

Study Skills: Reading

The Reading section is the second part of the OGE exam. Do this quiz to see how much you know about it.

Quiz

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| 1 How many parts are there in the Reading section? | 5 The parts are meant to be the same level of difficulty. True or false? |
| 2 How long is the recommended time for the Reading section? | 6 Where should you write your answers? |
| 3 How many questions are there in total?
A 10 B 15 C 17 | 7 There is extra time for transferring your answers to the answer sheet at the end of the exam. True or false? |
| 4 Each question is worth the same number of points. True or false? | |

Reading Task 1

Reading Task 1: Exam information

Task type: multiple matching (match each paragraph to a heading)
Number of paragraphs: seven
Number of headings: eight (one distractor)
Context: all paragraphs about different aspects of the same subject
Example subject: photography

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Remember

- You do not need to understand every word in a paragraph to get a general idea of its main point.
- Do not panic if you do not know every word!
- Ask yourself what the main point and focus of the paragraph is. That is usually enough to match it to the correct heading.

- 1 As quickly as you can, read each short text and match it to a general topic.

A travel B technology C fashion

1

This season, the focus seems to be on bright colours for women, and traditional suits for men. Hats are back, in all shapes and sizes, and accessories such as necklaces and bracelets are in.

2

Humans have always enjoyed creating – from simple tools made of stone or wood, to the wheel, to the invention of the printing press. In our modern age, there have been major advances in computing (hardware and software), medical care (medicine and equipment) and many other areas.

3

In the 1930s, passenger liners often took around four or five days to cross from Europe to America. With the introduction of commercial transatlantic flight, it became possible to fly from London to New York in under a day.

- 2 Read the texts in Exercise 1 again. For each one, choose the best summary.

1

- A What was popular
B What's popular
C What's not popular

3

- A Very different cities
B Sailing in luxury
C Faster by air

2

- A Throughout history
B Not in the past
C Making money