

Reading

2018 Q1 Literacy

Today's date:

Given name:

Family name:

Organisation:

Course:

Gender:

Female Male

Date of birth:

Is English your first language? Yes No

If No, what is your first language?

What ethnic group(s) do you belong to?

(For example, New Zealand European, Māori, Samoan, Tongan.)

Learner Identification (optional)

NSN:

SMS ID:

Instructions

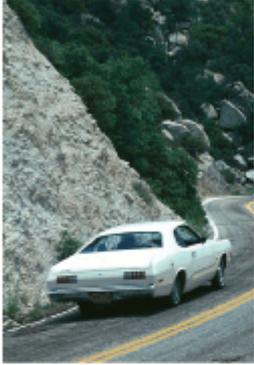
This is an assessment of how well you understand what you read. The practice questions below help you to understand different sorts of reading questions. When you have finished the practice questions please turn the page and begin the assessment. You may need to wait for your tutor to tell you when to begin.

You need to choose the answer you think is best for each question. It is a good idea to read parts of the text again before choosing each answer.

Answer every question, even if you are not quite sure of the answer. If you change your mind about an answer, rub out the answer you chose and shade in your new answer. The questions are likely to get harder as you go through the book.

There is no time limit for the assessment. You will be given about 15 questions to answer.

Practice Unit

FOR SALE		
	ABC Car Company	
Price:	\$5,990	
Year:	1967	
Doors:	2 Door	
Transmission:	Manual	

1 What is in the picture?

- A a car
- B a boat
- C a house
- D a caravan

2 When was the car made?
Underline the year in the text.

3 According to the text, are the following statements correct?
Circle True or False for each statement.

- | | | |
|------------------------|------|-------|
| A There are 2 doors. | True | False |
| B The price is \$4000. | True | False |

4 Who is selling the car?
Circle the name of the company.

Argentine ants

Argentine ants *Linepithema humile* are one of the world's most invasive and problematic ant species. They are very aggressive, and although they are not poisonous they do bite people. Unlike other ant species, Argentine ant colonies cooperate with each other, and can combine over Winter into super-colonies. They reach enormous numbers which means they have a huge appetite. This also makes them more aggressive towards other insect populations because of their sheer numbers.



What do they look like?

The best way to tell Argentine ants from other ants is by their colour and trails. Argentine ants are small (2–3 mm long) and honey-brown in colour, while most other common household ants in New Zealand are black. Argentine ants are highly active in searching for food and their trails are often five or more ants wide. Unlike most other ants, they climb trees to get to food sources. Often when people start to notice an ant problem around home where there has not been one in the past, it is due to Argentine ants “moving in”.



Did you know that Argentine ants don't smell when squashed?

The threat of Argentine ants

Because of their sheer numbers, appetite and aggressiveness, Argentine ants can have a massive impact on the natural environment. While they are one of the major household and garden pests, they also pose a serious threat to the conservation values of our reserves and natural areas. These threats include:

- eliminating other species of ants
- competing with kiwi for food such as insects and worms
- competing with other native birds and lizards for nectar
- displacing and killing native invertebrates

Where are they?

Argentine ants are now known in many parts of Auckland and Northland, as well as Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch.

You can help stop Argentine ants

It is important to stop the spread of Argentine ants. You can help to ensure that they are not moved around, in particular by:

- Checking potted plants for ants before moving
- Checking garden soil and bark, and building materials before moving
- Checking camping gear, especially when you are moving in and around reserves.

- 1** This text is from a government website.
Which of the following statements about Argentine ants are correct?
Circle True or False for each statement.
- | | | |
|---|------|-------|
| A They are about 2 or 3 millimetres long. | True | False |
| B They are black. | True | False |
| C They are poisonous. | True | False |
- 2** "Did you know that Argentine ants don't smell when squashed?"
Why do you think this sentence has been included?
- A to test your knowledge about ants
 - B to explain why people squash ants
 - C to provide an interesting fact about ants
 - D to reduce the reader's concern about ants
- 3** According to the text, what is the main threat of Argentine ants to the environment?
- A their ability to climb
 - B their large population
 - C the poison in their bite
 - D the places where they live
- 4** "... it is due to Argentine ants 'moving in'."
The use of 'moving in' is intended to make the reader feel
- A excited.
 - B impatient.
 - C protected.
 - D threatened.
- 5** According to the text, what is the best way people can help with the Argentine ant problem?
Make sure that
- A different ant species do not join together.
 - B Argentine ant trails are less than five ants wide.
 - C the ants are not accidentally taken to new places.
 - D Argentine ants compete with other animals for their food.

