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32403 Read written texts to understand ideas and information

Credits: Five

PILOT ASSESSMENT

OUTCOMES	
1	Read to make sense of written texts.
2	Read written texts with critical awareness.
3	Read written texts for different purposes.

You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

Check that this booklet has pages 2–28 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

YOU MUST HAND THIS BOOKLET TO THE SUPERVISOR AT THE END OF THE ASSESSMENT.

QUESTION ONE: Ditch the Car

Read the social media post and comments on pages 2 and 3 and select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question that follows.

Did you know?

- One bus equals up to 40 fewer cars on the road.
- One-third of all car journeys are less than two kilometres long.
- Sixty three per cent of carbon emissions come from transport – mostly cars and trucks.
(Source: Tauranga Carbon Footprint Emissions Report 2017)
- Eighty per cent of car journeys are made by single-occupancy vehicles.

In August, we're running Ditch the Car Week! Will you join us and help save the planet?



Ditch the Car Week

22 – 28 August 2022

Do your bit to help save the environment by walking, cycling, or taking public transport to all your destinations for one week in August.

Take the challenge, save the planet!

For more information go to www.ditchthecar.co.nz



I live rurally and very limited public transport options are available. I have no choice but to jump in the car when I need to go anywhere. This is a good idea, just impractical for me. That said, I do my bit. I limit my car journeys as much as I can. A fair number of New Zealanders live rurally, so while I admire the initiative, I can't see how it will work for people like me.

Jim, Northland

My parents and I often carpool with our marae whānau. I do walk sometimes and will make the effort with my whānau and friends to walk more during this week. Street lighting isn't great around here, so I understand why people don't want to walk or cycle. My route from school to home is well lit, so I'll make the extra effort.

Ata, Wellington

This is a great idea! I walk everywhere as I live central to town and within walking distance of everything I need. My friends don't like walking as some of them have cars and they want to drive them, and some will get a lift if they can.

Muhammad, Gisborne

I was shocked when I read that a third of all car trips are less than 2 km. Unless you are going to drop off or collect something very heavy, then surely people can walk or cycle instead of jumping in the car. I do what I can, but as a mum of three young children, I often jump in the car to run errands because life is busy, so some trips are unavoidable. Young people with no responsibilities could make a change, though.

Wei, Dunedin

I bought a more efficient vehicle last year to reduce my carbon emissions. I had a large diesel, but I downsized to a small petrol model that's much cheaper. My friend bought an electric vehicle, and she says it's far more efficient to run than her previous car. I walk when I can, but I'm busy most days and I finish work late, so my public transport options are limited.

Radha, Nelson

(a) What situation do Wei and Radha have in common that may prevent them from participating in Ditch the Car Week?

- They live rurally.
- They live busy lives.
- They are out after dark.
- They have small children.

(b) Who is the most likely to change their behaviour during Ditch the Car Week?

- Jim
- Ata
- Muhammad
- Wei
- Radha

(c) Which person thinks other people should change their behaviour for Ditch the Car Week?

- Jim
- Ata
- Muhammad
- Wei
- Radha

(d) Which statistic is most likely to be accurate, according to evidence in the social media post?

- One bus equals up to 40 fewer cars on the road.
- One-third of all car journeys are less than two kilometres.
- Sixty-three per cent of carbon emissions come from transport – mostly cars and trucks.
- Eighty per cent of car journeys are made by single-occupancy vehicles.

(e) Sammi wants to comment on the post to show she dislikes the idea of Ditch the Car Week. Which new problem could she raise to make her comment different from the others?

- not enough time
- weather issues
- lack of street lighting
- lack of transport alternatives

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QUESTION TWO: The Importance of Kai

Evie Jay, the author, is a Wellington-based short story writer. Matariki signals the Māori New Year. It is a time of renewal and celebration in New Zealand that begins with the rising of the Matariki constellation. Read the text below and select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question.

