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- <https://www.perfect-english-grammar.com/grammar-exercises.html>
- <https://www.ego4u.com/>
- <https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/skills/reading/a2-reading>

Reading Comprehension

1) A message to a new friend

Hi Lucia

How are you? It was so nice to meet you last week in Sydney at the sales meeting. How was the rest of your trip? Did you see any kangaroos? I hope you got home to Mexico City OK.

Anyway, I have the documents about the new Berlin offices. We're going to be open in three months. I moved here from London just last week. They are very nice offices, and the location is perfect. There are lots of restaurants, cafés and banks in the area. There's also public transport; we are next to an U-Bahn (that is the name for the metro here). Maybe you can come and see them one day? I would love to show you Berlin, especially in the winter. You said you have never seen snow – you will see lots here!

Here's a photo of you and me at the restaurant in Sydney. That was a very fun night! Remember the singing Englishman? Crazy! Please send me any other photos you have of that night. Good memories.

Please give me your email address and I will send you the documents.

Bye for now

Mikel

Decide if the sentences are true or false.

	True	False
1. Mikel and Lucia were friends from school.		
2. They work for a company that sells things.		
3. The new offices are in a very good location.		
4. There is a metro next to the offices.		
5. Mikel has never seen snow before.		
6. Mikel and Lucia had dinner together.		
7. Mikel doesn't have Lucia's email address.		
8. Lucia wants to send Mikel some documents.		

2) An airport notice

What can I take on the plane as hand luggage?

Please note that passengers can only take ONE suitcase onto the plane. It must be no bigger than 55cm x 22cm x 35cm and weigh no more than 10kg.

You can also take one small laptop bag or handbag that can fit under the seat in front of you. If you have two bags, their total weight cannot be more than 10kg. If your bag is too big or too heavy, you will not be allowed to take it onto the plane. Staff will put it in the hold for you and you will have to pay extra.

Please make sure mobile phones and other devices are fully charged so that security staff can check them.

Liquids in bottles bigger than 100ml are allowed on board if you buy them in the airport shops after you've passed security.

We hope you enjoy your flight!

Choose the correct answer.

1) How many bags can you take as hand luggage?

1	
2	
10	

2) Which of these can NOT go as hand luggage?

A suitcase and handbag that weigh 10kg in total	
A suitcase, a laptop and a handbag that weigh 10kg in total	
A suitcase and a laptop that weigh 5kg each	

3) Which thing can you NOT take in your hand luggage?

A mobile phone that doesn't work	
A 500ml bottle of water from a shop after airport security	
A 100ml liquid soap from home	

4) What will happen to hand luggage that weighs 11kg?

You can keep it with you on the plane if you pay extra.	
It can't go on the plane.	
It has to go under the plane.	

3) An email from a friend

Hi Samia,

Just a quick email to say that sounds like a great idea. Saturday is better for me because I'm meeting my parents on Sunday. So if that's still good for you, why don't you come here? Then you can see the new flat and all the work we've done on the kitchen since we moved in. We can eat at home and then go for a walk in the afternoon. It's going to be so good to catch up finally. I want to hear all about your new job!

Our address is 52 Charles Road, but it's a bit difficult to find because the house numbers are really strange here. If you turn left at the post office and keep going past the big white house on Charles Road, there's a small side street behind it with the houses 50–56 in. Don't ask me why the side street doesn't have a different name! But call me if you get lost and I'll come and get you.

Let me know if there's anything you do/don't like to eat. Really looking forward to seeing you! See you soon!

Gregor

Decide if the sentences are true or false.

	True	False
1. Samia and Gregor are going to meet on Sunday.		
2. They're going to have lunch at Gregor's flat.		
3. They haven't seen each other for a long time.		
4. Samia's life hasn't changed since they last met.		
5. The house is easy to find.		
6. Gregor doesn't know the name of the side street his flat is on.		

Grammar

1) Present simple

- a. 1. My sister _____ (read) a book.
- b. 2. Frank _____ (like) dogs.
- c. 3. My parents _____ (do) the shopping.
- d. 4. We sometimes _____ (meet) in front of the cinema.
- e. 5. Uncle George _____ (go) to the doctor's.
- f. 6. Our friends _____ (play) football in the park.
- g. 7. She _____ (go) to the park every Friday.
- h. 8. He _____ (ride) his bike every day.
- i. 9. We _____ (have) the best ideas.
- j. 10. Carol _____ (say) goodbye.
- k. 11. She _____ (be) the best singer in our class.
- l. 12. My sister _____ (live) in a big house.
- m. 13. The children _____ (eat) hamburgers.
- n. 14. Bill _____ (have) got two notebooks.
- o. 15. I _____ (be) at home.

2) Present simple – Negation

- a. They wash the car. They _____ the car.
- b. I get up early. I _____ early.
- c. They walk to school. They _____ to school.
- d. We have some milk. We _____ any milk.
- e. Mother sews Jenny's jeans. Mother _____ Jenny's jeans.
- f. I hate Maths lessons. I _____ Maths lessons.

3) Present continuous

He **is saving** (save) money because he wants to buy a car.

- a. You _____ (not listen) to me.
- b. My parents _____ (look) for a new apartment.
- c. The victim _____ (not cooperate) with the police.
- d. We _____ (plan) a trip to Japan.
- e. I _____ (cook) fish for dinner.

- f. The water _____ (boil). You can put the pasta now.
- g. He _____ (not train) because he has health problems.
- h. I _____ (not work) at present. I'm unemployed.
- i. It _____ (not rain) now. We can go to the park.

