

# Reading Exam Guidance



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# Objectives



-I will learn *how* the reading exam will be structured

-I will know how to get a good reading score



## What is the exam?

## Reading Exam

When is the exam? 

11:10am on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Where is the exam?

**SwiftAssess**

How is the exam structured?

It has FIFTEEN questions

What will it test me on?

Week 1 to Week 8 topics

How can I get a good score?

By following this reading guidance.

G5 General / G6 Access / G6 General / G7 Access		NELCF Alignment: En3.1-3.2		Domain: Reading
Section	Question Type	Assessment Focus	Number of Questions / Marks	Construct Limits
Part 1	Multiple choice questions – Students choose the correct answer A, B, or C.	<p><b>En.3.R.CS.1</b> Read and understand the overall meaning of simple texts on familiar topics.</p> <p><b>En.3.R.CS.3</b> Read and identify specific information in simple texts on familiar topics.</p> <p>Texts and questions may relate to lexical areas as per the T3 IP.</p>	5 questions, 1 mark each	<p>Texts are simple and on familiar topics.</p> <p>Texts to combine thematic areas as per the IP.</p> <p>One text to be personal, others to be formal. Texts may be descriptive, explanatory or discursive.</p> <p>Each section to approximate <b>150 words</b> (up to 10% either way)</p>
Part 2		<p><b>En.3.R.CS.1</b> Read and understand the overall meaning of simple texts on familiar topics.</p> <p><b>En.3.R.CS.3</b> Read and identify some details in simple texts on familiar topics.</p> <p>Texts and questions may relate to grammatical areas as per the T3 IP.</p>	5 questions, 1 mark each	
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# Important Reading Exam Notes...

**It only has  
multiple  
choice  
questions**

**Each section  
has  
approximately  
150 words**

**It has 15  
questions in  
total  
(5 questions  
per part)**

**The exam has  
three parts**

**The topics of  
the extracts will  
be based on  
Term 3 units.**

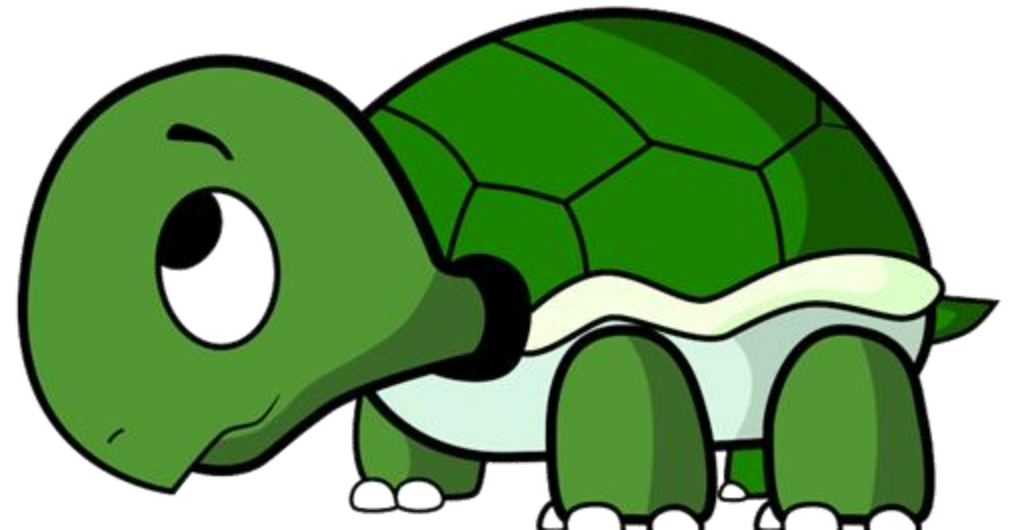
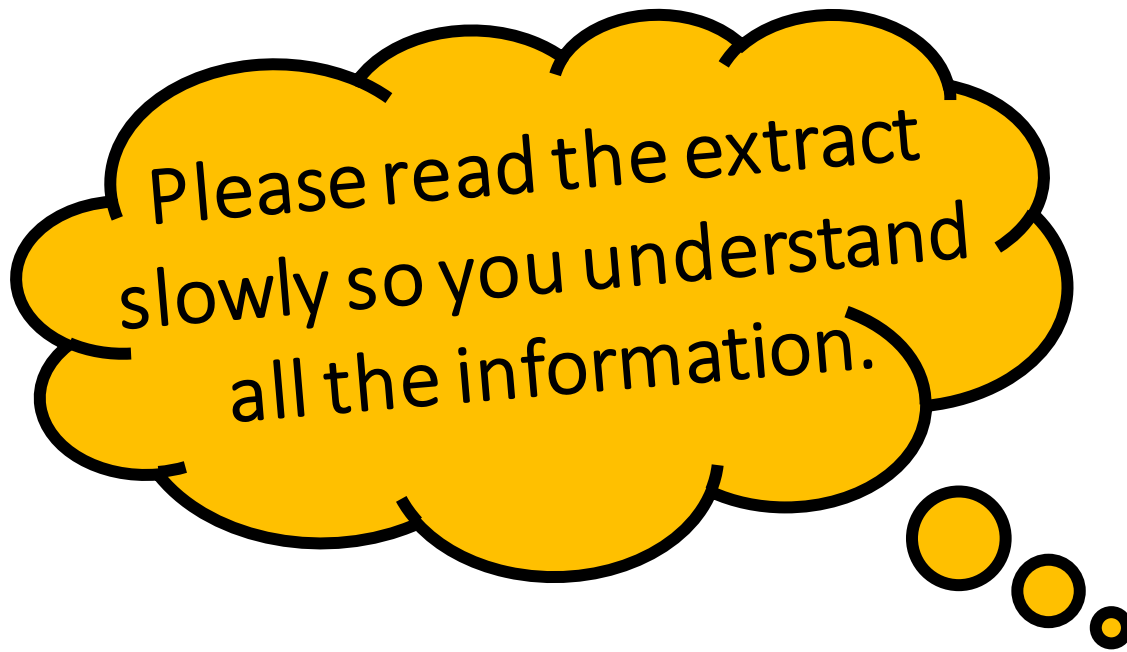
**One text will  
be personal.  
The other 2  
will be formal**