The importance of kai

Evie Jay

Rewena bread, paua soup, pork ribs with watercress ...

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Someone else guides her to a place at the table. The feast begins.

Source: <https://www.flashfrontier.com/august2021kai/>

(a) Aimee is 'shame-faced' when she hands over her dish because ...

- she does not know anyone.
- she is the last person to arrive.
- she has not made the pavlova herself.
- she is worried someone else has brought a pavlova.

(b) Why does the writer use exclamation marks in the second to last paragraph?

- to show that Aimee is angry
- to show that Aimee is excited
- to show that Aimee is surprised
- to show that Aimee is overwhelmed

(c) *Some talk knowledgeably about harvests gathered and storehouses filled; others of **fusing** traditional Māori and Pākehā foods.*

What is the meaning of the word 'fusing' in the sentence?

- storing
- blending
- collecting
- finding

(d) How does the writer show Aimee's increasing anxiety?

- by repeating lists of Matariki foods
- by including dialogue from other characters
- by showing the other characters' reactions to Aimee
- by providing information about Matariki in the second paragraph

QUESTION THREE: Adopt a Dog

Read the information below about the dogs that are available for adoption and select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question.

Kristo

- male, mixed breed
- 1 year, 10 months old

Kristo is a handsome, active young dog who needs an experienced and confident owner. He has lots of energy and still needs to develop a few manners, like learning not to jump up when greeting new people. Kristo is boisterous with other dogs, who often find that he's a bit too much for them. He will need to be an only pet or have a dog friend who can match his level of excitement. Kristo needs a home with a kennel and run as he is a bit of an acrobat and can jump over most fences easily.

Doug

- male, mixed breed
- 6 years, 8 months old

Doug is a lovely boy with wonderful manners. He is a very smart dog who just loves the company of people, but is not so keen on other canines! He does have some special health needs, so it is best that you chat to one of Doug's people at the centre. He requires a well-fenced section, and would best suit a home where he is the only dog. Doug wouldn't suit a household where there are cats (he is a bit too interested in them for his own good), but he loves children and is very gentle with them.

Chloe



- female, mixed breed
- 1 year, 8 months old

Once you get to know Chloe, she is playful and, affectionate, and gives the best hugs. Chloe is very clever, too. She is currently learning to weave in and out of people's legs! She is very expressive, and when you know her it is easy to read how she is feeling. She can be fearful around other dogs and children. Chloe needs an owner who understands her fear of strangers may never fully disappear, and accepts all that is her. She needs time to develop trust in her relationships. In return you will have a loyal best friend who will bring you joy and love.

Bubbles



- male, mixed breed
- 10 years, 10 months old

Bubbles is a happy-go-lucky dude looking for his forever home. Bubbles would love someone around for parts of the day until he is settled into his new routine as, toileting can sometimes be a hit and miss. Bubbles' forever home should have no other animals and no children. Bubbles loves sitting outside in the sun, watching the world go by. He loves his walks, however he sometimes yells at other dogs on leashes, so he needs to continue his training around leash reactivity. He is not the type to be off the leash. He is very smoochy and loves being scratched.

Source (images):<https://www.sPCA.nz/adopt>

(a) Mereana (age 16) and Te Haunui (age 5) have finally convinced their parents to get a dog. Which dog would be best for the whānau?

- Kristo
- Doug
- Chloe
- Bubbles

(b) Which issue do all the dogs have in common?

- They have too much energy.
- They need a lot of training.
- They have health problems.
- They are not good with other dogs.

(c) The best person to adopt Bubbles would be ...

- someone who travels a lot.
- someone who is very fit and active.
- someone who enjoys teaching dogs tricks.
- someone who is retired or works from home.

(d) What is the main purpose of the icons by the pictures of the dogs?

- to quickly show the reader key information about the dog
- to provide a rating so the reader sees how good the dog is
- to give the reader important details about the dog's lifespan
- to make the information more visually appealing to the reader

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QUESTION FOUR: Tramping boots

Read the text below and select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question.

