

Materials for assessing adult literacy



Delton Carnival Booklet

The following questions refer to the Delton Carnival booklet. You will need to read it in order to answer the questions.

Read **text 1** and answer the questions.

Read these statements. Three are true and three are false.

Tick whether each statement is true or false.

	True	False	
a. The Mystic Samba Dancers will perform after the Children's Fancy Dress Awards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. The Mystic Samba Dancers will perform after Maple Mime Troupe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Da Hai Kung Fu Club will perform after Maple Mime Troupe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Mala Bab Drummers will perform before the Da Hai Kung Fu Club Display.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Intangible Linguists are on before Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. There are two award ceremonies on the Bambaattaa stage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Match the beginning of these statements with their correct endings by putting the number in the box.

The first one has been done for you.

1	63 floats can be seen	after the Children's Fancy Dress Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	The Samba dancers will perform	by the Intangible Linguists	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	The Maple Mime Troupe will perform	by Delton Children's Centre	6	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Poetry and stories will be performed	on the Fresh FM Stage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	The Steel Drum Band Championships take place	at 2.00pm on Saturday 27th July	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' will be performed	on a 3 mile circuit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3

The following questions relate to **several or all** of the texts.

In which of the texts do you find information about the following?

Write the number of the text in each box.

The first one has been done for you.

a. The number of people at the carnival this year

6

b. The problem of pickpockets

c. The number of sound systems

d. The origins of the carnival tradition

e. The damage caused to private property

TOTAL

1

Read **text 2** and answer the questions.

What caused the fight? Tick **one** box.

Greg thought he was being over-charged.

☐

Sean's friend started an argument.

☐

Greg's arm was broken.

☐

The police detained five people.

☐

2

When was the fight which was believed to be drug related? Tick **one** box.

26th July

☐

27th July

☐

28th July

☐

29th July

☐

3

What happened to Sean Malcolm? Tick **one** box.

He was taken to hospital.

☐

He was released without charge.

☐

He was sent to prison.

☐

He was charged with drug offences.

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4

Read **text 3** and answer the questions.

The Delton Carnival started 35 years ago. Which of these statements was correct at the time? Mark each one true or false.

a. It was started by immigrants to Delton.

True

False

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☐

b. It was a multicultural arts festival.

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c. It had nearly a million visitors.

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d. It was a parade with costumes and steel drums.

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e. It was held in Trinidad.

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f. It took place in the summer.

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5

Why was the festival started? Tick **one** box.

to increase employment

☐

to encourage Caribbean culture

☐

to build a united community

☐

to increase tourism

☐
☐

6

Read **text 5** and answer the questions.

What does William Drayton think about the carnival? Tick **one** box.

The carnival should be moved to another place.

☐

There is too much violence at the carnival.

☐

Too many people go to the carnival.

☐

The carnival should continue as it is.

☐
☐

7

What is the **main point** of what William Drayton has written?

Tick **one** box.

About a million people go to the carnival.

☐

People go to the carnival to have a great time.

☐

Many people work hard to prepare for the carnival.

☐

Small amounts of violence should not stop the carnival.

☐
☐

8

Read **text 6** and answer the questions.

Who does Carlton Williams play with? Tick **one** box.

The Delton Steel Band

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The Carnival Steel Band

☐

The Blackstar Steel Band

☐

The Trinidad Steel Band

☐
☐

9

How long has Carlton Williams's Steel Band been going? Tick **one** box.

- at least 5 years ☐
- more than 30 years ☐
- only six days ☐
- less than one year ☐

☐

10

What does Constable Richard Carmichael think is the most important part of his job at the carnival? Tick **one** box.

- preventing fights ☐
- patrolling the streets ☐
- having a great time ☐
- arresting people ☐

☐

TOTAL

☐

1

Read **text 4** and answer the questions.

From what he writes in his letter, which of these statements would Karl Rossman agree with?

	Agree	Disagree
a. Ice cream is too expensive at the carnival.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. There should be more police at the carnival.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. All young people cause trouble at the carnival.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Delton is not big enough for the carnival.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. There is more trouble at the carnival now than in the past.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The carnival brings the people of Delton together.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2

Which **one** of these points do Karl Rossman and the Residents' Group both agree on? Tick **one** box.

The carnival is too big for its location.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toilet facilities are a major problem.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The carnival goes on too late.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The carnival results in vandalism to private property.	<input type="checkbox"/>

3

Which **one** of these points do Karl Rossman and William Drayton disagree on? Tick **one** box.

Many people come to the carnival just to enjoy themselves.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The carnival fills Delton with excitement and music.	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Delton community suffers from a carnival in its streets.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Many cultures are represented at the carnival.	<input type="checkbox"/>

4

Read these statements. Tick the correct box to show if each one is fact or opinion. The first one has been done for you.

