenge.
- On the opposite page there are descriptions of eight Gap Year Challenges.
- Decide which challenge (letters A–H) would be the most suitable for each of the following people (numbers 1–5).


If you are a student between 18 and 25 and you would like to take a break from full-time study, why not try a **Gap Year Challenge**? You could be a volunteer on a project to help people in a poor country; you could work and earn money to travel; you could even take another course of study in a different country. Whatever you choose, it's bound to be exciting, challenging and different! And you'll come back to your studies afterwards with new skills, new knowledge and greater self-confidence.

NOTE: It's called a Gap Year, but you can find jobs or projects which last for six months or less.

1  **Jez** is planning to train as a secondary school teacher. Now he wants to do voluntary work overseas, preferably with young people. He would like to learn another language, too. He has saved some money and can pay at least some of the costs of his gap year challenge.

2  **Diane** hopes to train as a nurse next year. She has experience of running a playgroup for pre-school children. She is keen to learn about other cultures and she would like to do voluntary work with children.

3  **Anita** is very good at sport and wants to spend her gap year working outdoors, perhaps on a farm or as a group leader of adventure activities for young people. She would prefer to be in an English-speaking country, and she would like to earn a little bit of money, too, if possible.

4  **Rohan** is studying History of Art in London. He wants to get away from England for six months and work to earn a little money. After that he would like to go travelling, somewhere warm and sunny. He has had some work experience helping in his uncle's café.

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Jasmine is a student of biology. She loves her subject, but she is fed up with sitting in a class or at a library desk. She would like to get some experience of practical scientific research, working outdoors, perhaps on a conservation project. She doesn't have a lot of money and will need help with the cost of her gap year challenge.

Gap Year Challenges

A Location: Mumbai (Bombay), India

Young people wanted to help in a home for children and babies without parents. Volunteers will play with the children, help them with schoolwork, including English, and take them on visits outside the school. This work would suit someone who is thinking of taking up a caring profession later on.

B Location: Queensland, Australia

Opportunities for males and females to work on environmental projects in the fascinating landscape of north-east Australia. If you love nature and being outdoors, and you are willing to work hard as part of an international team, then this could be the gap year challenge for you! Flights and living expenses paid.

C Location: Canada

Camp Caribou is in a beautiful part of British Columbia near the Rocky Mountains. We need enthusiastic and energetic young people to work at our summer camp, leading a group of children aged 11–16 in outdoor activities like camping, rock climbing and canoeing. You need to be fit and sporty, but friendly and patient too. All travel and other expenses paid, plus generous pocket money (and you won't spend much at camp!).

D Location: Brazil

Is English your first language? We need Language Assistants to work in small community schools in north-east Brazil. You would help Brazilian teachers to prepare their English lessons, hold discussions in English, and answer questions about the English language. We cannot pay your flights, but in return you would receive free accommodation and meals, plus free lessons in Portuguese.

E Location: East Africa

We need volunteers to teach English and sport to secondary school students. Our village schools are simple, with few resources, but the local people are friendly and the pupils are very keen to learn. All living expenses paid. Plenty of time off to travel and see the wonderful big game parks of Kenya and Tanzania.

F Location: Pacific Ocean

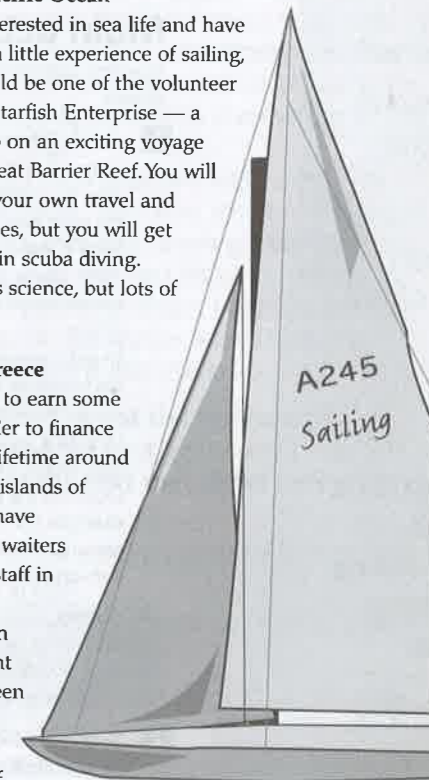
If you are interested in sea life and have had at least a little experience of sailing, then you could be one of the volunteer crew of the Starfish Enterprise — a research ship on an exciting voyage along the Great Barrier Reef. You will have to pay your own travel and living expenses, but you will get free training in scuba diving. Some serious science, but lots of fun too!

G Location: Greece

Do you want to earn some money in order to finance the trip of a lifetime around the beautiful islands of Greece? We have vacancies for waiters and kitchen staff in hotels and restaurants on many different islands between May and October. Good rates of pay, plus free accommodation. Useful work experience in a friendly international holiday setting — with lovely weather! A knowledge of Greek helpful but not essential.

H Location: Italy

Interested in art? Why not spend your gap year in the beautiful historic city of Perugia? Here at the International University we offer a nine-month course in Italian Art and Culture. And you can join in the lively social life of students and local people in this busy, fashionable town. There are also opportunities to study the Italian language (at an extra cost).



Answers

1 D 2 A 3 C 4 G 5 B