4) Adverbs of frequency

I	always (100%)	get
You	usually (80%)	go
we	often (70%)	meet
	sometimes (50%)	
	rarely (20%)	
	never (10%)	

Our teacher, Mrs Jones, **is never** (never / be) late for lessons.

- a. I _____ (often / clean) my bedroom at the weekend.
- b. My brother _____ (hardly ever / help) me with my homework.
- c. I _____ (sometimes / be) bored in the maths lessons.
- d. We _____ (rarely / watch) football on TV.
- e. You and Tony _____ (never / play) computer games with me.
- f. You _____ (usually / be) at the sports centre on Sunday.
- g. The school bus _____ (always / arrive) at half past eight.

5) Can/Can't – Choose the correct answer

- a. I **don't can hear / can't hear / can't to hear**, the music is too loud.
- b. Can you play the piano?' 'Yes, I **do/ can/ play.**'
- c. He **cans speak / can speaks /can speak** four languages.
- d. He says that he **can't to help / can't help / can't helps** me.
- e. **Do I can have/ Can I have / Can I to have** a ham and cheese pizza, please?
- f. Can I smoke here?' 'No, you **can't / don't/ aren't.**'
- g. We **can't to / don't can / cannot** use our phones in class.
- h. He **can use /can to use /can use** my car if he needs it.
- i. **Do you can open / Can you to open/ Can you open** the window, please?

6) Past simple

- a. I _____ (not/drink) any beer last night.
- b. She _____ (get on) the bus in the centre of the city.
- c. What time _____ (he/get up) yesterday?
- d. Where _____ (you/get off) the train?
- e. I _____ (not/change) trains at Victoria.
- f. We _____ (wake up) very late.
- g. What _____ (he/give) his mother for Christmas?
- h. I _____ (receive) £300 when my uncle died.
- i. We _____ (not/use) the computer last night.
- j. _____ (she/make) good coffee?
- k. They _____ (live) in Paris.
- l. He _____ (call) you twice a day.

7) Past continuous

- a. Julie _____ (sleep) at three o'clock.
- b. You _____ (study) at three o'clock.
- c. Luke _____ (read) at three o'clock.
- d. I _____ (work) at three o'clock.
- e. They _____ (eat) chocolate at three o'clock.
- f. John _____ (play) tennis at three o'clock.
- g. We _____ (watch) TV at three o'clock.
- h. He _____ (use) the internet at three o'clock.
- i. You _____ (cook) lunch at three o'clock.
- j. We _____ (travel) to London at three o'clock.

8) Past simple & past continuous - Choose Past Simple or Past Continuous

I _____ (sit) in a cafe when you _____ (call) .
When you _____ (arrive) at the party, who _____ (be) there?
Susie _____ (watch) a film when she _____ (hear)
the noise.
Yesterday I _____ (go) to the library, next I _____
(have) a swim, later I _____ (meet) Julie for coffee.
We _____ (play) tennis when John _____ his ankle.

9) Prepositions of time: in / on / at

- a. Lucy is arriving **in / on / at** February the 13th **in / on / at** eight o'clock **in / on / at** the morning.
- b. The weather is often terrible in London **in / on / at** January.
- c. It's better to get taxi if you are out alone **in / on / at** night.
- d. She got married **in / on / at** September.
- e. They usually go to the south of France **in / on / at** the summer.
- f. Columbus sailed to the Americas **in / on / at** the 16th century.
- g. The Beatles were popular **in / on / at** the 1960s.
- h. I graduated from university **in / on / at** 2001.
- i. His birthday is **in / on / at** June.
- j. I usually go to my parents' house **in / on / at** Christmas. We eat turkey together **in / on / at** Christmas Day.
- k. The train leaves **in / on / at** tomorrow morning **in / on / at** 8:00 am.

10) Comparatives & Superlatives

- a. My sister thinks she's _____ (intelligent) than me, but I don't agree!
- b. Avatar is probably _____ (bad) film I've seen!
- c. What is _____ (wet) month of the year in England?
- d. Do you think the films are _____ (good) than the books?
- e. Who is _____ (powerful) person in your country?
- f. I think Men in Black 1 was _____ (funny) than Men in Black 3.
- g. Is Angelina Jolie _____ (old) than Sandra Bullock?
- h. John is _____ (nice) person that I know.

11) Will / won't for future

- a. She _____ do the shopping today. She is too tired for that.
- b. Don't forget to take your umbrella. It _____ be rainy tomorrow.
- c. Ryan _____ play basketball this afternoon because he has sprained his ankle.
- d. Kelly _____ go to the party because she needs to study.
- e. I promise that I _____ tidy my room today.
- f. "We don't have any milk." "I _____ buy some."
- g. We don't like Brian so we _____ invite him to our party.
- h. Take off your jacket or you _____ be hot.
- i. Kevin is a good friend. He _____ tell your secret to anyone.
- j. I want to lose some weight so I _____ join a gym.

12) Modal verbs

- a. You **must / can** listen to the teacher.
- b. You **can't / won't** park here.
- c. People **shouldn't / couldn't** waste food.
- d. **Will / Would** it snow tomorrow?
- e. **Must / Could** I have a coffee, please?
- f. You **would / should** do more exercise.
- g. You **couldn't/ mustn't** drink alcohol.
- h. **Shall / can** you play the guitar?
- i. **Could / Would** you like to go by train?
- j. I **won't / wouldn't** play tennis tomorrow.