

TEXT PURPOSE

ESB ESOL Entry 3 Reading Worksheet

Read each short text. Circle the letter of the correct answer. Think: Why did the writer write this text?

1. Read the text.

The community centre will be closed on Monday 18 September because the heating system is being repaired. It will open again on Tuesday at 9.00 am.

What is the purpose of this text?

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| A. warn | B. inform |
| C. persuade | D. invite |

2. Read the text.

Join Fit4Life Gym this month and pay no joining fee! Enjoy modern equipment, exercise classes and a free fitness check. Sign up today.

What is the purpose of this text?

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| A. advertise | B. report |
| C. instruct | D. warn |

3. Read the text.

CAUTION: Wet floor. Please walk carefully and use the other entrance until the floor is dry.

What is the purpose of this text?

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| A. describe | B. invite |
| C. warn | D. report |

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Exam-Style Practice – Part 2

Choose the main purpose. Look for clues such as facts, commands, positive language, warnings and invitations.

4. Read the text.

To reset your password, open the website, select 'Forgot password', enter your email address and follow the link sent to you.

What is the purpose of this text?

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|--------------|-------------|
| A. persuade | B. instruct |
| C. advertise | D. describe |

5. Read the text.

You are invited to our Community Food Festival on Saturday 22 June from 12 noon to 5 pm. Bring your family and enjoy food, music and children's activities.

What is the purpose of this text?

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| A. inform | B. invite |
| C. warn | D. report |

6. Read the text.

Yesterday, heavy rain caused delays across the local train network. Several services were cancelled, and passengers were advised to check before travelling.

What is the purpose of this text?

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| A. report | B. advertise |
| C. persuade | D. instruct |

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Exam-Style Practice – Part 3

7. Read the text.

Visit beautiful Greenford Park this weekend. Relax by the lake, enjoy the walking paths and discover the new café. It is the perfect place for a family day out.

What is the purpose of this text?

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| A. warn | B. persuade |
| C. report | D. instruct |

8. Read the text.

The library is a large, bright building with two floors. The ground floor has computers and study tables, while the first floor has books and a quiet reading area.

What is the purpose of this text?

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|-------------|--------------|
| A. describe | B. advertise |
| C. invite | D. warn |

9. Read the text.

Try to drink six to eight glasses of water each day. Carry a bottle with you and drink more water when the weather is hot or when you exercise.

What is the purpose of this text?

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| A. report | B. advise |
| C. advertise | D. invite |

10. Read the text.

From 1 October, the Number 42 bus will leave the town centre every 30 minutes instead of every 20 minutes. The first bus will be at 6.30 am.

What is the purpose of this text?

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|-------------|-------------|
| A. persuade | B. describe |
| C. inform | D. warn |

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ANSWER KEY

Check the purpose and the clue. More than one text type can look similar, so focus on the writer's main reason for writing.

Q	Answer	Why?
1	B – inform	It gives factual information about a closure and reopening ti
2	A – advertise	It promotes a service and encourages people to join.
3	C – warn	It alerts the reader to danger and tells them to be careful.
4	B – instruct	It gives steps telling the reader what to do.
5	B – invite	It asks people to attend an event.
6	A – report	It reports an event that happened.
7	B – persuade	It uses positive language to encourage the reader to visit.
8	A – describe	It gives details about what the library is like.
9	B – advise	It gives helpful suggestions about what the reader should do
10	C – inform	It gives factual information about a timetable change.

Exam reminder: ESB often asks, “The purpose of this text is to ...” or gives choices such as inform, persuade, report, instruct, advertise, invite or warn.