

**End of Primary Benchmark
2015**

English Reading Comprehension

**30 marks
50 minutes**

Reading Comprehension 1

(6 marks)

Read the emails carefully and answer the questions on the opposite page.

The screenshot shows an email composition window. At the top, there are buttons for Send, Save, Discard, Insert, APPS, and a menu icon. The 'To:' field contains the email address alex@vmail.com. Below the 'To:' field is a toolbar with the name 'Andika', a dropdown arrow, the number '12', and icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), and Underline (U). The main body of the email contains the following text:

Hello Alex,

I want to apologise for the way I behaved yesterday. I'd really like to clear the misunderstanding there is between us. I'm so sorry that you were blamed for breaking one of the glass panes in our classroom.

It was I who kicked the ball that broke the glass pane. You were blamed because you didn't run away fast enough and you were the only one still there when the teacher arrived. You were right to be upset and that's why you didn't want to talk to me on our way out of school.

My parents and I have already been to the Head of School to apologise and explain. My parents have agreed to pay for the broken glass pane. They're also going to phone your parents to apologise to them too.

I hope that you understand and forgive me because you're my friend and I want us to continue having fun together.

Your best friend,
Kim

The screenshot shows an email composition window. At the top, there are buttons for Send, Save, Discard, Insert, APPS, and a menu icon. The 'To:' field contains the email address kim@kmail.com. Below the 'To:' field is a toolbar with the name 'Andika', a dropdown arrow, the number '12', and icons for Bold (B), Italic (I), and Underline (U). The main body of the email contains the following text:

Hi Kim,

Thank you for your email. To tell you the truth I was so angry that when I got your mail I was going to delete it straight away but I thought twice about it and didn't. You acted very childishly yesterday; that's why I was so angry. Now, I'm calmer and accept your apology. We can continue to be friends but I hope that you've learnt a lesson, to own up immediately when it's your fault.

Your friend,
Alex

1. True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

3 marks

	T	F	NIG
(a) Alex writes the email to say sorry.			
(b) Kim broke the glass pane.			
(c) Alex ran faster than Kim.			
(d) The Head of School shouted angrily at the children.			
(e) Kim's parents have already apologised to Alex's parents.			
(f) Alex and Kim usually enjoy themselves together.			

2. Underline the correct answer.

3 marks

- (a) (Kim, Alex, The Head of School) writes the second email.
- (b) Alex (deleted, read, wrote) Kim's email.
- (c) (Kim, Alex, The Head of School) behaved irresponsibly.
- (d) Alex accepted Kim's apology when he was (angry, calm, happy).
- (e) Kim and Alex will (not, still, never) be friends.
- (f) When it is your fault, you have to (admit it, lie about it, find an excuse).

Read the following text, which is divided into two sections. Then, answer the questions that follow each section.

Section 1

If you think that a vet's life is just all about cuddling adorable kittens and puppies, you may be in for a surprise. Vets also have to see lots of sick animals and that can be very sad. Vets provide medical services for animals. What many people don't know is that vets also protect humans from diseases that animals carry. Here is how one vet, Rebecca Reynolds, described one of her days last week on our website: **(paragraph 1)**



I arrived at the clinic at 8 a.m., half an hour after the receptionist and the nurse. They were preparing to open the clinic. I began my day by examining the animals that needed surgery. The nurse assisted me by taking blood to do some tests so as to make sure the animals were fit for the operation. **(paragraph 2)**

Throughout the day I was busy with appointments. As usual I had a variety of animals to examine. There was a happy, healthy cat and also a dog that was getting old. I even came face to face with a parrot that talked back to me and said, 'Hello Doc, Hello Doc'. Then there was a snake that wanted to wrap around my arm for warmth. I felt so upset when a very worried old couple came in with their best friend, a dog, which was ill. **(paragraph 3)**

I examined more animals until around 11 a.m., by which time I had also met a scared youngster whose hamster wasn't feeling well. In between appointments, the nurse showed me the results of the blood tests for the animals undergoing surgery. After making sure the blood results were normal, the animals received an injection to make them quiet and less anxious. **(paragraph 4)**

Questions on Section 1

9 marks

1. Who helped Rebecca Reynolds to take care of the animals? (1 mark)

2. (a) Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as *started*?

