

Questions 14 – 17

Choose the appropriate letters A – D and write them in boxes 14 – 17 on your answer sheet.

14. Readers are said to 'bark' at a text when _____
- (A) they read too loudly.
 - (B) there are too many repetitive words.
 - (C) they are discouraged from using their imagination.
 - (D) they have difficulty assessing its meaning.
15. The text suggests that _____
- (A) pictures in books should be less detailed.
 - (B) picture can slow down reading progress.
 - (C) picture books are best used with younger readers.
 - (D) pictures make modern books too expensive.
16. University academics are concerned because _____
- (A) young people are showing less interest in higher education.
 - (B) students cannot understand modern academic texts.
 - (C) academic books are too childish for their undergraduates.
 - (D) there has been a significant change in student literacy.
17. The youngest readers will quickly develop good reading skills if they _____
- (A) learn to associate the words in a text with pictures.
 - (B) are exposed to modern teaching techniques.
 - (C) are encouraged to ignore pictures in the text.
 - (D) learn the art of telling stories.

Questions 18 – 21

Do the following statements agree with the information given in Reading Passage 2?

In boxes 18 – 21 on your answer sheet write

YES if the statement agrees with the information

NO if the statement contradicts the information

NOT GIVEN if there is no information about this in the passage

18. It is traditionally accepted that children's books should contain few pictures.
19. Teachers aim to teach both word recognition and word meaning.
20. Older readers are having difficulty in adjusting to texts without pictures.
21. Literacy has improved as a result of recent academic conferences.

Questions 22 – 25

Reading Passage 2 has ten paragraphs, A – J. Which paragraphs state the following information?

Write the appropriate letters A – J in boxes 22 – 25 on your answer sheet.

NB There are more paragraphs than summaries, so you will not use them all.

22. The decline of literacy is seen in groups of differing ages and abilities.
23. Reading methods currently in use go against research findings.
24. Readers able to ignore pictures are claimed to make greater progress.
25. Illustrations in books can give misleading information about word meaning.

Questions 26

From the list below choose the most suitable title for the whole of Reading Passage 2.

Write the appropriate letter A – E in box 26 on your answer sheet.

- (A) The global decline in reading levels
- (B) Concern about recent educational developments
- (C) The harm that picture books can cause
- (D) Research carried out on children's literature
- (E) An examination of modern reading styles