



# Essential Reading Skills

## Guessing the content from the title

My new pet

A **title** tells us what the passage is about.

## Identifying time words

The street lamps are switched on **after** 6 p.m.

A **time word** tells when something happens.

## Identifying adverbs of frequency

I **always** go to the library on Saturday.

We use an **adverb of frequency** to say how often we do something.

## Identifying rhymes

Welcome to my **family**.  
We live together **happily**.

**Rhyming words** are usually at the end of the lines.



# Text Type Analysis

## Description

### My family

In normal families there are usually a mum, dad, brother and sister. My family is different. There are seven children. We live in a small flat with my mum and dad. We also have a big black dog called Barker. I am the oldest girl. I have two older brothers. Gilbert and Jerry are identical twins. They look so similar! My sisters are younger than me. My youngest sister, Grace, is only two months old.

I love living in a big family. I am never lonely and always have someone to talk to. I share a room with two of my sisters. We are tidy and always put our clothes in the wardrobe. I think that big families are the best.

Heading

Body

## Letter

Dear Mr and Mrs Smith,

I live at Number 2. Our house is next door. I would like to welcome you and your family to our neighbourhood.

As you can see, there are only a few houses in our street. We are very close to each other and are just like one big family. We look after each other when someone is sick. The older children help the younger children with their homework. Mr Wong at Number 5 always makes us fresh juice with the fruit from his farm. At the weekend, we all have a barbecue in our garden. Please come and join us!

Please let us know if you need any help. I hope you enjoy living here.

Yours sincerely,  
Jack Lee

Recipients

Introduction

Body

Ending

Closure and sender

## 1



# My family



10 minutes



Description

## Skills Focus

### Guessing the content from the title

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### Word Preview — Furniture



a wardrobe



a table



a sofa



a cupboard



### Reading a description

Jack is reading a description about the family of his friend, Mabel.

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#### Fun Fact

Guinness World Records: a Russian woman gave birth to 16 pairs of twins and 7 sets of triplets between 1725 and 1765!





### Have a go

Answer these questions about the description. Blacken the circle next to the correct answer.

1. How many sisters does Mabel have?

- A. two
- B. three
- C. four
- D. five



### Answering Tips

Read paragraph 1 carefully.

2. Which of the following is Barker?



A.



B.



C.



D.

3. Gilbert and Jerry are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. two boys who look the same
- B. two boys who look different
- C. two girls who look the same
- D. two girls who look different

4. Grace is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a baby boy
- B. a baby girl
- C. a two-year-old boy
- D. a two-year-old girl



### Answering Tips

Read line 7.

5. Mabel loves her big family because \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. she is never alone
- B. she has two tidy sisters
- C. no one listens to her
- D. she can keep a dog



### Word Bank

We add **-er** to some adjectives to make a comparison:

- My sister is twelve years old. She is **older** than me.
- Dad is 1.8 metres tall. He is **taller** than me.

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## Checkpoint

# In the classroom



10 minutes



### Reading a description

Jack is writing a description.

### In the classroom

Helen is reading a funny book. She is laughing! Caroline is eating a cheese and tomato sandwich. She is next to Helen. Lucy is drawing a picture. It is a pretty picture. Amy is singing a song. She is next to Lucy. Nick is talking to Colin. He is funny. Colin is laughing. Tommy is drinking a glass of orange juice. James is sleeping. Oh, no! Here is the teacher! Wake up, James!

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### Have a go

**Blacken the circle next to the correct answer.**

1. Where are the children in the description?  
 A. at home  
 B. at school  
 C. in the park  
 D. in the playground
2. Helen is Caroline's \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A. sister  
 B. brother  
 C. classmate  
 D. teacher
3. Who makes Colin laugh?  
 A. Caroline  
 B. Lucy  
 C. Nick  
 D. Tommy
4. Why does Jack wake James up?  
 A. The teacher is coming.  
 B. Tommy is drinking.  
 C. Amy is singing.  
 D. Nick is laughing.

# Vocabulary List

## Unit 1

wardrobe (n) 衣櫃

table (n) 桌子

sofa (n) 沙發

cupboard (n) 櫥櫃

older (adj) 年紀較大的

taller (adj) 較高的

## Unit 2

whisper (v) 耳語

talk (v) 談話

shout (v) 喊叫

scream (v) 尖叫

specially (adv) 特別地

specialize (v) 使專門化

## Unit 3

swimming (n) 游泳

running (n) 跑步

hiking (n) 遠足

cycling (n) 踏單車

less (adj) 較少的

## Unit 4

parent (n) 父母

child (n) 孩子

sibling (n) 兄弟姊妹

friend (n) 朋友

starving (adj) 餓餓的

on an empty stomach (phr)  
空着肚子

## Unit 5

watch a cartoon (phr)

看卡通片

go for a walk (phr)

散步

chat with friends (phr)

與朋友聊天

play the piano (phr)

彈鋼琴

tallest (adj)

最高的

biggest (adj)

最大的

## Unit 9

neighbour (n) 鄰居

relative (n) 親戚

teacher (n) 老師

teammate (n) 組員

weekend (n) 星期六和星期日

weekday (n)  
星期一到星期五的某天