



**International Schools
Association**

School Examination Service for
English as a Foreign Language

**Reading
Comprehension**

Examination Center:

Candidate Registration Number:

Level: **Elementary Wonder**

Exam Section: **Reading Comprehension – Exam Sample**

Name and Surname:

Date:

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- ✓ The Reading Comprehension section has five parts.
- ✓ There are 25 questions in total.
- ✓ Time to complete the Reading section: **40 minutes**.

- ✓ Do not open the exam paper until you are told to do so.
- ✓ Read the instructions for each part of the paper carefully.
- ✓ You will be given 2 empty pages to write a draft of the texts requested.
- ✓ Write clearly in **block letters with black pen**, not pencil.
- ✓ Make sure your work is easy to read.
- ✓ If you make a mistake do not erase, cross out the mistaken word or answer and rewrite it.
- ✓ Once finished, revise your work and hand in your exam paper.

Part I

Read the sentences. Then, colour the correct answer in your answer sheet.

Example

0. You use an umbrella when...

A	it rains
B	it is sunny
C	it is cloudy

The correct answer is **A**. Then, you must colour the letter **A** in your answer sheet.

1. When you go to the cinema you buy...

A	a ticket
B	a tomato
C	a toy

2. You go to the swimming pool to...

A	run
B	swim
C	walk

Part II

Read the advertising poster carefully. Then, you have to choose the correct **True or False** answer according to the statement and colour the correct answer in your answer sheet.

FANTASTIC ICE SCULPTURES

WORLDWIDE ATTRACTION!

Come to this amazing show at our Exhibition Hall

Date: Monday, December 11th to Sunday, December 17th

10 am to 6 pm



Tickets:

Adults: u\$s 40

Children under 12: u\$s 20

Over 60: FREE

Example

0. The fantastic sculptures are made with sand.

A	TRUE
B	FALSE

The correct answer is **B**. Then, you must colour the letter **B** in your answer sheet.

3. The show starts on Monday, December 11th.

A	TRUE
B	FALSE

4. The show starts at 7 am.

A	TRUE
B	FALSE

5. The show closes at midnight.

A	TRUE
B	FALSE

6. The ice sculpture show takes place in the Town Hall.

A	TRUE
B	FALSE

7. Tickets for adults are u\$s 40.

A	TRUE
B	FALSE

8. Adults over 60 pay u\$s 20.

A	TRUE
B	FALSE

Part III

Read the sentence and choose one word that better fits the gap. Then, colour the correct answer in your answer sheet.

Example

0. Tropical rainforests are _____ with tall trees, very warm weather and a lot of rain.

A	deserts
B	forests
C	seas

The correct answer is **B**. Then, you must colour the letter **B** in your answer sheet.

9. The Amazon rainforest in South America is the _____ rainforest in the world.

A	largest
B	coldest
C	driest

10. Tundra is a vast cold area near _____.

A	cities
B	farms
C	the Arctic Pole

11. The _____ is found in the tundra.

A	colourful parrot
B	enormous elephant
C	arctic fox

12. Deserts are large areas of land with very little or no _____.

A	trees
B	parks
C	swimming pools

13. You can find _____ in some deserts.

A	seals
B	hills
C	sand

14. Oceans are large expanses of _____.

A	water
B	hills
C	sand

15. Mount Everest is the highest _____ in the world.

A	tree
B	sea
C	mountain

Part IV

Read the passage. Then, answer the questions. You must choose the correct answer and highlight it in your answer sheet.

FANTASTIC ICE

Have you ever seen an ice sculpture? They are made from a block of pure ice. They do not last very long because the ice melts, but they look fantastic.

Ice sculptures can be big or small, some of them are gigantic! First, the ice sculptor takes a big block of ice. He carves out the main shape. Then, he uses small tools to add details to the sculpture. When the sculpture is ready, he brushes off the loose ice.



Example

0. What is the passage about?

A	sand sculptures
B	ice sculptures
C	glass sculptures

The correct answer is **B**. Then, you must colour the letter **B** in your answer sheet.

Questions

16. What are ice sculptures made from?

A	a block of pure ice
B	a piece of wood
C	a piece of glass

17. Why do you think the sculptures do not last long?

A	because the ice melts
B	because animals eat them
C	because they are too cold

18. What does the word “sculptor” mean?

A	a person who likes ice cream
B	a person who works in a school
C	a person who makes a sculpture

19. What does the sculptor use to add details to the sculpture?

A	a tooth brush
B	small tools
C	a knife

20. What does the sculptor brush off when the sculpture is ready?

A	the sand
B	the branches
C	the loose ice

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Part V

Read the letter that Peggy wrote to her Grandad. Then, choose the correct answer and highlight it in your answer sheet.

Dear Grandad,

Today at school we learnt about “Celebrations around the world”. It was very interesting and exciting to know how people take part in different celebrations through the year.

The Festival of the Sun in Peru takes place in June. That is the time of the year when the sun is very far away from Peru and daylight is shortest. The festival celebrates the sun.

The Rose Harvest Festival in Bulgaria also takes place in June. People celebrate with folk music, dances and traditional costumes. Many roses grow in Bulgaria. Those flowers are used to make products such as perfumes and chocolate.



Hope to see you soon.

Love,

Peggy

Example

0. What did Peggy learn about at school?

A	plants
B	animals
C	celebrations

The correct answer is **C**. Then, you must colour the letter **C** in your answer sheet.

Questions

21. Who sent a letter to Grandad?

A	Sue
B	Peggy
C	Mary

22. How did Peggy find the lesson?

A	interesting
B	long
C	easy

23. Where does the Festival of the Sun take place?

A	Russia
B	Peru
C	Spain

24. When does the Rose Harvest Festival take place in Bulgaria?

A	December
B	April
C	June

25. How do people celebrate the Rose Festival?

A	they dance and play folk music
B	they run a race
C	they cook delicious food

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Total: /25

- End of the Reading Comprehension Section -

ELEMENTARY WONDER READING COMPREHENSION - ANSWER

Part I

1	A	B	C
2	A	B	C

Part II

3	TRUE	FALSE
4	TRUE	FALSE
5	TRUE	FALSE
6	TRUE	FALSE
7	TRUE	FALSE
8	TRUE	FALSE

Part III

9	A	B	C
10	A	B	C
11	A	B	C
12	A	B	C
13	A	B	C
14	A	B	C
15	A	B	C

Part IV

16	A	B	C
17	A	B	C
18	A	B	C
19	A	B	C
20	A	B	C

Part V

21	A	B	C
22	A	B	C
23	A	B	C
24	A	B	C
25	A	B	C