



# FUNCTIONAL SKILLS ENGLISH

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Level 1

## Reading: Fact or Opinion

### Instructions

- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer questions on separate paper if required.

### Information and Advice

- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide on how long to spend on each question.
- Read each question carefully before you answer it.
- Check your answers.

Source A

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Emma Samuels

February 12, 2021

## UK STAYCATIONS ARE THE WAY TO GO



Everyone wants to go on holiday, especially as we are approaching the glorious summer months. I believe that you don't need to jet off to Spain or France to have a good time. Simply stay at home and have a great time in the UK. There are so many opportunities for you and your family, whether it's trying new foods in Scotland, visiting Manchester's vast canal system or going to the Beatles Museum in Liverpool.

In terms of cost, staying in the UK is definitely better for your bank balance. I think that saving yourself lots of money on travel costs makes a UK staycation feel even more enjoyable. Instead of forking out for flights, you'll only need to cover your accommodation costs. You'll have lots of money left over to purchase sticks of rock in Brighton, or to spend on tasty hot donuts at Blackpool Pier.

Alongside being much cheaper than a trip abroad, holidaying at home is far less stressful. In my opinion, you sometimes need a break from planning, booking airport transfers and finding suitable flights. With a staycation, there is no need to rush. You can take the drive to a new destination, stop off at a service station, and get a nice bite to eat.

Lastly, staying in the UK for the holidays is a great plan for pet owners. You won't have to leave your four-legged friends behind at the kennels. Many cafes and pubs across the UK are dog friendly, giving you the opportunity to make memories with your beloved family pet.

I firmly believe that UK Staycations are the best option & I really encourage you to consider a holiday destination a bit closer to home this summer.

**Source B**

Julia Summers  
90 Lindell Avenue  
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January 23 2023

Mr Steven Ryder  
Head of Operations

Bluebird Nibbles  
London  
LS3 KGH

Dear Steven Ryder,

I am writing to you regarding the arrival of my recent order. The order was placed on the 3rd of January 2021. I purchased 5 large boxes of assorted snacks, including pretzels and crisps, detailed on the offer section on your website. The shipment arrived on 10th January. The cases were supposed to contain 25 packets of each type of snack, however, I found that 2 boxes contained no crisps.

I am requesting that your company provides the remaining 50 packets of crisps, as they are required for a business function in February. I have had no success in reaching your customer service department, therefore I am writing to you in the hope that this can be fixed as soon as possible.

I have attached the order confirmation slip in this envelope, as proof of purchase. The confirmation number is PL986TR003 and the order was placed under Mrs Julia Summers. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours Sincerely,

*Julia Summers*

Turn over ►

<p><b>Q1</b></p>	<p>What is the purpose of Source <b>A</b>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To describe</li> <li>b) To mock</li> <li>c) To persuade</li> </ul>	<p>[1 mark]</p>
<p><b>Q2</b></p>	<p>Which of the phrases below suggest that Source <b>A</b> is an <b>opinion text</b>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) In terms of cost</li> <li>b) I think that</li> <li>c) Instead of forking out for flights</li> </ul>	<p>[1 mark]</p>
<p><b>Q3</b></p>	<p>Give one example of a <b>place</b> and one example of an <b>activity</b> that has been suggested by the blog post.</p>	<p>[2 marks]</p>
<p><b>Q4</b></p>	<p>'I believe that you don't need to jet off to Spain or France to have a good time'.</p> <p>The sentence from Source <b>A</b> gives the <b>opinion</b> of the writer.</p> <p>True or False?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) True</li> <li>b) False</li> </ul>	<p>[1 mark]</p>
<p><b>Q5</b></p>	<p>What is the main and secondary <b>purpose</b> of Source <b>B</b>?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) To advise and persuade</li> <li>b) To describe and mock</li> <li>c) To inform and request</li> </ul>	<p>[1 mark]</p>
<p><b>Q6</b></p>	<p>Which of the phrases below suggest that Source <b>B</b> is a <b>factual</b> text?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The confirmation number is PL986TR0003</li> <li>b) The writer thinks that crisps are the best snack</li> <li>c) The writer thinks that the company does care about their orders</li> </ul>	<p>[1 mark]</p>