

Practice Test 3

READING PASSAGE 2 *Moles happy as homes go underground*

Questions	Task	Skills tested
13-20	Paragraph headings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detailed reading • identifying main ideas/themes/topics • understanding gist
21-26	Sentence completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming for factual information • understanding description • understanding paraphrase

Question 13-20

Question	Answer
13	xi
14	ix
15	viii
16	v
17	i
18	vii
19	iii
20	iv

- Read question 21 again remembering that you have to complete the sentence using a grammatically correct form of the answer. In this case, “sell quickly” is the best answer.
- Repeat this procedure with items 22-26.

Question	Answer	Location of answer in text
21	sell (more) quickly	“In Europe the obstacle has been ... developers who prefer to ensure quick sales with conventional mass-produced housing.”
22	(South Limberg) planners	“... the Dutch development was greeted with undisguised relief by South Limburg planners ...”
23	(road/noise) embankments	“It was ... Hurkmans who hit on the idea of making use of noise embankments ...”
24	Olivetti employees	“... the Olivetti centre in Ivrea ... forms a house/hotel for Olivetti employees.”
25	adapt to	gist of paragraph H cued by “Not everyone adapts so well ...”
26	his bakery business//a cool room	“Their home evolved when he dug a cool room for his bakery business in a hill he had created.”

Questions 21-26

Suggested approach

- Read the task rubric carefully. Note that you must use a maximum of three words for each answer, but that these do not have to be taken from the passage.
- You can take a straightforward approach to this set of questions as the items are not dependent upon each other.
- Read question 21 and note that you need to complete the sentence with the *reason why* developers prefer mass-produced housing.
- Skim through the text for a reference to *developers* and/or *mass produced housing*.
- This information is located in paragraph F. Here you will read the sentence: “In Europe the obstacle has been conservative local authorities and *developers* who prefer to ensure quick sales with conventional *mass produced housing*.”
- From this sentence you can understand that the reason why they prefer such housing is because it sells quickly.