# Read the extract

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Reading the extract slowly will help you understand what it is about.

Read the extract **carefully** so you know the information it gives you.

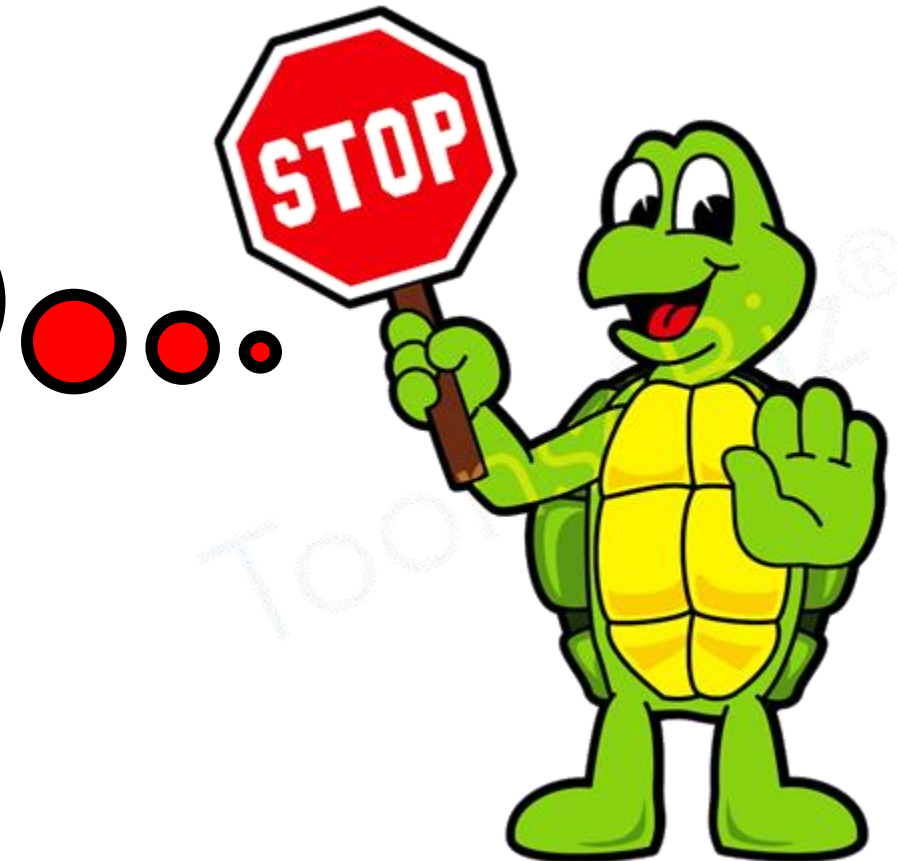
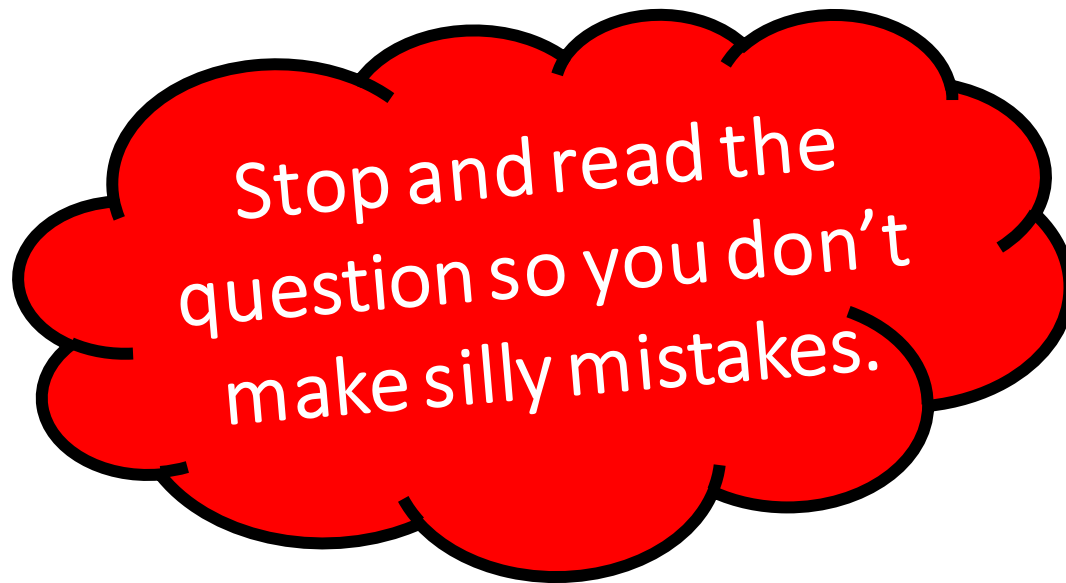


# Read the question

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Reading the question properly will help you avoid silly mistakes.