Altitude XTS Tramping Boots: Performance, Comfort, Style

- ❶ New Zealand weather can be unpredictable. That’s why we make sure you have the right equipment to get out there and stay safe, no matter the conditions. On a multi-day tramp, blisters or a twisted ankle can be more than a simple annoyance – they can have serious consequences. Making sure you have the right footwear is essential.
- ❷ Rugged Terrainz has been making high-performance tramping boots for over a decade to help all New Zealanders get out and explore. We are a family owned and operated business with over 20 stores nationwide, and a vast, loyal customer base who trust us to keep them moving.
- ❸ New this season is the Altitude XTS tramping boot, a versatile, sturdy boot that is great for day walks and overnight adventures. Made of breathable, waterproof materials, the Altitude XTS boots will keep your feet in optimal condition no matter the weather. The soles are made from dual-density rubber – the upper layer is soft and shock-absorbing, while the outer layer is light but **durable**. Each pair of boots also comes with inbuilt Comfoot Insoles™ that mould to the shape of your foot and provide the personalised cushioning you deserve. Additional features include our specialised SX32 ankle support system for extra safety, and durable, easy-tie, long-lasting laces that won’t let you down.
- ❹ Marty Tua, endurance athlete and reviewer from *Get Outdoors* magazine, said “Altitude XTS boots are comfortable and durable with excellent grip for those tricky, rugged trails.” Sally Phillip, mum of two, is thrilled with her purchase. “My kids didn’t complain when our bush walk took us into stony, uneven ground. What else can I say!”
- ❺ Visit your local Rugged Terrainz store today for a fitting and product needs assessment. We’re here to help you take on the elements and win.



Source: <https://nzpocketguide.com/what-are-the-best-cheap-hiking-boots-for-new-zealand/>

- (a) Which feature of the Altitude XTS boots most likely stopped Sally Phillip’s children from complaining on their bush walk?
- the easy-tie laces
- the waterproof materials
- the shock-absorbing upper layer of the soles
- the breathable material

- (b) Which paragraph of the text is designed to encourage the reader to go out and buy the boots?
- paragraph ❶
 - paragraph ❷
 - paragraph ❸
 - paragraph ❹
 - paragraph ❺
- (c) *The outer layer of the boots is light but **durable**.*
- Which adjective has the closest meaning to 'durable' in the sentence?
- flexible
 - waterproof
 - protective
 - hard-wearing
- (d) What is the writer's main purpose for writing this text?
- to encourage people to buy the Altitude XTS tramping boots
 - to tell people what others think about the Altitude XTS tramping boots
 - to warn people about the dangers of tramping without the right equipment
 - to inform people about all the special features of the Altitude XTS tramping boots
- (e) What information from the text is most likely to make the company Rugged Terrainz appear trustworthy?
- The company makes equipment that is suitable for New Zealand's weather.
 - The company provides lots of detail about the boots.
 - The company is ten years old and has a vast and loyal customer base.
 - The company provides a fitting and product needs assessment.

QUESTION FIVE: Mice

Read the text below and select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question.

The Tale of the Hungry Mouse

Something is nibbling at the heart of our ecosystems.

“They’re explorers, and really they’ve conquered the world.”

Source: (adapted): <https://www.nzgeo.com/stories/the-tale-of-the-hungry-mouse/>

Graph: Total composition of food items found in 50 mice stomachs per month

Source: (adapted): <https://mro.massey.ac.nz/handle/10179/11554> p43.

(a) Mice have 'conquered the world' because ...

- they eat so much.
- they are so small.
- they do so much damage.
- they are everywhere.

(b) The graph supports the growing concerns that mice are eating ...

- vertebrates.
- fewer invertebrates.
- too much vegetation.
- too many caterpillars.

(c) 'Mice fly under the radar' because ...

