

Reading L2RLO7

Following Instructions

Learning Outcome 7: Understand simple instructions on appliances, food packaging and medicines encountered in everyday life

PREPARING TO READ

BUILDING VOCABULARY A The words in bold are used in the texts on page 2. Read the sentences. Then complete the sentences below with the correct form of the words in bold.

If you take a **tablet** for your headache, you'll feel better.

We put electrical items out of the **reach** of our children so they can't touch them.

These are all the **ingredients** you need to make the cake. Put them all in the bowl together.

Put some sunscreen on to **protect** your skin from the sun.

Be careful, that's a **hazard**. You could hurt yourself.

Ensure that you finish your homework on time. That's very important.

The **plug** is connected to the computer by a cable and then you put it into the holes in the wall.

The **plug socket** is the thing with holes in the wall that you put a plug into to get electricity.

1. Put the _____ for the toaster into the _____ in the wall. Then it will work.
2. Please _____ that you close the door after you when you come into the room.
3. What other _____ do you need to make the omelet? I have some eggs and cheese here.
4. Those things can be dangerous – you should keep them out of the _____ of children.
5. I've taken three _____ for the pain in my leg today and now it feels better.
6. Don't go into that room. There's some water on the floor and it's a _____ .
7. The wall is there to _____ people so they don't fall down.

USING VOCABULARY B Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. When do you take **tablets**?
2. What do people need to **ensure** that they do in your classroom?
3. What do you do to **protect** yourself from the sun?

SKIMMING

C Read the texts below quickly. Where do you usually find these texts?

a. on street signs

b. in books

c. on items at home

1. Paracetamol

Take one or two tablets up to four times in 24 hours.

Put the tablets into water. Wait 2–3 minutes. Then drink the water and paracetamol.

Keep out of the reach of children!

Best before: Feb 2028

2. Olive oil

This oil is made with natural ingredients. It goes with every meal and will improve the flavor of all your meals!

Store the oil at a temperature of 20°C or more, but protect it from direct sunlight and high temperatures.

Best before: October 2026

3. Microwave

Warning! Electrical hazard!

Ensure that you plug the microwave into a plug socket in the wall.

Ensure that the plug and plug socket do not come into contact with water.

Keep the plug clean.

UNDERSTANDING THE READING

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

A Read the texts again. Answer the questions.

Which text (1, 2 or 3) ...

1. is mainly about a possible danger for people? _____
2. explains how to use an item? _____
3. tells you how long you can use something for? _____, _____
4. tells you about the effects of warm and cold on an item? _____
5. about a possible problem with water? _____

UNDERSTANDING DETAILS

B Find the information below in the texts.

1. the number of paracetamol tablets you can take each time _____
2. who must not touch paracetamol _____
3. the type of ingredients that are in olive oil _____
4. what effect olive oil has on a meal _____
5. where you need to put the plug of the microwave _____

CRITICAL THINKING: ANALYZE

C Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. Which item could be the most dangerous for people: paracetamol tablets, olive oil or a microwave?
2. What can you do to ensure you don't have any problems with these items?

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 texts to find the answers to the questions.

1. How often can you take paracetamol in 24 hours? _____
2. What temperature do you need to keep the olive oil at? _____
3. Which part of the microwave do you need to keep clean? _____