

Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills – Level 1

Practice 2

Time: 60 minutes

Paper Reference **PENR1**

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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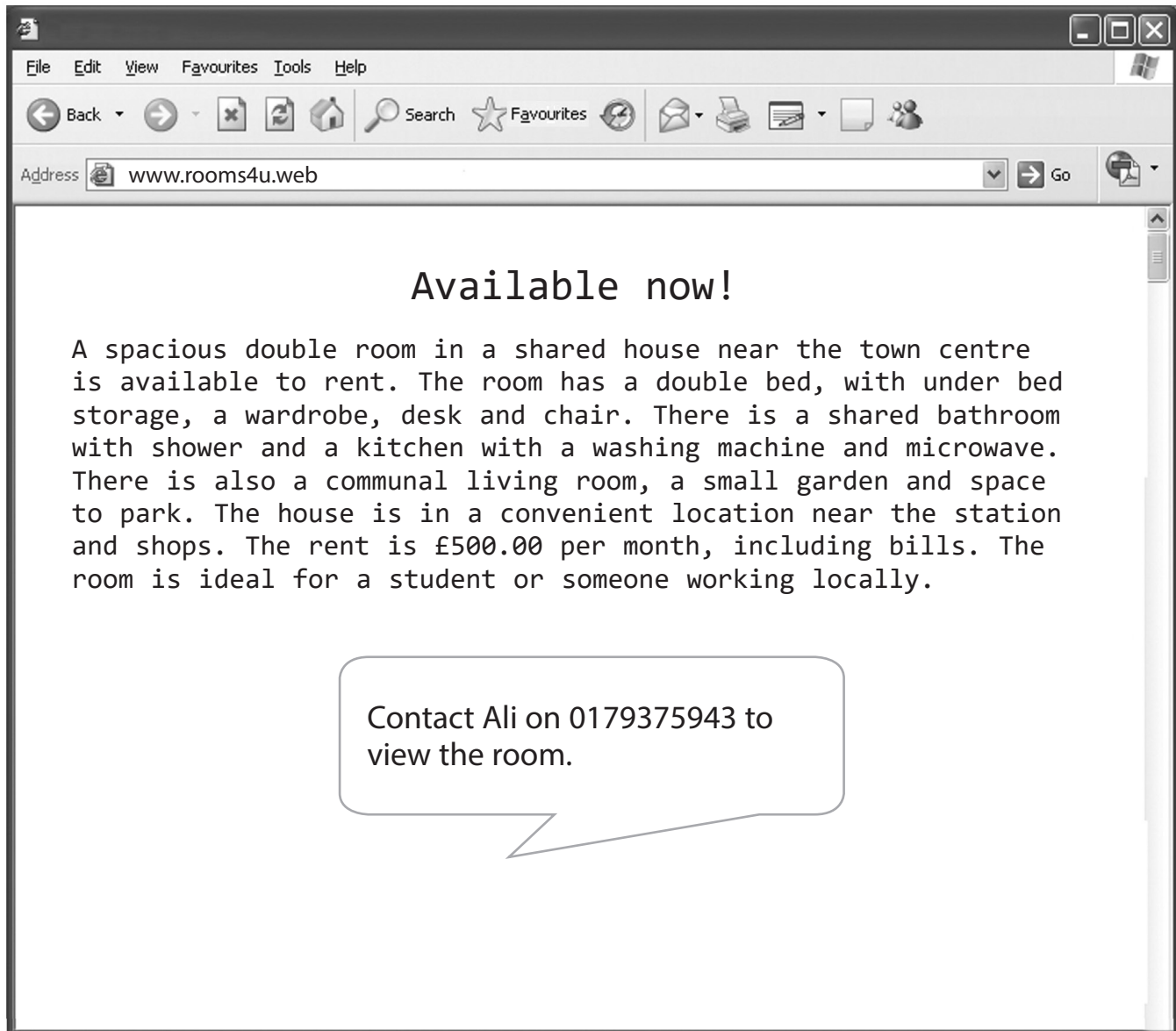

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Text A

Webpage



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar containing "www.rooms4u.web". The main content of the page is a rental advertisement. At the top, it says "Available now!". Below this, there is a paragraph of text describing a double room for rent. At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a speech bubble containing contact information.

Available now!

A spacious double room in a shared house near the town centre is available to rent. The room has a double bed, with under bed storage, a wardrobe, desk and chair. There is a shared bathroom with shower and a kitchen with a washing machine and microwave. There is also a communal living room, a small garden and space to park. The house is in a convenient location near the station and shops. The rent is £500.00 per month, including bills. The room is ideal for a student or someone working locally.

Contact Ali on 0179375943 to view the room.



Text B

Blog

Katie's blog

New home, new start, new life



I've just moved into my first home away from my family. I'm living in a centrally-located shared house with five bedrooms, two bathrooms and a kitchen. The kitchen is unbelievable, with a washing machine, dishwasher, microwave, fridge-freezer and a large dining table – and I made sure everything worked when I visited. There is also a good-sized garden, outdoor seating and a barbecue. The house is near a local shopping centre and a bus ride from my family and friends.

Finding my new home

I asked my sister for help and she noticed the advert on a website. I made sure the rent was within my budget, rang straightaway and was able to arrange a visit the same day. I loved the room and immediately agreed to take it. I had to pay a deposit which my parents helped me with, and also the first month's rent in advance. The rent includes bills so there will be no additional costs each month.

A space of my own



My room is well-furnished with a single bed, a wardrobe and a chest of drawers, so there's plenty of storage – I checked this when I visited as I have a ton of stuff. It also has a desk, chair and a desk light. I'm allowed to put posters on the wall, which is REALLY cool. My Dad transported my belongings in his car – incredibly helpful.

New friends

My housemates were there to welcome me when I arrived – I'd met them when I visited to make sure I liked them. They enjoyed sharing the biscuits my Mum sent. Getting to know them will be an opportunity to make new friends and try different activities. It'll be strange living away from my family, but I'm looking forward to having more freedom, space and independence.



Text C

Leaflet

Are you looking for accommodation?

Some people think finding accommodation is extremely stressful, but keep calm and you'll get there. The best place to look is online: check out websites and decide whether you want a room in a house or your own flat. You can look in estate agents' windows and ask family and friends.

Don't fork out any cash until you've seen the property. Take your best friend when you visit, as it's safer and they may notice something you don't. If relevant, meet your future housemates to ensure you get on. Ask questions like:

- how much is the rent?
- does the rent include bills?
- do you have to pay anything upfront?

See whether your friend has any additional questions.

Check the room is big enough for all your possessions and ensure things like the shower work properly. Calculate how long it will take you to travel to work or college; you could also investigate whether the neighbours are noisy.

Think carefully before reaching a decision and ask your best mate for their opinion. Once you've decided, read the contract thoroughly so you know what you're committing yourself to before you sign it and keep a copy in a safe place. Then you can arrange to collect the keys. If it's not suitable, hang on in there – you'll discover the perfect place eventually.



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