

Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills – Level 1

Past Paper 9

Time: 60 minutes

Paper Reference **PENR1/S09**

English

Component 2: Reading Text Booklet

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Instructions

- You should write your answers in the Question and Answer Booklet.
- You must **not** write any responses to questions in this Text Booklet.

Information

- This Text Booklet contains the three texts required for the Level 1 Component 2: Reading exam.
- This Text Booklet must be securely destroyed by the centre immediately after the exam has been completed.

Advice

- Read each text before you answer the questions.

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Text A

Article

A life-changing decision

When young people decide to leave home, it is for a range of reasons. Studies show 60% of people move out because of a new job, while 40% of people want to be more independent.

In the past 20 years, however, there has been a sizeable increase in the number of young people living with their families for longer. This is partly because of the rising cost of rented accommodation.

When young people do leave home, it is a life-changing decision they need to consider carefully.

For helpful tips about leaving home,
check the My New Home website:

www.mynewhome.web

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Text B

Webpage

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing 'www.mynewhome.web/advice'. The browser's menu bar includes 'File', 'Edit', 'View', 'Favourites', 'Tools', and 'Help'. The webpage content is as follows:

Planning
So, you have decided to leave home. Here are some points to consider. Where do you want to live? When do you want to move? What type of accommodation is available? How much will it cost? How will you make new friends? Write a list of your priorities to help you get organised.

Searching
There are many ways to search for a new home. Over 85% of people use websites that advertise accommodation but 15% of people prefer to register with an estate agent to find a new place to live. You can also ask friends or family if they know of places to live or people who can support you in becoming independent.



Moving
When you move, you can get professional help, for example you can hire a person and a van. Make sure you compare prices from a couple of removal firms - sometimes you can get up to 40% off. Asking for friends' help is a more cost-effective option. People are usually willing to lend a hand and do what they can to assist.

Living
Once you have moved in, you will need to learn to manage your money. This is the most important life skill of all. You will also need to cook your own food and clean your own home. There are many ways to gain these life skills. Enrol on courses that teach you how to budget your money. Ask your friends and family to teach you how to cook simple, nutritious meals or attend a cookery class.

Enjoying
When you are settled in your new place, take time to get used to your domestic routines. Make sure you get familiar with the area where you live. Finally, remember to enjoy your new home and your new freedom. Your future life starts here.



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Text C

Web forum

M Mary

I'm leaving home next month and I'm feeling anxious. I'd love to hear from anyone who has recently left home. How did you find somewhere to live? How do you guarantee you have enough money every month? I'm freaking out about cooking for myself. Any advice will be gratefully received.

P Paul

I left home three months ago - it's so cool being independent. Why not sign up with a letting agent who will find places for you? I share a flat with a couple of friends so we can share the cost of everything. I'm not a great cook but I can make a delicious fry-up. The important thing is to budget your money carefully.

A Ayesha

I'm moving to a different area soon because I have just got a new job. I won't know anyone there. I've been looking for a flat using social media, but I'm stressing as I haven't found anywhere. I know I am going to prioritise paying rent and bills.

L Luis

There are loads of websites which specialise in listing accommodation for young people. Doing a cookery course would help you make your own meals and save money. It is really easy to make new friends. Living away from home can be really enjoyable. Wherever you live, have a wonderful time and make the most of your freedom.

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