



NCFE Entry Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English (603/5056/8)

Entry Level 2 Functional Skills Qualification in English: Reading

Paper number: 18R

Mark Scheme (Pass Mark: 9)

Marking guidelines

General guidelines

You must apply the following marking guidelines to all marking undertaken throughout the marking period. This is to ensure fairness to all learners, who must receive the same treatment. You must mark the first learner in exactly the same way as you mark the last.

- The mark scheme must be referred to throughout the marking period and applied consistently. Do not change your approach to marking once you have been standardised.
- Reward learners positively giving credit for what they have shown, rather than what they might have omitted.
- Utilise the whole mark range and always award full marks when the response merits them.
- Be prepared to award zero marks if the learner's response has no relevant material.
- Do not credit irrelevant material that does not answer the question, no matter how impressive the response might be.
- The marks awarded for each response should be clearly and legibly recorded in the grid on the front of the question paper.
- If you are in any doubt about the application of the mark scheme, you must consult with your Internal Quality Assurer (IQA).

Subject Content Statements (SCS)

EL2.2.7

Read correctly words designated for Entry Level 2 (see Appendix) (as the words in the Appendix are incorporated throughout the two texts, this is fully covered without requiring specific questions)

EL2.2.8

Understand the main points in texts

EL2.2.9

Understand organisational markers in short straightforward texts

EL2.2.10

Use effective strategies to find the meaning of words and check their spelling (e.g. a simple dictionary, spell-checker)

EL2.2.11

Read and understand sentences with more than one clause. Marks available for EL2.2.11 are assessed notionally through evidencing understanding of EL2.2.8

EL2.2.12

Use illustrations, images and captions to locate information

| Q no | Marking Guidance | Marks | Subject Content Ref |
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| Section 1 | | | |
| 1 (a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">B) Ali loves her music course | 1 | EL2.2.8 |
| 1 (b) | Award one mark for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">2 am | 1 | EL2.2.8 |

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| 1 (c) | Award one mark for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term 1 bands Do not accept part answers, eg 'bands'. | 1 | EL2.2.12 |
| 1 (d) | Accept any one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • low cost • bargain • inexpensive • affordable Credit any other similar response. | 1 | EL2.2.10 |
| 1 (e) | Accept any one of the following: (Jo says) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • '(I promise) I'll text you later' • 'bye for now' Credit any other similar response. | 1 | EL2.2.9 |
| 1 (f) | Accept any one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 • seven | 1 | EL2.2.8 |
| Section 2 | | | |
| 2 (a) | Award one mark for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the greatest group chat | 1 | EL2.2.12 |

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| 2 (b) | Accept any one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • belonging to one person or one group of people only • secret • not public Credit any other similar response. | 1 | EL2.2.10 |
| 2 (c) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B) good for writing or talking | 1 | EL2.2.8 |
| 2 (d) | Award one mark for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 minutes Credit any other valid response. | 1 | EL2.2.8 |
| 2 (e) | Award one mark for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • chatting within the group • the second section / section 2 | 1 | EL2.2.9 |
| 2 (f) | Award one mark for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between six and eight / 6-8 | 1 | EL2.2.8 |

| Section 3 | | | |
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| 3 (a) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• pretty | 1 | EL2.2.10 |
| 3 (b) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• thought | 1 | EL2.2.10 |
| Total marks available: | | 14 | |