Read the question **carefully** so you know exactly what it is asking you.

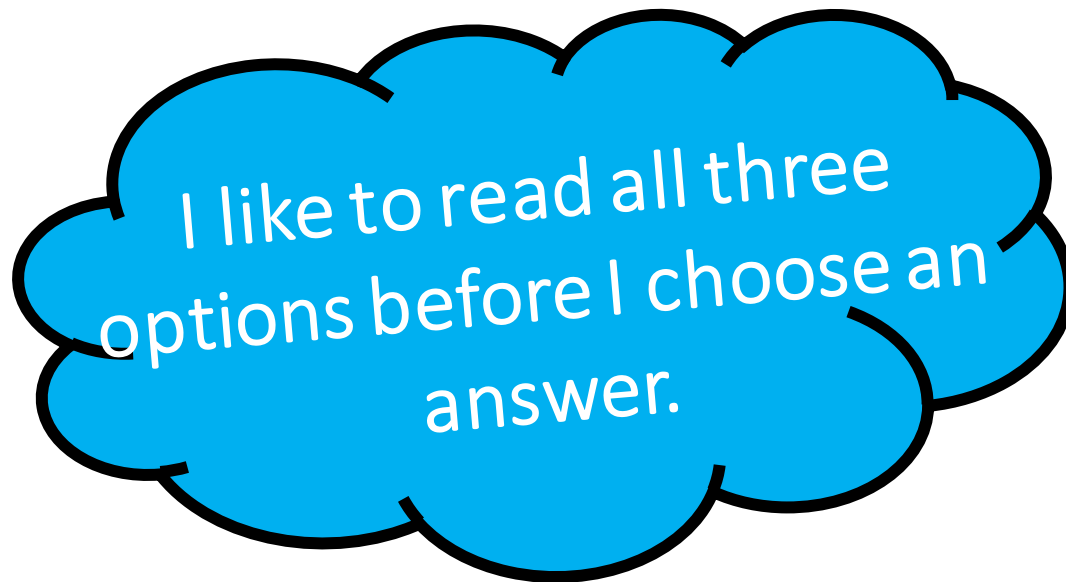


# Read every option

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Reading every option is important because it is a multiple choice exam

Read the options **one by one** so you can cancel out the silly answers.





