

Reading Exam 2

Part 1

Read the text and match the people (1–5) to the jobs that would best suit them (A–G). There is one job you do not need. 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Jobs and occupations
See: *English File 4th edition* A2/B1 Files 8C, 9A
English File 4th edition B1 File 2B

Profiles

- 0 *Toni likes going to different parts of the country, or even abroad, and he finds it easy to talk to strangers. He wants to work in marketing.*
- 1 Fiona is ready to manage a team of her own, after looking after one for the last six months. She was great at maths at school.
- 2 Kelly enjoys sharing her skills with other people. Her co-workers say that she is always very calm and careful and she learns very quickly.
- 3 Daisy finds her current boss quite demanding and wants to work with friendly people. She has a lot of imagination, and has just completed a course in information technology.
- 4 Marco's wife is expecting a baby next month and he's currently worried that his job is temporary. He also wants to stay in his home town. He likes working with the media, and used to be a journalist.
- 5 Alfie is very active and hates working in an office. He wants to travel next year and wants to earn money for that. He is very good at planning and making things happen.

Person	0	1	2	3	4	5
Job	A					

					TOTAL	

Job vacancies at SunTravel Sports Clothing

Please contact Human Resources on 0986 348713 if you are interested.

A Sales Representative

You'll work closely with our New York office, and so the job involves travel both nationally and internationally. The right candidate must enjoy meeting new people as you'll be the first person many of our new clients meet.

B Communications Manager

We're looking for a fun person to become part of our warm and welcoming team. The person we're looking for must have a creative personality, as they'll be responsible for designing new content for all of our social media sites.

C Help Team Representative

Are you good at picking up new skills? Do you think you can share them with others? If so, we'd like to hear from you. You'll be responsible for training colleagues on your team and beyond. Our Help Team often have to sort out problems, and so we need someone who won't get stressed or make mistakes working to very high standards.

D Press Officer

Our website is an important link to our customers and we're looking for someone to provide audio-visual content on a daily basis. This is a permanent position and you'll be desk-based here at our main headquarters. The ideal person will have excellent written communication skills.

E Events Organiser

We need someone to arrange equipment, hotels, etc. for our busy team events. We have cycling, football and surfing teams who will be showing their skills at a number of competitions and fairs and we want to make sure their experience goes smoothly. This position is available for nine months only.

F Office Manager

Our busy office employs over 50 people and we're looking for someone to take control of the day-to-day running of the office. The ideal candidate must have some experience of managing others. You will also need to be good at managing supplies and payments, so some background in accountancy would help. This would suit someone who is serious about progressing to the next level in their career.

G Receptionist

We have an opportunity on our reception for friendly people. This would suit someone close to retirement, who wants to earn a bit of extra money. You'll need to welcome visitors to our main office, and generally make sure that the welcome area is a pleasant atmosphere for everyone. Good telephone manner is essential.

Part 2

Read the article about a scientist. Decide if each statement (1–5) is true (T) or false (F). 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Personal identification
See: *English File 4th edition A2/B1*
Files 8C, 9C
English File 4th edition B1
File 2B

- 0 *Sara always wanted to be a scientist.*
- 1 She finished secondary school a year earlier than the other students.
- 2 Sara's grandmother influenced her choice of subject at university.
- 3 Sara started her career working in car design.
- 4 Sara enjoyed making a television series.
- 5 She plans to work with schools in the future.

Statement	0	1	2	3	4	5
Option	<i>T</i>					

				TOTAL	

Scientist of the Year, Sara Jennings

For Sara, becoming a scientist was the only option in her life. One of her earliest memories was going on a visit to a ‘star party’. Her friend was having a birthday party at a local science museum, where they were able to see the moon through a telescope, and she never forgot about the experience.