(½ mark)

(b) Which word in paragraph 3 is the opposite of *sick*?

(½ mark)

3. Write down TWO animals that the vet helped during that day. (1 mark)

(a) _____ (b) _____

4. Underline the best answer. (2 marks)

(a) Blood is tested (after, before, during) an operation.

(b) After getting an injection the animals felt (calm, excited, worried).

5. True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box. (3 marks)

	T	F	NIG
(a) The vet’s only job is to cuddle kittens and puppies.			
(b) Animals might make people sick.			
(c) Rebecca Reynolds woke up before 8 a.m.			
(d) The nurse arrived before the receptionist.			
(e) The vet enjoyed feeding the animals.			
(f) People may worry when their pet is sick.			

6. Why might the youngster, mentioned in paragraph 4, be afraid? (1 mark)

Section 2



I finished my appointments at 11 a.m. and then I operated on the animals that had been prepared for surgery. There were two male dogs and a female cat. I always try to finish surgery as early as possible. This gives the patient time to recover while the nurse goes round to check progress. After surgery, it was time for a lunch break for my staff and me.

(paragraph 5)

At 3 p.m. I rang the owners of the animals that I had operated on and gave them an update. It's always nice to give good news, and tell the owners they can collect their pet.

(paragraph 6)

An hour later the appointments started again. Most appointments were to give vaccinations, and to supply medicine to make sure the pets didn't get worms or fleas. I also saw a dog that had torn a ligament in his leg and he was booked in for an operation.

(paragraph 7)

My day usually finishes at 5 p.m. However, when there are the accounts to finish, I go home an hour and a half later than usual.

(paragraph 8)

So a typical day in the life of a vet has its ups and downs. There are sad parts, happy parts, hard parts, and easy parts. The fun and sometimes the most stressful part of being a vet is that vets get to do everything. They are like the family doctor, the dentist, the surgeon, the eye doctor, the ear doctor all rolled into one. The list never ends!

(paragraph 9)

Adapted from: <http://essexanimalhospital.com/blog/2012/10/10/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-veterinarian/>

Questions on Section 2

11 marks

7. What did Rebecca Reynolds do between 11 a.m. and lunch time? (1 mark)

8. How do you know that the animals were cared for by the nurse after the operation? (1 mark)

9. At what time did appointments start in the afternoon? (1 mark)

10. Write down **the phrase** from **paragraph 6** which tells you that owners were kept informed about their pets. (1 mark)

11. Why doesn't the vet's day always end at the same time? (1 mark)

12. (a) Find **a word** from **paragraph 9** that means *difficult*. (1 mark)

(b) Write down **a phrase of three words** from **paragraph 9** which tells you that a vet's typical day has good and bad things. (1 mark)

13. Why does Rebecca Reynolds sometimes feel stressed? (1 mark)

14. True (T), False (F) or No Information Given (NIG).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box. (3 marks)

	T	F	NIG
(a) That day Rebecca Reynolds operated on a male cat.			
(b) The vet likes to give good news.			
(c) The vet likes dogs better than cats.			
(d) The vet sometimes leaves the clinic after 6 p.m.			
(e) The nurse leaves the clinic at 4.30 p.m.			
(f) The vet sometimes examines the animals' eyes.			

Questions on the two sections

4 marks

15. Underline the correct answer.

(2 marks)

- (a) The vet might have felt (upset, amused, worried) when the parrot said, 'Hello Doc, Hello Doc'.
- (b) That afternoon (most, a few, no) animals were vaccinated.

16. Underline the correct answer. Then continue the sentence.

(2 marks)

I can read this passage (in a science book, online, in a story book).

I know this because _____

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