



NCFE Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English (603/5058/1)

Paper Title: Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English: Reading

Paper number: P001234

Time allowed: 1 hour

Learner instructions

- Use black or blue ink.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Read each question carefully.
- Write your responses in the spaces provided.
- All of the work you submit **must** be your own.

Learner information

- The marks available for each question are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 30.
- The use of a dictionary is permitted.

To be completed by the examiner	Mark
Section 1	/ 13
Section 2	/ 14
Section 3	/ 3
TOTAL MARK	/ 30

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HOBBY HAPPINESS

By Rachel Barnes

We all spend a lot of time working and studying, but not enough time enjoying ourselves. In our fast-paced world, it's easy to forget to leave time for the things we enjoy, such as our hobbies.

Hobbies are important for our well-being. They should be a priority for all of us. They help us to switch off and relax. They are also a key part of our social life. Often people make new friends through their hobby. Hobbies can also help us to find new talents. A hobby might even help you to improve your career!



A couple cycling

A recent survey found that some of the most popular hobbies in the UK are cycling, golf, fishing and walking. Exercising like this has many benefits. It can improve both your mental and physical health beyond all recognition! However, not all hobbies involve working up a sweat. Some hobbies can be done in your own home. For example, cooking, playing cards or playing an instrument.

For those who want to be social but not exercise, there are ways around this too. One of the most popular modern hobbies is reading comic books and going to comic book conventions. A comic book convention is a gathering of comic

book fans. Fans can go and meet their favourite superheroes and take selfies with them. They can also meet the writers and artists that create the comics they love.



Learning to read

One of the benefits of a hobby is that it can help children to learn. For example, many children who do not like to read books often enjoy reading comic books and dressing up or 'cosplay'. When children dress up, they often want to play and recreate the stories they have read about. After all, what child doesn't love playing?

Children can also improve their reading skills through other hobbies like singing or by reading a recipe while they learn to cook. They might not think that they are learning but by doing something they enjoy, they are having fun, while improving their basic skills.

As you can see, hobbies are important for all age groups. Make sure you leave enough time in the day for yours.

Section 1

The questions in this section refer to Document 1.

This section has a possible **13 marks** available.

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

- 1 What is the **main** purpose of Document 1?

[1 mark]

- A To encourage people to take up cycling
- B To explain the importance of school
- C To encourage people to make time for a hobby
- D To advertise comic book conventions

Answer _____

- 2 According to Document 1, why do people go to comic book conventions?

[1 mark]

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- 3 What does the phrase 'fast-paced world' mean as used in the first paragraph of the document?

You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question.

[1 mark]

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- 4 Using the document, give **two** examples of how hobbies can improve people's well-being. [2 marks]

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- 5 Document 1 contains **two** images. What does the image on the left-hand side suggest to the reader? [1 mark]

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- 6 Identify whether **each** of the following statements from Document 1 is a **fact** or an **opinion**.

[2 marks]

Statement	Fact or Opinion
A recent survey found that some of the most popular hobbies in the UK are cycling, golf, fishing and walking.	
They should be a priority for all of us.	

7 Identify the textual features the writer has used within the following quotations to explain her ideas:

a) 'beyond all recognition'

[1 mark]

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b) 'After all, what child doesn't love playing?'

[1 mark]

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8 Why has the caption been used in the right-hand image?

[1 mark]

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9 What does the word 'cosplay' mean in the context of the article?

[1 mark]

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10 Rachel Barnes has used an exclamation mark in paragraph 2. Why has she done this?

[1 mark]

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Learning to read

Aim:

This report will discuss if children who have hobbies have better literacy skills. Can hobbies help children to learn? Are all hobbies good for children?

Why is it important to read and write?

Reading and writing are two of the most important skills we can learn. From an early age we are taught how to:

- say the alphabet
- write our names
- sound out words.

Parents and carers can help by reading stories to their children at bedtime. Literacy is important because it helps us to understand the world through reading about subjects like science and history. Children who read are often happier, healthier and more confident. As we grow up, it's important to have strong literacy skills so that we can get a job. Without good reading skills it could be difficult to understand documents like contracts and official letters.

Can hobbies help?

Research shows that hobbies can help children to learn. One of the best ways to learn is by doing something you enjoy. For example, lots of children love superheroes. Parents and carers can help a child build their skills by giving them comic books to read. Children can also learn new reading skills by taking part in activities like treasure hunts. Even looking after a pet can help. Children can read about their furry friend.

Are all hobbies good for children?

Some people worry that children spend too much time playing computer games. However, children can learn new words through playing computer games. Many of the characters from the games also have children's books written about them. Children should take part in a mix of activities. This will keep their minds healthy. Parents and carers can use what they are interested in to encourage them to read and write.

Recommendations:

The most important thing is that parents and carers help their children to read. If a child is enjoying something, they will find learning easier.



Section 2

The questions in this section refer to Document 2.

This section has a possible **14 marks** available.

Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

- 11 Look at these **two** phrases from Document 2. Identify whether **each** one is an example of **advisory** or **descriptive** language.

[2 marks]

Statement	Advisory or Descriptive
‘Children who read are often happier, healthier and more confident.’	
‘Parents and carers can help a child build their skills by giving them comic books to read.’	

- 12 Give **two** quotations from Document 2 where the writer uses language to explain the benefits of learning to read and write.

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- 13 State **one** word or phrase that could be used to replace the phrase ‘build their skills’ as used in the ‘Can hobbies help?’ section.

You may use a dictionary to help you answer this question.

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- 14** Using Document 2, state whether **each** of the following statements is **true** or **false**.

[2 marks]

Statement	True or False
Reading and writing will help you all your life.	
Children should not play computer games.	

- 15** Is the language used in this quotation formal or informal?

'Research shows that hobbies can help children to learn.'

[1 mark]

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- 16** What does the word 'literacy' mean in the context of Document 2?

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- 17** a) Using Document 2, how can computer games help a child's literacy skills?

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- b) What does the report say will keep a child's mind healthy?

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18 State why **each** of the following organisational features has been used:

a) Subheading '*Aim*'

[1 mark]

b) Bullet-pointed list:

- *say the alphabet*
- *write our names*
- *sound out words.*

[1 mark]

19 The writer has included a picture in Document 2. Why do you think this picture has been used?

[1 mark]

Section 3

The question in this section refers to Document 1 and Document 2.

This section has a possible **3 marks** available.

Answer the question in the space provided.

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Compare the information, ideas and opinions given in Document 1 about how hobbies can help build literacy skills with what is said about this in Document 2.

[3 marks]

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[Total: 30 marks]

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