Her mother and father both worked in business and industry and most of the visitors to the house talked of nothing more than business, but Sara never lost hope and knew she wanted to follow her dreams. Although she was an intelligent child, an illness in her teens meant that she ended up a year behind the other children she’d been to primary school with. It was a shock, for a child who was always top of the class, but years later she realised that it probably only made her even more determined to succeed.

In her last year at school, she was amazed to learn that a person could earn money from studying space and the planets. Her father wasn’t keen, as he still had hopes of his daughter becoming a doctor or lawyer, but Sara’s paternal grandmother persuaded him to let her follow her own dreams, not his. She worked hard at university, treating it like a nine-to-five, and eventually finished top of her class.

After graduating, she accepted a position working with a local engineering company. At that time, she believed that everything in the universe could be measured and predicted with mathematics, but she soon realised that actually, approximations were more normal. In fact, they were often necessary. Her job mostly involved designing the navigation system for a company that produced technology for vehicles, but she was keen to learn more than her work allowed her. When she got a place on a postgraduate degree at university, she went back to her first love – studying the stars.

Because of her research, she was asked by a television producer to write a book to accompany a TV programme that he was making, and she happily accepted. Since then, she has gone on to write four more books.

In 2019, she was made the head of the Second Earth Centre. For Sara, it’s a dream come true, especially as she was able to name the centre herself. She has spent much of her professional life looking for another planet with similar conditions to the planet Earth. She has already identified light coming from another planet and hopes to locate the basics of life on another planet before she retires – signs of water and the possibility of other creatures.

Her love of space is something that she shares with her children, although her son has been working as a teacher and is working to bring a special programme working with astronauts and space experts into schools to encourage the next generation. His mum will be proud.

Part 3

Read the text about transport. For gaps 1–10, choose the correct word (a, b, c or d). 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Transport, goods and services

See: *English File 4th edition A2/B1*

Files 8B, 10C

English File 4th edition B1

File 3A

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|----|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| 0 | a subway | b crossing | c taxi | d parking |
| 1 | a want | b feel | c need | d fancy |
| 2 | a direct | b around | c straight | d until |
| 3 | a for | b because | c why | d so |
| 4 | a for | b by | c since | d ago |
| 5 | a when | b if | c unless | d once |
| 6 | a serious | b long | c sensible | d hard |
| 7 | a traffic | b cars | c lorries | d crowd |
| 8 | a who | b what | c that | d whose |
| 9 | a like | b mean | c enjoy | d know |
| 10 | a stops | b starts | c beginnings | d changes |

Gap	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Option	a										

TOTAL											

Getting around Paris

Any city with a lot of 0 subway stations will be easy to get around, and Paris is no exception. You can quickly cross the city, but if you 1 _____ taking a slower route, there are plenty of alternative ways to travel around. After all, if you go 2 _____ to your destination, you might miss so much along the way. My personal favourite method is the tram. That's 3 _____ the number 3 route goes past the beautiful parks at the city university, and on a sunny day, you can't beat it. It's been a favourite of mine 4 _____ my days as a student there, and always brings back happy memories.

I would also recommend taking the subway to the Palais Royal. It's a little out of the way, but 5 _____ you didn't go, you would miss one of the greatest sights at the entrance to the station. The gardens there are truly remarkable.

Although Paris has a lot of busy, wide streets, 6 _____ accidents are very rare, but it takes a long time to get anywhere around the city centre. That means that there is a lot of 7 _____ though, and few people choose to drive around Paris on a weekend visit. Around the quieter streets, there are bicycles for hire at different places all around the city, so you can cycle the shorter journeys and then use public transport for the longer trips. It's suitable for people 8 _____ route takes them around a mix of places.

When people say that Paris is best seen in spring, what they really 9 _____ to say is that the streets smell beautiful as you walk around in this season, when the perfumed trees are full of flowers. If you decide to see the city by boat, from the river Seine, there are plenty of 10 _____ along the journey, where you can get off, enjoy a gentle walk by the river, and re-join the boat a little further down. You'll always be glad you took the time.