- they are omnivores.
- we don't really notice them.
- they eat mainly invertebrates.
- we don't care enough about them.

(d) Circle the word in **bold** below that best captures the idea in the title of 'the Hungry Mouse'.

Something is **nibbling** at the heart of our ecosystems. As possums, **rats** and stoats **disappear** thanks to **Predator** Free 2020, mouse numbers are expected to climb.

(e) James Reardon and John Innes were interviewed for the article because ...

- they are interested in what mice eat.
- they are personally known to the writer.
- they are involved in conservation projects.
- they are passionate about protecting mammals.

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QUESTION SIX: An interview with Vanisa Dhiru

Read the interview below with Vanisa Dhiru, who answers questions about being an advocate for equality and human rights. Select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question.

[Redacted text]

[Redacted text]

1 [Redacted text]

2 [Redacted text]

3 [Redacted text]

4 [Redacted text]

5 [Redacted text]

Source (adapted): <https://www.aa.co.nz/membership/aa-directions/features/q-and-a-with-vanisa-dhiru/>

(a) What strategy has the interviewer used that has best kept the interview focused on the topic?

- asking open questions, rather than closed ones
- referencing ideas about equality in most questions
- repeatedly using questions with 'you' or 'your' in them
- asking questions that move through the past, present, and future

(b) *Peace is a grand, aspirational word.*

Which word could best replace 'aspirational' in this sentence?

- amoral
- amazing
- ambitious
- ambiguous

(c) The interviewer chose to interview Vanisa about equality because of ...

- her past experience with discrimination.
- the work and community roles she has held.
- her passion for travelling and seeing the world.
- the fact she has overcome barriers where others struggle.

(d) *we can understand that concept of walking in **two worlds**.*

The 'two worlds' for Vanisa are ...

- Indian and Māori.
- Indian and female.
- Māori and western.
- western and Indian.

(e) *I saw the **good that could be done.***

Which of Vanisa's answers best shows that some good is currently being done?

- her answer to question ❶
- her answer to question ❷
- her answer to question ❸
- her answer to question ❹
- her answer to question ❺

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QUESTION SEVEN: What's that bug?

Read the text message conversation and web page on pages 22 and 23 and select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question starting on page 24.



This thing crawled out of my nightmare and onto my bedroom floor!

Ihaia

Looks like a wētā. Brown, big legs.

Selina

But it has wings! I'm hiding under my duvet so it won't fly into my hair.

Ihaia

It's probably harmless.

Selina

Probably isn't good enough for me.

Ihaia

Have a look on the *What's that bug?* website. It should help you work out if you can risk getting out of bed.

Selina

WHAT'S THAT BUG?

*Website of Dr Deanna Tanuvasa, Lover of Creepy Crawlies,
Entomologist, and Professor of Biological Science*

Top four suspects based on your search:

Hemideina, or tree wētā, are nocturnal flightless crickets, endemic to New Zealand. Generally herbivores, they may supplement their diet with animal matter. Wētā may lift their large, spiky hind legs in the air as a warning to foes, but tend to retreat if given the opportunity. Wētā bites are painful, due to the wētā's powerful mandibles, but not particularly common. The female wētā looks as though she has a stinger, but it is, in fact, an ovipositor, which enables her to lay eggs inside rotting or mossy wood, or soil.

Fun fact: Without the macrons, weta means filth or excrement in te reo Māori – wētā is the correct spelling.

Pterapotrechus, commonly referred to as a king cricket in its native Australia, was first identified in New Zealand in 1990 and has since spread through Auckland, the Coromandel, and Northland. Like the New Zealand wētā, *Pterapotrechus* is a member of the family *Gryllacrididae*. Golden brown in colour, this species grows to around 37 mm long.

Known to local entomologists as flying wētā, this carnivorous species is considered to have a stropy nature, and will aggressively splay its wings, open its jaws, and display the spines on its large hind legs if approached. It has a powerful bite.

