# Exam-style reading practice

Read both texts. Then answer questions 1–10. Use the texts to check your answers. Each question is worth one mark.

Name _____ Date _____

## Text A • A library notice

**Free Saturday repair café**

Bring one small item to Oakfield Library on Saturday 21 November, between 10 am and 1 pm. Volunteers can help with clothes, toys and small household items. You can watch the repair or help the volunteer.

**Before you visit**

Book online by Thursday 19 November. If you cannot book online, call the library. Bring any spare parts you already have. Please leave large electrical items at home.

**On the day**

Come to the side entrance on Market Street. The main entrance will be closed while the new doors are fitted. If your item cannot be repaired, a volunteer can suggest what to do next.

## Text B • An email

**From:** Priya Shah
**To:** Sam Cole
**Subject:** Our visit on Saturday

Hi Sam,

I booked a place at the repair café for 11 am. I am taking my jacket because the zip is broken. I found a spare zip at home, so I will take it with me.

Can we meet outside the bakery on Market Street at 10.45? It is next to the side entrance. After the repair, we could have lunch, but I need to catch the 1.20 bus home.

See you on Saturday,
Priya

# Questions

Questions 1–5 refer to Text A. Questions 6–9 refer to Text B. Use both texts for question 10.

**1.** What is the main purpose of Text A? Tick one answer.
[ ] To advertise a library repair event
[ ] To explain how to fit a new door
[ ] To sell spare parts for household items

**2.** What is the last date you can book online?

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**3.** What should you do if you cannot book online?

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**4.** Why will the main entrance be closed?

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**5.** Which heading helps you find out what to bring?

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**6.** Why is Priya taking her jacket to the repair café?

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**7.** Where does Priya ask Sam to meet her?

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**8.** What does the word **spare** mean in “a spare zip”? Tick one answer.
[ ] Extra and available to use
[ ] Broken and ready to throw away
[ ] Expensive and difficult to find

**9.** Why does Priya need to leave in time for 1.20?

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**10.** Which street is named in both texts?

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# Answer key

Award one mark per correct answer. Accept equivalent wording that gives the same information.

**1.** To advertise a library repair event.

**2.** Thursday 19 November.

**3.** Call the library.

**4.** New doors are being fitted.

**5.** Before you visit.

**6.** The zip is broken.

**7.** Outside the bakery on Market Street. Accept “outside the bakery”.

**8.** Extra and available to use.

**9.** She needs to catch the 1.20 bus home.

**10.** Market Street.

**Total: 10 marks.**

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