

Materials for assessing adult literacy



Put these words in alphabetical order.
Write **one** word on each line, crossing them out as you go.
The first word in each set has been done for you.

Example

Anna	Carl	Ben	Ellie	Dave
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Anna _____

Ben _____

Carl _____

Dave _____

Ellie _____

1

Steve	Jenny	Alice	Karen	Mark
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Alice _____

2

kitchen	lounge	hall	stairs	bedroom
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bedroom _____

3

knife	fork	spoon	glass	mug
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fork _____

<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL

Two of the words in each set have a similar spelling.
One is different.
 Circle the word that is different.

Example

seat

beat

feet

1

same

fame

train

2

mood

rude

food

3

care

share

hair

4

hope

soap

rope

5

kite

bite

night

6

hot

what

lot

7

royal

foil

boil

8

shirt

hurt

skirt

TOTAL

Read the words.

How many syllables do these words have?

A syllable is a unit of sound.

Circle the correct number next to each word.

Example

hop	①	2	3
dancing	1	②	3
elephant	1	2	③

1 friend 1 2 3

2 because 1 2 3

3 telephone 1 2 3

4 private 1 2 3

5 Saturday 1 2 3

TOTAL

1

Which headline goes with which photo?
Draw a line to show the match.
The first one has been done for you.



1

**Lion Escapes
From Zoo**

The Oldest Tree
in England



2

**Supermarket
TO CLOSE**



3

**More Computers
for Local Schools**



4

**Senior citizen saves
girl from drowning**



5

**FITNESS CENTRE
OPENS**



6

TOTAL



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<p>Senior citizen saves girl from drowning</p>	<p>More Computers for Local Schools</p>	<p>FITNESS CENTRE OPENS</p>

1

Read this postcard.

Some words are missing.

Write **one** word from the box in each space.

You do not have to use all the words.

The first one has been done for you.

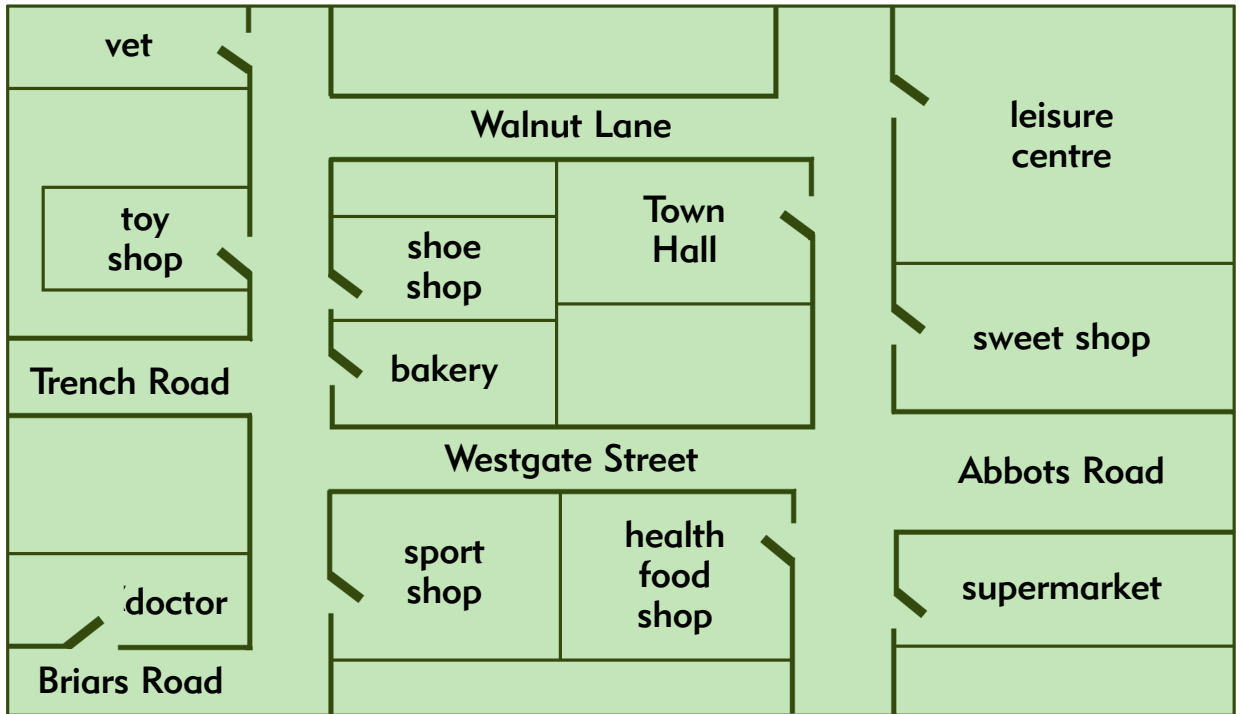
tell	are	wish	seeing	in	Then
work	round	here	walk	saw	going