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It's started...the first Christmas ads have appeared on TV and Christmas crackers have made their way onto the shelves at your local supermarket. And even though we all know it's approaching, for many of us the overall cost of Christmas still comes as a surprise.

With many of us tightening our belts when it comes to spending, this Christmas may be a time to really look at how much we spend over the festive season. With this in mind, we've got a few suggestions on how to stretch your dollar.

Plan ahead

Start by making a list of people you want to buy presents for and how much you are going to spend on each person (do not let other family members see this list or there may be even more arguments over the Christmas dinner table). Add in any costs for travelling and entertaining you're going to do.

Avoid shopping traps

By sticking to your shopping list and shopping a bit earlier on, you'll be able to avoid the crowds and get everything you want without having to resort to panic buying on Christmas Eve.

When doing your Christmas food shop, draw up a full shopping list before you go to the supermarket – so you're well prepared and have an idea how much it will all cost.

Try cash

The idea of getting through Christmas without your credit or store cards may be a bit scary but now is not the best time to be adding to any balances. Only spending what you've got in the form of cash could save you months of debt worries in the New Year.

It's also too easy to hand over a plastic card when you buy something, but if you're handing over a \$50 note in a shop it can make you think twice about whether that purchase is really necessary.

Further information

You can call 0508 BUDGETLINE (283 438) to find your nearest service or to speak directly to a budget adviser. [Or visit New Zealand Federation of Family Budgeting Services Inc website for more information.](#)

6 When you avoid a debt-laden Christmas you avoid

- A crowded places.
- B careful budgeting.
- C spending too much.
- D tightening your belt.

7 According to the text, will the following steps help you spend less this Christmas?
Circle Yes or No for each of the following.

- | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|
| A Decide on a budget for presents. | Yes | No |
| B Writing a shopping list. | Yes | No |
| C Buy presents as late as possible. | Yes | No |

8 According to the text, what is the benefit of using cash rather than credit cards?

- A If you pay in cash you avoid paying sales tax.
- B Many shops offer a discount for cash purchases.
- C It can make you think more carefully about purchases.

9 What can you do to get more information on money matters at Christmas?
Underline the answer in the text.

10 According to the text, you should make a list of people you want to buy presents for and how much you will spend on each person.

Why shouldn't you show your family members this list?

- A because the presents they're receiving should be a surprise
- B because they'll find out how much money you earn
- C because they'll find out how much debt you are in
- D because the amount you're spending may cause arguments

Building Management and Security

You are on our company intranet
– a private website that only our employees can use.

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**Building
Management**



**Floor
Security**

For problems with the telephones, electricity, air conditioning, plumbing or security click on the following link to view instructions and contacts [Emergency Contacts & Quick Fix List](#).

The Managing Agent for our building is Doug Buchanan.
Phone: 05 839 2957 (If Doug is not available, ask for his assistant, Zoe Davies.)

For general issues involving air-conditioning, cleaning services, security, lift problems, light globe replacements, call:

Jim Zhou
Building Services Manager
Phone: 025 781 039

The Cleaners can be contacted directly:

XYZ Property Services
Zafar Evans: 025 675 489
We also have a vacuum cleaner in the cupboard immediately to the right of the board room door.

The last person to leave the office at night must:

- turn off all lights
- lock the glass doors.
- turn on the alarm (A red light should go on; this indicates that the system is armed. If no red light appears, please check that the fire exit doors are shut properly; only call Jim Zhou once you have double checked this.)

To arrange keys and security cards for after-hours access see Amber. If Amber is not in, see Roberta. Security cards are NOT to be passed on to other people without letting Reception know. This is important, as names allocated against security passes need to be updated with the building manager. Keys can be cut downstairs at: Kwikutters, 51 Maungataniwha Street - Jo or Derek: 05 897 9843

- 11 According to the text, if the water pipes in the kitchen are noisy, what should staff do?
- A Talk to Zoe Davies.
 - B Talk to Doug Buchanan.
 - C Look at another web page on the intranet.
 - D Ring the number at the bottom of this web page.
- 12 According to the text, if the lifts are not working, what should staff do?
- A Talk to Zoe Davies.
 - B Ring XYZ Property Services.
 - C Ring the Building Services Manager.
 - D Ring the Managing Agent for the building.
- 13 You have turned on the alarm but no red light is showing. According to the text, what should you do **first**?
- A Arm the system.
 - B Check the doors.
 - C Turn off all lights.
 - D Speak to Jim Zhou.
- 14 According to the text, what number should you call if you have been asked to get new keys?
Underline the number in the text.
- 15 "Names allocated against security passes..."
What does "allocated against" mean here?
- A waiting for
 - B matched with
 - C banned from getting

End of Assessment