

## ESL Reading Skills

The ESL Reading Skills test measures your ability to read English. Specifically, it assesses your comprehension of short passages. It contains brief

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## ESL Reading Skills Sample Questions

Read the information below, then choose the best answer.

1. Television has been introduced to almost every country in the world, reaching a large number of viewers on every continent. About 600 million people saw the first person walk on the moon, and a billion people watched the twentieth Olympic Games. Television has in many ways promoted understanding and cooperation among people. It does this by showing educational and cultural programs.

From this passage, a reader can most reasonably conclude that the author believes that

- A. people spend too much time watching television
  - B. not every country needs to have television
  - C. television can unify people from around the world
  - D. television is as important as schools
2. People have different ways of learning. Some are better at making mental pictures of new ideas. Others are more comfortable with writing lists of things to memorize. Certain people can learn best when listening to music, while others need silence to concentrate.

Which of the following is the main idea of the passage?

- A. Mental pictures help many to learn.
- B. Some people prefer lists to making mental pictures.
- C. To learn well you need to be comfortable.
- D. Different individuals have different ways of acquiring information.

3. If you hold a piece of copper wire over the flame of a wood match, heat will be conducted by the copper wire to your fingers, and you will be forced to drop the wire. You will, however, still be able to hold the match because wood is a poor conductor of heat.

Which of the following is implied in the passage above?

- A. Copper is a good conductor of heat.
  - B. Wood and copper conduct heat equally.
  - C. Wood is an excellent conductor of heat.
  - D. Matches should be made of copper.
4. Many people own different pets. Dogs, cats, birds, and fish are common household pets. Other pets are considered to be exotic animals. These include snakes, lizards, and hedgehogs.

According to the passage, snakes are

- A. uncommon pets
  - B. likely to be found in a household with dogs
  - C. found only in zoos
  - D. not allowed in people's homes
5. Cesar Chavez was an influential leader for farmworkers. He fought for their rights and better working conditions. Chavez led many strikes that angered farm owners. Eventually he succeeded in getting increased wages and better living situations for farmworkers.

The passage indicates that Chavez changed lives by



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# ESL Language Use

The ESL Language Use test measures your proficiency

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13. We knew it might get chilly at the football game. We brought along some extra blankets.
- A. We knew it might get chilly at the football game when we brought along some extra blankets.
  - B. Bringing along some extra blankets, we knew it might get chilly at the football game.
  - C. We brought along some extra blankets because we knew it might get chilly at the football game.
  - D. It got chilly at the football game and we brought along some extra blankets.
14. Juan loves to play baseball. His friend Miguel enjoys baseball, too.
- A. Both Juan and his friend Miguel enjoy playing baseball.
  - B. Juan and his friend Miguel enjoys playing baseball.
  - C. Juan enjoys playing baseball and his friend Miguel, too.
  - D. Juan loves baseball and Miguel too enjoys baseball.
15. Wolves are pack animals. They are rarely spotted alone.
- A. Wolves are rarely spotted alone if they are pack animals.
  - B. Being pack animals, wolves are rarely spotted alone.
  - C. After being pack animals, wolves are rarely spotted alone.
  - D. Wolves are rarely spotted alone, although they are pack animals.