# Skim and scan

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**You will save time with the questions by scanning the text for key words:**  
Skimming the text for key words will help you find where the answer is.

I like to scan the text to find the same key word in the question to save time.



# Read between the lines

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**Sometimes, you have to read between the lines for the hidden meaning:**

If you cannot find the exact answer from the options in the extract, find the option that is the closest in meaning.

If the words in the options aren't the same as the question, I find the one that means the same thing!



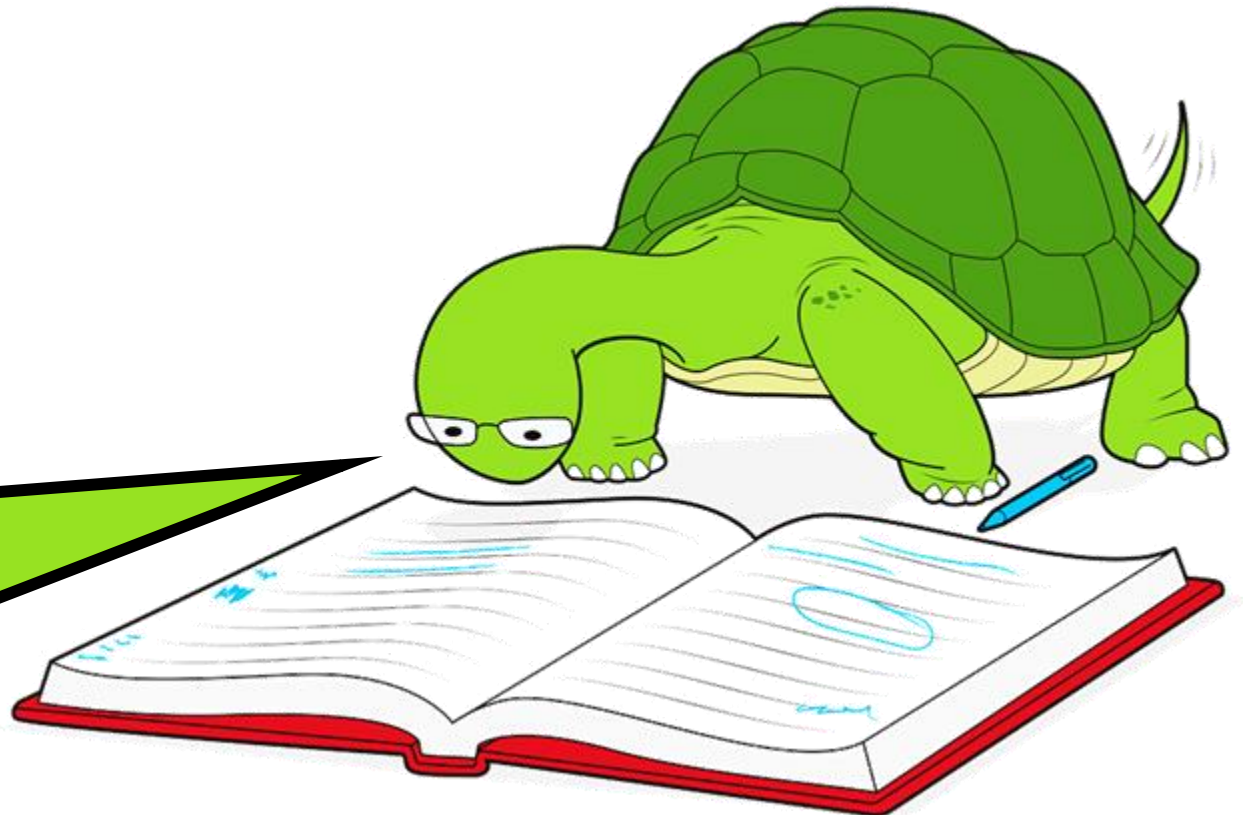
# Use the context

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**You will not understand every word but reading between the lines helps:**

If you find a word you don't understand, read the sentences around it and make an educated guess.

