

Pearson Edexcel Functional Skills – Level 1

Past Paper 4

Time: 60 minutes

Paper Reference **PENR1/S04**

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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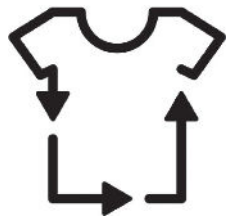


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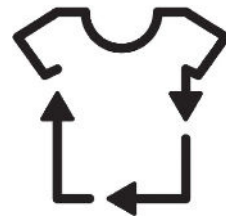
Text A

Leaflet



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All Stock Must Go!



Get this year's best fashion trends at knock-down prices and stock up on wardrobe essentials. Come down and check out the fantastic offers on all of our clothing ranges.

Sale begins at 9am on Thursday
All items at least 50% reduced

Sign up to receive our email newsletter to get the latest information about our deals and check out our website to see all the great styles we have in store. Students get a further 10% discount if they present a valid student card.

Text B

Article

Fashion always changes

Last year we spent over £57m on clothes in the UK and this increases each year. The way clothes are made and how we shop for them has changed a lot recently.

In the past

Previously it could take about 6 months for clothes to be designed, made and delivered to the shops. The cost of the materials used was high so they were very expensive to buy.



Factory production

90% of clothes are now made in large factories using newly invented cheaper materials. This means that clothes can be made very quickly so the latest fashions can get to the shops in just a few weeks and be sold at affordable prices. The price of new items has dropped dramatically.

What about the workers?

Where do our clothes come from? Who makes them? Many people are concerned about the working conditions in some factories in developing countries. As these factories are not owned by shops, it's difficult to check if workers are being treated fairly. Factory owners are encouraged to produce clothes as cheaply as possible so they sometimes pay low wages (less than £170 per month). Another issue is that children may be working there.

How do we shop?

People used to buy just a few items during the year but now 70% of young people buy new clothes almost every month. We also no longer think carefully about purchases - if we like something, we have to buy it immediately as next week it might have sold out.

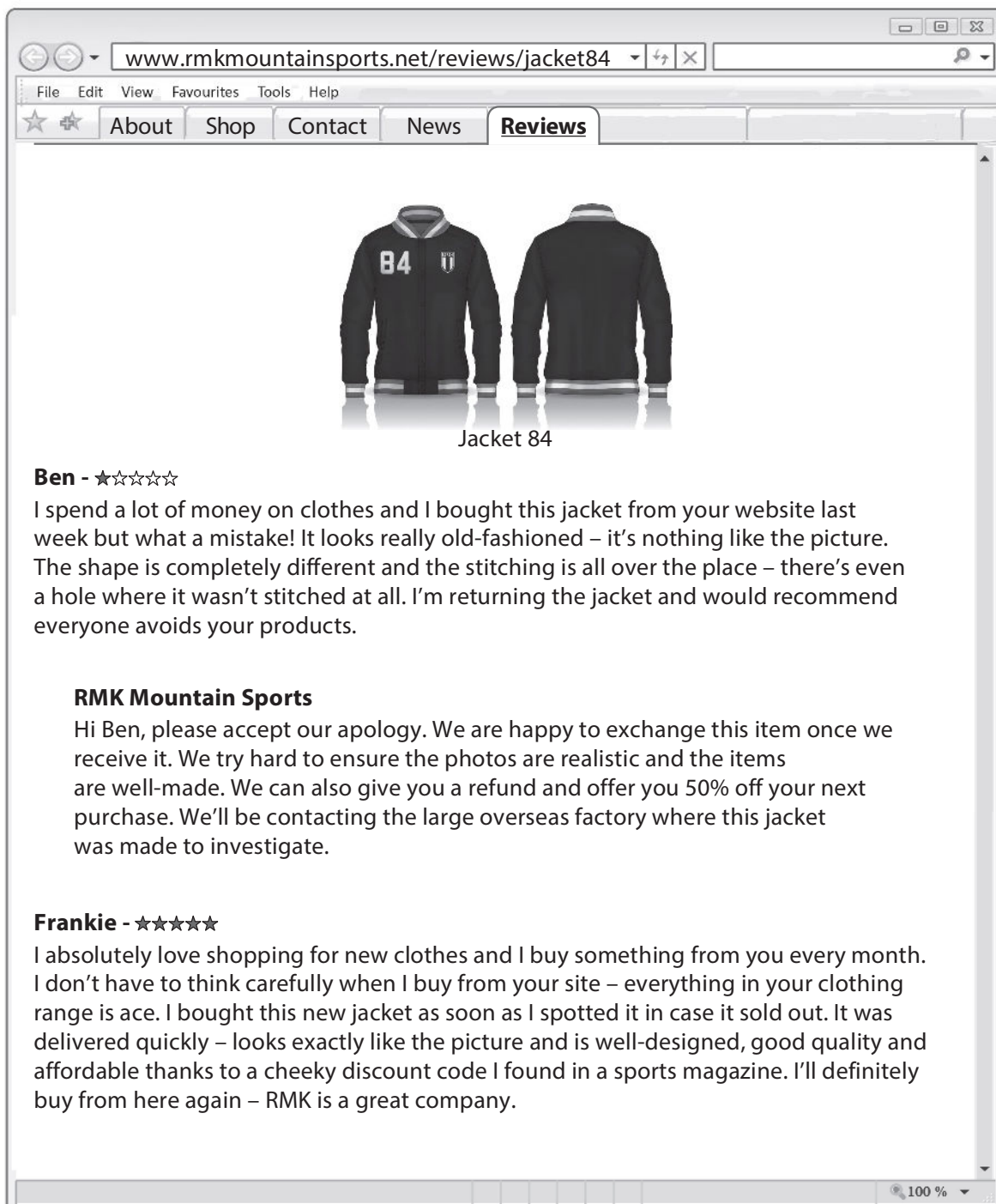


Environmental damage

However, some people criticise this new approach to making and selling clothes because of the harm it causes to the environment. Making so many new items contributes to pollution, both during production and if they are later thrown away because they are no longer in fashion.

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