

PRACTICE TEST 1

READING

READING PASSAGE 1 *A spark, a flint: How fire leapt to life*

Questions	Task	Skills tested
1-8	Gap fill summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming for information • detailed understanding of a section of text • ability to paraphrase/re-word original text
9-15	Matching (items to descriptions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • skimming for specific information • understanding description/characteristics • understanding paraphrase

Questions 1-8

Question	Answer
1	preserve
2	unaware
3	chance
4	friction
5	rotating
6	percussion
7	Eskimos
8	despite

Questions 9-15

Suggested approach

- Read the task rubric carefully. In this task you have to decide which match is being described in each question.
- Decide what information is best to skim for in the passage: the *type of match* or the *description*. In this question it is best to skim for the types of match as these are names, some of which are in italics, they are easier for you to pick out.
- Skim through the text until you find match A, the *Ethereal Match*.
- Read that section of the text and underline any important features of this match.
- Read through the descriptions and write A next to any that fit this type of match.

If you think there is more than one possible description for the match, note A next to both. (The rubric states that you may use any match more than once.)

- Towards the top of the second page of the text it states that the *Ethereal Match* consisted of a “sealed glass tube”, so A is the answer to question 14. Note that the description is expressed differently from the text. Sometimes you have to match the meaning rather than the words.
- If you think none of the descriptions fits this type of match, go on to the next the rubric also states that there are not enough descriptions to fit all the matches.

Question	Answer	Location of answer in text
9	F	“... the red phosphorus was non toxic”
10	D	“... three years later it was copied ...”
11	E	“... since white phosphorus is a deadly poison ...”
12	C	“The first matches resembling those used today ...”
13	G	“... a brewery had the novel idea of advertising ...”
14	A	“... a sealed glass tube ...”
15	C	“... borrowed the formula from a military rocket-maker ...”