

SKILLS TEST 11 & 12

READING

1 Read the article. Match paragraphs 1–7 with the headings A–G.

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DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ

- 1 A few years ago, fans of the singer Justin Bieber were excited to read a story from Russia. Many news websites said that a man had been near a river, fishing. A bear came and attacked the man. Then, his phone rang. The reports said that the man's phone had had a Justin Bieber song for its ringtone. It made the bear cross, and because of that, it ran away into the forest. There was only one problem – someone had made up the whole story!
- 2 Stories can go viral very quickly. A friend posts something interesting online, like a story or photo. Maybe you join in the fun and share it. You don't stop to check if it's true or not. Soon, other journalists see the story trending online. Because it sounds exciting, they publish it on their websites as real information.
- 3 That explains why joke stories spread so quickly, and why they fool so many people. There is so much information on the Internet, and we don't have time to check everything carefully. If something looks real and interesting, then many people will believe that it's true.
- 4 Here are some more examples. Someone uploaded a video, explaining how to power an MP3 player. The video persuaded people to plug their MP3 player into an onion. After only one week, it had three million views, and the story was reported on the TV. Of course, it's not possible to power anything using onions, but people believed it and tried it out!
- 5 Many people thought that this story was hilarious, but some stories aren't. A news report on one popular website invited people to power their smartphones in a very unusual way. It said that you could put it in a microwave for just for a few minutes, and it would be ready to use.
- 6 Finally, the Los Angeles police told people that it was not safe to put phones in microwaves. They said that it could destroy the smartphone, or even start a fire.
- 7 So, be careful when you see things on the Internet. Stop and ask yourself: 'is this true?'

A Not all jokes are fun

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E Spend time thinking about the things you read

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B We warn you not to do this!

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F A very popular joke

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C Why do stories spread quickly?

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G How to stop an animal attack

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D It's easy to believe what you read

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2 Read the article again. Mark the sentences T (True), F (False) or DS (the article doesn't say).

0 A bear attacked Justin Bieber in Russia.

☐ F

1 The story said that the bear liked Justin Bieber's music.

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2 The story really happened.

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3 A lot of people don't know that online stories are jokes.

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4 Journalists prefer to write funny stories.

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5 A video warned people not to use onions to power something.

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6 Some people thought the onion advice was very funny.

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7 Most internet jokes are about things like phones or MP3 players.

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8 The police told people that one internet joke was dangerous.

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LISTENING

3  Listen to Sally talking about something called The Imitation Game. Circle the correct answer for each question.

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| <p>1 For the game, Sally says you need
A two people.
B more than two people.</p> <p>2 In the game, one player has to decide
A who the other players are.
B if the other player can write well.</p> <p>3 Sally thinks the game is
A easy to play.
B isn't as good as computer games.</p> <p>4 She says that a scientist called Alan Turing
A didn't like the game.
B thought of a different way to play the game.</p> <p>5 In the 'Turing Test',
A a person plays with one other person and a computer.
B people learn how to use computers for the first time.</p> | <p>6 The Turing Test can find out how intelligent
A computers are.
B people are.</p> <p>7 Sally says that
A many computers can pass the Turing Test.
B there isn't a computer that can pass the Turing Test at the moment.</p> <p>8 She thinks that
A computers are becoming more intelligent.
B people don't like machines.</p> |
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4  Listen again. Match the parts of the sentences. There are two extra parts you do not need.

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| <p>0 Sally believes that the 'imitation game'</p> <p>1 You can't play the 'imitation game'</p> <p>2 You can play the game</p> <p>3 Player C shouldn't</p> <p>4 Player A shouldn't</p> <p>5 Player C should</p> <p>6 The 'imitation game'</p> <p>7 Sally thinks that computers</p> | <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; margin: 2px; display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">a</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 30px; margin: 2px;"></div> | <p>a is simple, but important.</p> <p>b online.</p> <p>c tell the truth.</p> <p>d didn't help the development of computers.</p> <p>e with only girls or boys.</p> <p>f will behave like people, in the future.</p> <p>g know who the other players are.</p> <p>h ask questions to find out who is the girl and who is the boy.</p> <p>i helped the development of computers.</p> <p>j will never be able to do what people can do.</p> |
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WRITING

5 Read the information. Then write an email (100–125 words) to your friend.

- A friend wants to stay at your home next weekend.
- You told your parents about it. You persuaded them to let your friend stay. They said 'yes'!
- Explain some rules about your home (what your friend is allowed to and not allowed to do).
- Finally, give some easy instructions about how to get to your home.

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SPEAKING

6 Work in pairs. Choose one of the ideas below (or your own). Then, give your partner instructions. Use the language in the box to help you.

- How to play your favourite sport/game.
- How to play a funny joke on someone.
- How to make new friends.

Before you start, ...

Finally, ...

First, ...

So how do you ...?

Then, ...

7 Work in pairs, A and B. These photos show people being angry about something. Talk for one minute about what you can see in your photo. Then talk together about two or three things that make you angry.



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TOTAL SCORE

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