

Multi-Level Reading Part 1**Test 1**

Read the text. Fill in each gap with ONE word. You must use a word which is somewhere in the rest of the text.

Scotland Yard

Scotland Yard is the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police in London. To most people, its name immediately brings to mind the picture of a detective — cool, efficient, ready to track down any criminal, or a helmeted **1** constable — that familiar figure of the London scene and trusty helper of every traveller from overseas.

Scotland Yard is situated on the Thames Embankment close to the Houses of Parliament and the familiar clock tower of Big Ben, and its jurisdiction extends over 740 square miles with the exception of the ancient City of **2** which possesses its own separate police force

One of the most successful developments in Scotland Yard's crime detection and emergency service has been the "999 system". On receipt of a call the 999 Room operator ascertains by electronic device the position of the nearest available police car, which is contacted by radio. Almost instantly a message is also sent by teleprinter to the police station concerned so that within seconds of a **3** for assistance being received, a police **4** is on its way to the scene. An old-established section of the **5** police is the Mounted Branch, with its strength of about 200 horses stabled at strategic points. These **6** are particularly suited to ceremonial occasions, for they are accustomed to military bands.

Test 2

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For thousands of years people have used cannabis for recreational, ritualistic and medicinal purposes. In the modern era, the latter property excites a lot of people, and there is no shortage of wild claims about the supposed medical benefits of the plant. Of all the 1..... perhaps the most bold is the assertion that cannabis can cure cancer. Astounding testimonials about cannabis and its derived products shrinking tumours or curing terminal cases are easy to find on the internet. But alluring as these stories are, they tend to be based on misunderstanding, wishful thinking or outright falsehood. Let's start by asking what the 2 efficacy might be. Contrary to what most people believe, medical uses of cannabis have been widely studied. A 2017 review by the National Academy of Science looked at over 10,000 studies. They found evidence for some applications of cannabis, including managing chronic pain and spasms associated with multiple sclerosis. There was also good 3 that tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main psychoactive ingredient in cannabis, can reduce the nausea caused by chemotherapy. Indeed, a synthetic form of THC, called dronabinol, has been prescribed for just this use for decades. But, crucially, there is zero evidence that cannabis has any curative or even helpful impact on 4..... despite enthusiastic claims to the contrary. Why then is there such a gulf between public perception and scientific evidence? Part of this is 5 For example, an often aired claim is that high-dose THC kills cancer cells in a petri dish. This is true, but not very meaningful. Killing cells in a dish is extremely easy; you can do so with anything from heat to bleach. But effective anti-cancer agents must be able to selectively kill cancer 6 in the human body while sparing healthy ones. The reality is that cannabis simply cannot do this.

Test 3

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Two American Festivals**Burning Man**

Burning Man is an event that started in 1986 in Black Rock City, Nevada. People go to the desert and build a giant community for nine days. At the end of the festival, they burn a **1**..... wooden statue of a man. That's where the name comes from. The **2**..... celebrates inclusion, community, and responsibility. Everyone should share their talents so others can enjoy them for free. It is now also very popular with young influencers on social media and other famous **3**.....

The Taste of Buffalo

The Taste of Buffalo in Buffalo, New York, is the largest 2-day food festival in the country every year. Nearly half a million people visit the festival to eat special dishes from over 50 restaurants. There are over 200 different **4**..... to try! Most of the food is from regional **5**..... and it is a great family event. It is a good place if you want to visit here as a **6**.....

Test 4

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Hibernation

During the cold winter months, many warm-blooded animals need extra energy to stay warm, but the source of that energy - food - is scarce in **1**

Some **2** migrate to warmer places to survive winter. Others, such as hedgehogs and bats, hibernate in a safe place such as a nest or cave. In true hibernation, the lungs breathe very slowly and the heartbeat occurs only every now and then. The body temperature also falls but will switch on again to stop the animal from freezing if the outside temperature drops below zero. Animals that hibernate stock up on extra food in the autumn to build up body fat so they can survive the winter months without **3**
4 can last several days, weeks or months depending on the species of animal and the time of year.

Black Bear

American black bears sleep during the winter months, but their sleep is not as deep as the true hibernation of mice and bats. A **5** bear's body temperature drops and their heart beat slows down but they can wake up quite quickly if they are disturbed. During the winter months they do not eat, drink or go to the toilet. Some female bears give birth to two or three cubs in mid-winter and nurse them in the den until they are ready to leave in the spring.

Aestivation

Aestivation is similar to hibernation. Aestivation usually takes place during the summer months. Animals sleep during the hot, dry season to survive the intense heat and avoid damage from high temperatures. Desert **6** including lizards, frogs, insects and snails.

Test 5

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Elephants sense 'danger' clothes

St Andrews University researchers discovered that elephants could recognise the degree of danger posed by various groups of individuals. The study found that African elephants always reacted with fear when they detected the smell of clothes previously worn by men of the Maasai tribe. They are known to demonstrate their courage by spearing **1** The elephants also responded aggressively to red clothing, which defines traditional Maasai dress.

However, the elephants showed a much milder reaction to **2** previously worn by the Kamba people, who do not hunt elephants and pose little threat.

The **3** first presented elephants with clean, red clothing and with red clothing that had been worn for five days by either a Maasai or a **4** man.

They revealed that Maasai-smelt clothing motivated elephants to travel significantly faster in the first minute after they moved away.

They then investigated whether elephants could also use the colour of clothing as a cue to classify a potential threat and found the elephants **5** with aggression when they spotted red but not white cloth. This suggested that they associated the colour red with the Maasai.

The researchers believe the distinction in the elephants' emotional reaction to smell and **6** might be explained by the amount of risk they sense. They might be able to distinguish among different human groups according to the level of risk they posed.