Dear Pat,
 We ^{are} having a good time
 Scotland. We went
 for a in the hills on
 Wednesday. We an old
 house. we had fish and
 chips. We are to the
 shops now.

We you were here.

See you soon,
 Mum and Dad.

TOTAL



Read the directions.
Follow them on the map.
Choose the correct answer.

Example:

Tick **one** box.

Turn right out of the Town Hall. Take the next right. At the end of the road, turn left. The first shop on the left is:

- | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| the bakery | <input type="checkbox"/> | the sport shop | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the shoe shop | <input type="checkbox"/> | the supermarket | <input type="checkbox"/> |

1

Tick **one** box.

Turn right out of the sweet shop. Take the next left. At the end of the road, turn left. The first shop on the right is:

- | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| the sport shop | <input type="checkbox"/> | the shoe shop | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the bakery | <input type="checkbox"/> | the toy shop | <input type="checkbox"/> |

2

Tick **one** box.

Turn left out of the toy shop. Take the first road on the right. At the end of the road, turn left. The building on the right is:

- | | | | |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| the vet | <input type="checkbox"/> | the leisure centre | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> | the Town Hall | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3

Tick **one** box.

Turn right out of the sport shop. Take the first road on the right. At the end of the road, cross over the road and walk straight on. The road you are in is called:

- | | | | |
|-------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Walnut Lane | <input type="checkbox"/> | Trench Road | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Abbots Road | <input type="checkbox"/> | Westgate Street | <input type="checkbox"/> |

TOTAL

Put a number by these sentences to show the correct order for doing the task.

The first one has been done for you.

Example:

Boiling an egg

- After three minutes, take the egg from the pan.
- Then put the egg in the water.
- First, fill the pan with water.
- Next, put the pan and the egg on the heat.

4

Ironing a shirt

- Meanwhile, place the shirt flat on the ironing board.
- When the iron is hot, rub it over the shirt.
- After you have ironed the shirt, turn the iron off.
- Plug in the iron and wait for it to heat up.

5

Planting seeds

- After that, pat the soil over the seeds.
- Next, put the seeds in the hole.
- Finally, water the seeds well.
- First make a hole in the soil.

TOTAL

Choose the best word for each space.

Tick **one** box.

Example:

In case of _____ break glass.

pain	<input type="checkbox"/>	fire	<input type="checkbox"/>
water	<input type="checkbox"/>	shock	<input type="checkbox"/>

1

_____ in a cool dry place.

Read	<input type="checkbox"/>	Watch	<input type="checkbox"/>
Know	<input type="checkbox"/>	Store	<input type="checkbox"/>

2

I look forward to _____ from you.

building	<input type="checkbox"/>	starting	<input type="checkbox"/>
hearing	<input type="checkbox"/>	thinking	<input type="checkbox"/>

3

Keep out of _____ of children.

reach	<input type="checkbox"/>	toys	<input type="checkbox"/>
cage	<input type="checkbox"/>	play	<input type="checkbox"/>

4

All _____ please report to the front desk.

houses	<input type="checkbox"/>	visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>
papers	<input type="checkbox"/>	buses	<input type="checkbox"/>

5

Use within three _____ of opening.

people	<input type="checkbox"/>	days	<input type="checkbox"/>
shops	<input type="checkbox"/>	books	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL

Read this and then answer the questions.