Austrosalomona falcate, or the olive-green coastal katydid, is a member of the grasshopper family, common to New South Wales and Queensland, Australia. It was first reported in New Zealand from Kaitaia, Northland in 2007 and is now found in Doubtless Bay, Kerikeri, Russell, and more recently in Auckland.

These nocturnal insects grow up to 5 cm in length and have a cone-shaped head with brown eyes. Their wings are olive-green and, during the day, the katydid rests, camouflaged against plant foliage. The female has a long, thick ovipositor. *Austrosalomona falcate* can cause damage as they feed on fruits and flowers with their powerful jaws.

Amphipsalta zelandica, or the chorus cicada, is endemic to New Zealand and the most common type of cicada. Also known as kihikihi wawa, matua kihikihi or ngengeti, this species grows up to 4 cm long (including the wings), and may be black, green, or brown in colour. Cicadas have large, transparent wings with dark brown veins and short legs. They are herbivores and feed on the sap of plants.

The song of male cicadas is the loudest noise made by any insect. It is made by the male beating his wings against the surface he is resting on.

(a) Which insect is the bug in Ihaia's bedroom most likely to be?

- Hemideina*
- Pterapotrechus*
- Austrosalomona falcate*
- Amphipsalta zelandica*

(b) *Amphipsalta zelandica*, or the chorus cicada, is **endemic** to New Zealand and the most common type of cicada.

In this sentence 'endemic' means ...

- native or restricted to an area.
- new or recently arrived.
- diseased or disease-spreading.
- endangered or at risk of extinction.

(c) Which insect is most likely to be dangerous, according to the writer of the website?

- Hemideina*
- Pterapotrechus*
- Austrosalomona falcate*
- Amphipsalta zelandica*

(d) On the *What's that bug?* website, italics have been used for ...

- hyperlinks.
- titles.
- scientific names.
- important information.

(e) What is the main reason Ihaia can trust the information on the *What's that Bug?* website?

- The website writer loves bugs.
- His friend recommended the website.
- The website writer is an expert on bugs.
- The website has lots of information on bugs.

QUESTION EIGHT: Fidgets

Sita wants to buy a fidget toy for her niece as part of her fifth birthday present. She looks online at a fidget toy website.

Read the descriptions on pages 26 and 27 and select (✓) the correct answer to all parts of the question on page 28.

Mini magnets

\$10



Use these mini magnets to build creations! Possibly the most popular desk toy ever, these magnets are like magnetic putty, a stress ball, and adult building blocks rolled into one!

Most helpful reviews:

☆☆☆☆☆ Expensive but fun

☆☆ Cool, but they are tiny and easy to lose

Magnetic balls

\$10



These magnets are super strong and make a satisfying THWACK when they connect.

Most helpful reviews:

☆☆☆ Love these magnets!

☆ I bought these for my daughter but had to hide them. The sound hurts my ears!

Colour puzzle ball

\$10



A robust, colourful puzzle suitable for three years and up. Push on the small colourful balls to move them around as you like, or match them to the coloured circles.

Most helpful reviews:

☆☆☆☆☆ Great fidget – quiet and fun to play with. My kids fight over ours so I'm buying three more!

☆☆☆ Fun!

Rainbow snapper

\$10



Give your hands some exercise and relieve stress with this snapper toy. Makes a satisfying, quiet clicking sound.

Most helpful reviews:

☆☆☆☆☆ This gives my hands a real workout – it is quite hard to make it snap, but satisfying when I do.

☆ Toy excellent, but it was delivered to the wrong address by the courier! Took me a week to track it down.

(a) Which toy would make the best present for Sita's niece?

- Mini magnets
- Magnetic balls
- Colour puzzle ball
- Rainbow snapper

(b) Which toy has a review with an unfairly low star rating?

- Mini magnets
- Magnetic balls
- Colour puzzle ball
- Rainbow snapper