

A2 Keys for schools

READING AND WRITING

PART 1



1

What's in Part 1?

There are 6 notices or short messages to read.
For example: text messages, emails, notices, signs, postcards, etc

What do I have to do?

You have to answer 6 multiple choice questions about each text.

Look at the exam paper!

 Exam task

3

For each question, choose the correct answer.

1



Leave shoes,
bags and towels in
changing rooms



There's no space
beside the pool



- A The changing rooms are now in a different place.
- B Swimmers can't take their stuff into the pool area.
- C Don't forget your shoes, bags and towels before you go.

2



GUESTS

Please give room keys to
receptionist before leaving
hotel if you are checking out
or returning later.

- A Guests should only return room keys on the last day of their visit.
- B If there's no-one at reception, guests should keep their room keys with them.
- C The hotel looks after the room keys when guests go out for the day.

3



The sports centre phoned to say
students can help in reception this
summer. Can you meet the manager
next Monday at 2 pm. in the café?

- A The sports centre manager is looking for students to do reception work.
- B There are summer jobs in the sports centre café starting from next week.
- C The sports centre has holiday jobs for students to work as sports coaches.

4



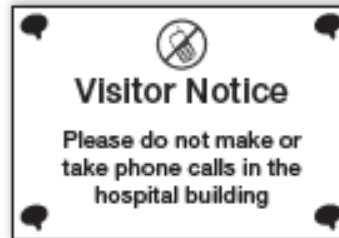
Please use stairs
as lift not working




For customers with
children, nearest lift
20 metres

- A There are no lifts working at the moment.
- B This lift is only for people with children.
- C Customers should take the stairs or another lift.

5





Visitor Notice

Please do not make or
take phone calls in the
hospital building

- A Visitors' phones won't work inside the hospital building.
- B Visitors should speak to hospital staff if they need to use a phone.
- C Visitors mustn't use their phones anywhere inside the hospital.

6



Door on this floor for
staff only

Exit for museum visitors
on first floor



What does this notice say?

- A The way out of the museum is on this floor.
- B Visitors should use a different door to leave the museum.
- C Ask a member of staff to show you where to leave the museum.

***Exam tips***

- Read each short text and think about where you might see it. Who has written it? Who is it for? What is it about?
- Look for words or phrases in the sentences and the texts that have the same meaning.

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○ Where might you see this sign?
In a shopping centre, a supermarket, a department store.

○ Who has written the sign?
Either the people who own the place or the people who run the place or work at the place.

○ Who is the sign for?
It has been written for customers.

○ What is the sign about?
It informs that one of the lifts is out of order, is not working. The sign asks customers to use the stairs instead. Customers with children may use the nearest lift.

**PAY
ATTENTION**

“lift” is in the singular, so only one lift is not working.

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Which is the correct answer A, B or C?

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- Words and phrases that have the same meaning:
 - A) Be careful! Remember that **one** of the lifts is not working, **not all** the lifts. The sign says “The nearest lift is 20 metres away.”
 - B) It refers to a lift in particular which can only be used for customers with children.
 - C) “Please use the stairs” = Customers should take the stairs
“or another lift = For customers with children, nearest lift 20 metres.

It's your turn now! Number 4 has been done for you so choose among the five remaining signs and do likewise!

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Exam task

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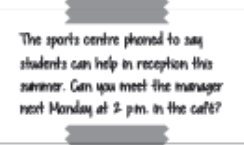

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