If I don't understand what a word means, I try to work out what the words around it mean to guess the meaning!



**Let's do some practice reading questions...**



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# Tips from students



Read the tips from students to help you understand how to get a good reading score.

**Read the question carefully.**

**Read the extract two times:**

- 1) Read the extract**
- 2) Read the question and then read the extract whilst looking for the answer**

**Use your laptop so you can read the extract properly.**

**Read the sentences loudly if this helps you understand it.**

**If you don't know what any word means, read around the word to help you understand it properly.**

**Find the key words in the question.**

**Quickly answer the questions within the time limit set**

**Check every answer before you submit it because you can't go back to change it in this online exam.**



How much do you know  
about the reading exam?

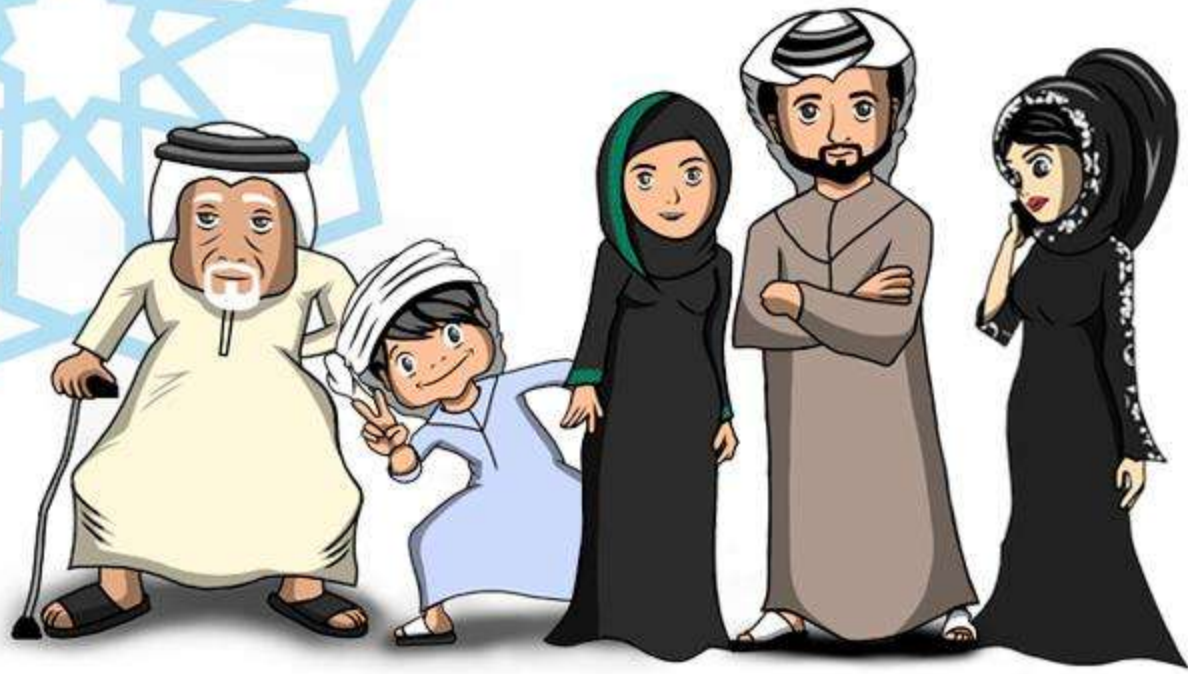


## A prayer for exams...

اللَّهُمَّ لَا سَهْلَ إِلَّا مَا جَعَلْتَهُ سَهْلًا،  
وَأَنْتَ تَجْعَلُ الْحَزْنَ إِذَا شِئْتَ سَهْلًا

Allahumma la sahla illa ma ja'altahu sahla,  
wa 'anta taj-alul hazna idha shi'ta sahla

O Allah! There is nothing easy except  
what You make easy, and You make the  
difficult easy if it be Your Will



Good luck!