Jaz Lives her Dream

Bubbly Jaz always wanted to be a TV star. She used to love soap operas. She never dreamed that one day she would act in one!

'I have always loved *Beach Road*,' she laughs. 'But I never thought I would be in the cast!'

When Jaz was young, she lived in a small town. She left school when she was sixteen and worked in a sweetshop. Then she moved to Hull. One day she answered an advert for actresses in the paper. Now she lives in central London. She plays the part of Julie in the popular soap.

'I am very busy most days,' she says, 'but I like to go shopping in my free time.' Jaz is going out with Brian Hatfield. Brian is a singer in the teen band A Plus.

1 What part does Jaz play in the soap opera? Tick **one** box.

Susie Katie
Kirsty Julie

2 How old was Jaz when she left school? Tick **one** box.

16 17
18 19

3 What does Jaz like to do in her spare time? Tick **one** box.

swimming cooking
reading shopping

4 What did Jaz always want to do? Tick **one** box.

become an actress work in a sweetshop
write for a newspaper sing in a teen band

5 Jaz stars in a soap opera. What is it called? Tick **one** box.

Beach Road London Road
Hull Road New Road

6 Put a number by these sentences to show the order in which they happened. The first one has been done for you.

Jaz moved to central London.
Jaz left school. **1**
Jaz worked in a sweetshop.
Jaz answered an advert for actresses.
Jaz moved to Hull.

TOTAL

1

Where would you find these?

Draw a line to show where you would find each one.

The first one has been done for you.

I am busy on Thursday. Do U want 2 see a film 2morrow? Call me 07968 988188

1

a TV guide

a recipe book

Windowworld

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Complete Range Windows & Conservatories In Wood & PVCu
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10 Year Guarantee
01235 877005

2

STRAIGHT GANGSTER
Action thriller starring Kurt Pearson and Juliet Burley. When a detective stumbles across corruption in his department, he must change his attitude to save his life. (***, 1992, dir. Jack Lothian)

3

a newspaper 'For Sale' section

a first aid manual

You will need:

- 2 onions
- 2 red peppers
- 1 can of chopped tomatoes
- 1 can of kidney beans
- Chilli powder

Chop the onions and peppers and fry them in a wok for five minutes.
Add the tomatoes, kidney beans and chilli powder and simmer for ten minutes.

4

1. Open the airway, and check breathing, pulse, and level of response.
2. Place the casualty in the recovery position.
3. Phone ambulance. Monitor breathing and pulse closely.

5

a mobile phone

the Yellow Pages

Hi-fi system, CD and double tape deck, tuner, 30W. Unwanted gift, brand new boxed. £300 O.N.O.

6

TOTAL

Vertical column of seven empty boxes for marking answers.

1

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Your tutor will read you some words.
Write **one** word on each line.
Try to spell the words correctly.

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TOTAL

Read each set of four lines.

One of the lines is wrong.

A full stop, question mark or capital letter is **missing** or in the **wrong place**.

Tick the box where there is a mistake.

Example

I feel so happy today.

Can you help me with my work?

Where shall we go next?

She loves sunny weather

1

this is a no smoking building.

We would like two pints of milk, please.

I once saw a blue whale.

He loves playing football.

2

Give me some more of those mushrooms.

Would you like to see the kitchen?

There must be some mistake.

Why do you drive so fast.

3

We went to london last year.
Why is the sky blue?
It is safe to go into the park at night.
This crossword is really difficult.

4

My car has broken down. Can you look at
it tomorrow?
The shoe department and the toy department
are upstairs.
He was afraid of the dark When he was a child.
I really like you because you are so funny.

5

Take him to the house and show him the car.
Can you stop that noise I am trying to sleep.
Why are we going so far for a holiday?
I like house music and I like jazz too.

TOTAL

Lost



Look at the picture and write the story. You can use these words if you want.

waited quiet frightened removal shadows locked

Lost



department for
education and skills
creating opportunity, releasing potential, achieving excellence