	Fact	Opinion	
a. Many people at the carnival take illegal drugs.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. The carnival has been taking place for the last 35 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. The carnival is intended for all ages and ethnic backgrounds.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. The streets of Delton are not suited to a carnival.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. The floats at the carnival are spectacular.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. The 45 sound systems are licensed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. The carnival attracts tourists to Delton.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Police presence at the carnival is probably inadequate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. There will always be violence in a very large crowd.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

TOTAL

☐

Your tutor will read you some words.

Write **one** word on each line.

Try to spell the words correctly.

1

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14

15

TOTAL

Choose the correct word or words for each space.

Tick **one** box.

Example

Velma and Bob **to go to the cinema.**

wants ☐ has wanted ☐ want ☒ is wanting ☐

1

The train was late. When ① finally stopped at the platform, Sara ② to the first carriages.

① he ☐ they ☐ she ☐ it ☐

② will run ☐ ran ☐ is running ☐ have run ☐

2

The report about property values by the agents.

should have been amended ☐ has amended ☐

were being amended ☐ should have amended ☐

3

The men who on the new tube line had a meeting at nine o'clock.

would be working ☐ has worked ☐ have be working ☐ are being working ☐

4

If I had worked harder, I to pass the exam.

have been able ☐ might have being able ☐

might have been able ☐ had been able ☐

5

'You give me your address,' he said, 'but you forgot.'

are going to ☐ would have ☐ were going to ☐ will go to ☐

☐

6

The weather better, but it's cold today.

were getting ☐ will have been getting ☐

has been getting ☐ would have been getting ☐

☐

TOTAL

☐

Read each set of four lines.

In each set, there is **one** line which is not correct. It may not be a complete sentence, or it may use a comma instead of a full stop.

Tick the box in each set where there is a mistake.

Example

- Pushing his way into the queue, the man explained that he was in a hurry. ☐
- The man was in a hurry, he pushed his way into the queue. ☒
- As he was hurrying to work, the man pushed into the queue. ☐
- The man pushed his way into the queue because he was in a hurry. ☐

1

- When the flowers were in bloom, they were blown down by the wind. ☐
- The wind, blowing hard, pushed the flowers to the ground. ☐
- The flowers on the ground and the wind blowing them down. ☐
- The wind had blown down the flowers that were on the ground. ☐

2

- Quiet glens with ruined houses that are surrounded by unspoilt countryside. ☐
- Although the countryside is unspoilt, there are some ruined houses in the glens. ☐
- See the quiet glens surrounded by unspoilt countryside. ☐
- In the quiet glens, the unspoilt countryside is dotted with ruined houses. ☐

3

- The marble floors in the airport are glossy and reflect the light. ☐
- If floors reflect the light, they are often made of marble. ☐
- Because airports often have marble floors which reflect the light. ☐
- Marble reflects the light. It is often used for floors in airports. ☐

4

The magnificent Western Isles where whirlpools devour boats.

☐

The Western Isles are magnificent, though whirlpools are dangerous to boats.

☐

Boats are sometimes devoured by whirlpools in the Western Isles.

☐

In the Western Isles there are whirlpools, which are dangerous to boats.

☐
☐

5

Imagine riding across the open plains surrounded by zebra and wildebeest.

☐

Zebra and wildebeest abound in the open plains of the vast savannah.

☐

You can trek across the open plain to see zebra and wildebeest.

☐

The zebra and wildebeest that abound in the open plains of the savannah.

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☐

6

It is best to wear gloves when mixing up dry, plaster-based products.

☐

If you are mixing up plaster-based products, you should wear gloves.

☐

Products that are plaster-based need to be mixed up, you should wear gloves.

☐

Wear gloves to protect your hands when you mix up plaster-based products.

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☐

TOTAL

☐

1

There is **one** punctuation mistake on each line below.

This may be a wrong punctuation mark or a missing punctuation mark.

Underline the place where there is an error, and write the correction on the line. The first three have been done for you.

Are you having trouble making ends meet. Why not take ?

in a lodger? It could be the answer to your problems .

If youre thinking of trying it, Harry Finn has some you're

advice. Harry who lives in Leeds, lets out a room in his

flat. Now hes finding his weekly budget stretches much

further. First, however there were a few things he had to

do. Harrys landlord had to give permission. He had to

check his insurance buy new furniture and draw up a

written agreement, Harry has a lot of animals, including

several cats and dogs so he needed to find a lodger who

didn't mind them?

"It was no problem really, Harry said. "It's even made

my animals lives easier. The lodger feeds them for me."

TOTAL

Lucky escape for driver as hit and run van speeds away



Write a short report for the local newspaper about the driver's lucky escape.

Lucky escape for driver as hit and run van speeds away

[illegible]

[illegible]



Wt/L2.1-7 Ws/L2.1-4 Ww/L2.1-2

