

Materials for assessing

adult literacy



# Task 1

**Delton Carnival Booklet**

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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

1. The Mystic Samba Dancers will perform after the Children’s Fancy Dress Awards.
2. The Mystic Samba Dancers will perform after MapleMime Troupe.
3. Da Hai Kung Fu Club will perform after Maple Mime Troupe.
4. Mala Bab Drummers will perform before the Da Hai Kung Fu Club Display.

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| Rt/L2.3 Rt/L2.7 | 1 |

1. Intangible Linguists are on before Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
2. There are two award ceremonies on the Bambaattaa stage.

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
2. The Samba dancers will perform by the Intangible Linguists
3. The Maple Mime Troupe will by Delton Children’s Centre perform
4. Poetry and stories will be on the Fresh FM Stage performed
5. The Steel Drum Band at 2.00pm on Saturday

Championships take place 27th July

1. ‘Snow White and the Seven on a 3 mile circuit

Dwarfs’ will be performed

# Task 1

3The following questions relate to **several or all** of the texts.

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

Write the number of the text in each box.

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| 2 | Rt/L2.3 Rt/L2.7 |

The first one has been done for you.

1. The number of people at the carnival this year
2. The problem of pickpockets
3. The number of sound systems
4. The origins of the carnival tradition
5. The damage caused to private property

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.

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

26th July

27th July

28th July

29th July

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

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| Rt/L2.1 Rt/L2.3 Rt/L2.8 | 3 |

He was taken to hospital.

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He was released without charge.

He was sent to prison.

He was charged with drug offences.

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.

True False

1. It was started by immigrants to Delton.
2. It was a multicultural arts festival.
3. It had nearly a million visitors.
4. It was a parade with costumes and steel drums.
5. It was held in Trinidad.
6. It took place in the summer.

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

to increase employment to encourage Caribbean culture to build a united community to increase tourism

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.

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| 4 | Rt/L2.1 Rt/L2.3 Rt/L2.8 |

The carnival should continue as it is.

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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.

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

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

The Delton Steel Band

The Carnival Steel Band

The Blackstar Steel Band

The Trinidad Steel Band

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

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| Rt/L2.1 Rt/L2.3 Rt/L2.8 | 5 |

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

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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

# Task 3

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

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From what he writes in his letter, which of these statements would Karl

Rossman agree with?

Agree Disagree

1. Ice cream is too expensive at the carnival.
2. There should be more police at the carnival.
3. All young people cause trouble at the carnival.
4. Delton is not big enough for the carnival.
5. There is more trouble at the carnival now than in the past.

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| 6 | Rt/L2.4 Rt/L2.5 |

1. The carnival brings the people of Delton together.

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.

Toilet facilities are a major problem.

The carnival goes on too late.

The carnival results in vandalism to private property.

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.

The carnival fills Delton with excitement and music.

The Delton community suffers from a carnival in its streets.

Many cultures are represented at the carnival.

4Read 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

1. Many people at the carnival take illegal drugs.
2. The carnival has been taking place for the last 35 years.
3. The carnival is intended for all ages and ethnic backgrounds.
4. The streets of Delton are not suited to a carnival.
5. The floats at the carnival are spectacular.
6. The 45 sound systems are licensed.
7. The carnival attracts tourists to Delton.
8. Police presence at the carnival is probably inadequate.

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| Rt/L2.4 Rt/L2.5 | 7 |

1. There will always be violence in a very large crowd.

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| 8 | Ww/L2.1 |

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Your tutor will read you some words.

Write

**one**

word on each line.

Try to spell the words correctly.

Choose the correct word or words for each space.

The train was late. When

finally stopped at the

platform, Sara

to the first carriages.

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Tick **one** box.

*Example*

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| Ws/L2.2 | 9 |

Velma and Bob to go to the cinema. wants has wanted want ✔ is wanting

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The report about property values by the agents.

should have been amended has amended were being amended should have amended

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

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

have been able

might have been able had been able

# Task 5

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

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| 10 | Ws/L2.2 |

are going to would have were going to will go to

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The weather better, but it’s cold today.

were gettingwill have been getting has been gettingwould have been getting

# Task 6

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.

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| Ws/L2.1 | 11 |

The man pushed his way into the queue because he was in a hurry.

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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.

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.

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.

# Task 6

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.

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| 12 | Ws/L2.1 |

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

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

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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.

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.

# Task 7

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

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TOTAL

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

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| Ws/L2.4 | 13 |

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

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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.”

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| 14 | Wt/L2.1-7 Ws/L2.1-4 Ww/L2.1-2 |

**Lucky escape for driver as hit and run van speeds away**



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| Wt/L2.1-7 Ws/L2.1-4 Ww/L2.1-2 | 15 |

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

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| 16 | Wt/L2.1-7 Ws/L2.1-4 Ww/L2.1-2 |

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