

Materials for assessing English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)



Listen to the tape and answer the questions.

1

Where would you hear this conversation? Tick **one** box.

on the TV on the radio in the street in an office

2

What is going to be developed? Tick **one** box.

Jesham as a whole Jesham town centre
 Jesham sports centre Jesham community centre

3

What will be developed first? Tick **one** box.

the main hall the small hall
 the arts centre the café area

4

What might happen in the arts centre? Tick **yes or no** by each one.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
a. art exhibitions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. table tennis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. children's nursery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. small group meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. band rehearsals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. meditation group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Which of the facilities in the main hall will be improved? Tick **one** box.

sports facilities new sound system
 repainting theatre facilities

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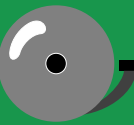
Which of these might the new community centre be able to help you with? Tick **yes or no** by each one.

	Yes	No		Yes	No
a. a job application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	b. fixing your car	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. registering with a doctor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	d. learning Chinese	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. getting a haircut	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	f. looking after young children	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TOTAL

Read this then answer the questions.



**FIRE
ALARMS**

A smoke alarm is a warning device that detects smoke at the earliest stages of a fire. If there is a fire somewhere in your home it sounds a piercing alarm to warn you, giving you time to escape. The noise should wake you up even if you are sound asleep. This section explains how to choose and use a fire alarm.

There are two main types of smoke alarms:

Ionisation alarms

Ionisation alarms are the cheapest and most readily available on the market. They are very sensitive to 'flaming' fires, such as chip-pan fires, and will detect this type of fire before the smoke gets too thick.

Optical alarms

Optical alarms are more expensive. They are more effective at detecting slow-burning fires, such as smouldering foam-filled furniture and overheated electrical wiring. Optical alarms are less likely

to go off accidentally, and are best for ground-floor hallways and for homes on one level.

Nuisance alarms!

If an alarm keeps going off it is only doing its job! You have probably put it in an unsuitable place – either in or too near the kitchen, for example, where it can be set off by steam or smoke from your cooking. False alarms can also be triggered by small amounts of smoke from open fires in the hearth, by candle smoke, or by a build-up of dust and dirt as a result of poor maintenance.

Whatever you do, don't be tempted to disconnect or remove the battery – this could be fatal. If the alarm goes off a lot try moving it somewhere else, out of the immediate smoke path, or replace it with a 'hush or silencer button' alarm. If you need advice on moving your smoke alarm, don't put it off until it's too late – your local fire brigade will help.

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1

Where do you think this text is from?

Tick one box.

- an information leaflet
- an instruction manual
- a first aid booklet
- a gift catalogue



2 Pick the best title for this text. Tick **one** box.

- Accidents in the Home
- All About Smoke Alarms
- Prevention of Chip Pan Fires
- Safety DIY

3 Look at the first paragraph.

a) Find a word that means 'very loud'.

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b) Find a phrase of two words that means 'in a deep sleep'.

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4 Which type of fire alarm is most suited for the situations below?

Tick **one** box for each situation.

The first one has been done for you.

	<i>Ionisation alarm</i>	<i>Optical alarm</i>
A fire caused by a lit cigarette left on an armchair.		✓
A fire caused by cooking oil that catches fire.		
A family living in a flat.		
Avoiding false alarms.		

5

Choose the **best** summary of the last two paragraphs. Tick **one** box.

Placement of your fire alarm is very important. Even if it keeps going off, you should keep it in or near the kitchen, as this is where most fires start.

False alarms can be caused by small amounts of smoke or steam in the home. You should never disconnect a fire alarm, but you could move it or install one with a hush device.

Fire alarms often go off in the kitchen. The most important thing to remember is not to move it out of the immediate smoke path, as this could be fatal.

You mustn't put a fire alarm where it may go off accidentally. Don't put off moving your smoke alarm until it is too late: ask your local fire brigade for help.

6

What might happen if you don't clean your smoke alarm? Tick **one** box.

A fire might start.

It might be disconnected.

It might need to be moved.

An alarm might sound.

TOTAL

1

Choose one of these topics and write about them.

- An important festival in your country
- Your favourite TV programmes. Explain why you like them.
- Write a letter complaining to a train company about a train you were on that was late. You should explain what happened and what you would like the train company to do.

Here is the address:

Regional Trains Complaints Office

Withamshaw Road

New Kelford

KF4 3BC

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Handwriting practice area consisting of 25 horizontal lines.

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