

Reading L1RLO5

Notices

Learning Outcome 5: Recognize familiar names, words, and basic phrases on simple notices and posters in everyday situations

PREPARING TO READ

BUILDING VOCABULARY A The words in bold are used in the notice on page 2. Read the sentences. Then match each word to its definition.

I'm a **volunteer** at the hospital, so I work there at the weekends, but I don't get any money for that.

We enjoy going to **cultural** events, like events with classical music.

There are some **charity** events at our university because we want to help people who have difficult lives.

I enjoyed the **concert** we went to yesterday. There were some Omani musicians and they were playing classical music.

Ali would like to **join** our football group because he wants to play football with us.

We have a lot of **experience** with teaching English. We have done it for ten years.

1. _____ (n) time spent doing and learning about something
2. _____ (v) to become a part of a group
3. _____ (n) an event where people listen to music
4. _____ (adj) connected to music, art, theater or sport
5. _____ (n) a person who works for free
6. _____ (adj) connected to a group that works to help people

USING VOCABULARY B Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. Are you a **volunteer** now or would you like to be a volunteer?
2. What **cultural** events happen in your city? Which ones do you go to?
3. What groups have you **joined** or do you want to **join**?

SKIMMING

C Read the notice on page 2 quickly. The notice is asking people to come to an event about ...

- a. work experience. b. organizing projects. c. being a volunteer.

Volunteers wanted!

We are the OVM group. We're looking for more volunteers to help us organize cultural and charity events at the university. We are a friendly team of volunteers. We enjoy helping other people and organizing events that make university life more interesting, for example, classical concerts in the university theater and charity events to help older people.

Every year, we look for new volunteers to join us when some volunteers leave the university. Everyone can come! You don't need to have any experience with events. You just need to have some free time and want to help. We also have fun in our volunteer group and learn a lot about life.

If you're interested in joining our volunteer group, come to room H10 in the South Building on Monday May 19, at 6 p.m. You can talk to the volunteers and learn more about the work we do. We will also have some soft drinks and food for everyone who comes.

If you have any questions before the event, you can email our group leader Mohammad Khan at mohammad.khan@ymail.com.

We're looking forward to seeing lots of you at the event!

UNDERSTANDING THE READING

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

A Read the notice again. Answer the questions.

1. Which two types of events does the group organize? _____
2. Who can join the group and become a volunteer? _____
3. What do you have to do if you want to join the group? _____
4. Who is the leader of the group? _____

UNDERSTANDING DETAILS

B According to the notice, is each sentence below true? Or is it not mentioned? Choose T for *true*, F for *false* or NG for *not given*.

- | | | | |
|--|---|---|----|
| 1. The volunteers organize events at the university. | T | F | NG |
| 2. The volunteers organize events to help animals. | T | F | NG |
| 3. You must have experience as a volunteer to join the group. | T | F | NG |
| 4. The group think that being a volunteer teaches you things about life. | T | F | NG |
| 5. The event on May 19 will last for two or three hours. | T | F | NG |
| 6. You can get something to eat or drink at the event on May 19. | T | F | NG |

CRITICAL THINKING: ANALYZE

C Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. Why do you think people want to be volunteers? What are the good things about it?
2. Why do you think some people don't become volunteers? Are there any bad things about it?

DEVELOPING READING SKILLS

READING SKILL Scanning for Details

When you scan a text, you move your eyes over it quickly to find specific details in it. Look for numbers when you need to find times, dates and amounts. Look for words with capital letters when you need to find the names of people or places.

READING SKILL FOCUS

A Scan the notice to find the answers to the questions.

1. What is the name of the volunteer group? _____
2. How often do they have an event to get new volunteers? _____
3. On which day is the event? _____
4. Who can you email for more information? _____