

Reading Exam 4

Part 1

Read the leaflet about a library service called Health Point. Match paragraphs 1–5 with headings A–H. There are two headings you do not need. 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Health and physical care
See: *English File 4th edition A2/B1*
 Files 7 Practical English, 10C
English File 4th edition B1
 File 2A

- A Get fit with us
- B Your local contacts
- C Help with travel
- D Social club support
- E Can you help us to raise funds?
- F Borrowing items
- G *We're here to help*
- H Getting online advice

Paragraph	0	1	2	3	4	5
Heading	G					

					TOTAL	

Health Point

Paragraph 0

We're an organization that provides information and support for people who have a long-term health problem, or just would like information on living a healthier life style. We can help you manage your health condition and get the professional support you need.

Paragraph 1

Visit our office in the library in the main square, where our full-time staff have a range of books and leaflets that will help you to learn more. They will be happy just to discuss things you can do to improve your health. You can also speak to a nurse who will be happy to make an appointment with you.

Paragraph 2

We have arrangements with Go Health, a chain of sports centres, so that you can use their gym and swimming facilities at discount rates. They have centres across the country, so you're sure to find somewhere to suit your needs.

Paragraph 3

Some of you have been referred to us by your doctor because you need something specific. We have a range of equipment that can help with daily use, for short-term or long-term use. We can lend this free of charge.

Paragraph 4

We know that for retired people it may be more difficult to come to our office in person. Please contact our office and we will be happy to arrange transport for you.

Paragraph 5

We are a voluntary organization and we are always looking for people to help collect money. We organize several events throughout the year and, thanks to your generous support, we are able to be there for the people who need our help right now.

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Part 2

Read the article about driving across America. Decide if each statement (1–10) is true (T) or false (F). 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Travel and vacations
See: *English File 4th edition A2/B1*
 Files 10B, 11A, 12A
English File 4th edition B1
 File 3A

- 0 *Dan travelled with his sister.*
- 1 Dan's dad got the idea of travelling from a TV show.
- 2 Dan's family thought his dad was crazy to do such a journey.
- 3 Dan was about to start secondary school when they went on the trip.
- 4 Dan and his family had no idea where they were going as they left.
- 5 Dan's sister was particularly scared of the local animals.
- 6 Dan's dad used a lot of modern technology along the way.
- 7 Dan particularly remembers the hotels with a swimming pool.
- 8 A cowboy rescued them from a dangerous animal one evening.
- 9 Dan felt that he spent his money badly during the trip.
- 10 Dan would do the trip the same way again if he could.

Statement	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Option	<i>T</i>										

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The longest journey

When I was a kid growing up in Toronto, my dad got this idea that we were going to go on a great American road trip – just me, my sister and him. There are lots of American road trips in films and on TV, but for those of you not familiar with the idea – it means travelling by car most of the day, and staying in hotels along the way. On a cold, dark day in Toronto, walking past a travel agent's, my dad saw a photo of the Lost Pines Hotel, and just decided there and then that this was the adventure we were missing in our lives. My dad announced his plans at a big family dinner one Friday evening. Most of the people there just looked amazed, although a few told him very directly that it was a stupid idea. But my sister had reached the end of her secondary school and I was just one year behind her. It was as good a time as any to pack up and go.

The basic idea was very simple. We wanted to get from point A, our house in Toronto, to the hotel he'd seen in the shop window, in Texas, and we had to do it within 26 days, which was all the holiday that my dad had saved up over the last two years. It was a little worrying – I became convinced that we might crash, or end up going in completely the wrong direction. My sister had an even greater fear – meeting a rattle snake in the desert along the way. But dad was confident that this was the trip for us.

We went a little 'old school' and went to the local bookstore and bought a map. At that time, satellite navigation was the latest thing, and although it did sometimes help us in the cities, most of the time we were in the middle of nowhere and the satnav kept breaking down. My dad did contact friends along the way, and they recommended a place to stay for the night, or sometimes we even stayed with them. After the long, hot journey, I think we all just wanted to shower off and get to bed, but most evenings we took the time to swim in the local river or stream, and that did more to wash away the problems of the day than anything else.

I remember one time when we got so lost that a local cowboy had to get us back to the main road by driving in front of us. As he waved us goodbye, he gave us a very strict warning about the dangers of the local wildlife and not having enough water. At other times, we stopped at famous sites along the way. They weren't really famous, but they were worth visiting – some bat caves or the tallest hamburger restaurant sign in the United States. We always made sure that we stopped in the gift shop to use up the small amount of dollars that our grandmother had given us on something that we usually threw away a few more days into the trip. We had to travel light, after all.

It was a memorable vacation, and one that my sister and I have discussed repeating now that we're older. We actually had some amazing experiences, seeing wild dolphins and watching crocodiles catching their dinner for the night. We returned tired and dirty, but smiling.

Part 3

Read the text about a trip to a music festival. For gaps 1–5, choose the correct sentence from options A–H. There are two sentences you do not need. 0 is the example.

EOI Topic: Free time and leisure activities
See: *English File 4th edition* A2/B1
 Files 8C, 12A, 12B
English File 4th edition B1
 File 3A

- A Because of that alone, I just didn't want to return.
- B My sister was no happier than me.
- C Not that it would stop us, neither of us wanted to miss anything.
- D *She said that she couldn't possibly allow it.*
- E Meanwhile, my sister was busy organizing an alternative plan.
- F It had already started to rain hard and we were tired.
- G I felt much more relaxed when we had made that decision.
- H Eventually, we decided to try the bus.

Gap	0	1	2	3	4	5
Sentence	D					

				TOTAL	

The Festival

My mother was always very strict with my sister and me. When our town agreed to hold a music festival in the local park, we were both desperate to go. My mother made it clear that she didn't like the idea. **0** D I was heartbroken. In my 13-year-old mind, if one of the singers went sick, or got stuck in traffic, I felt certain that they were going to invite me to sing on stage instead and everybody would love me!

I went to my room, feeling sad that my mother had just killed off all my dreams. **1** _____ She was not the type to accept a loss like that without a fight. The next day, she explained her plan. We would pretend we had an event on at school that weekend, walk to the festival instead, and use the bus money to pay for our ticket. It was a very long way from our house to the park.

2 _____ That's because I had my dreams of becoming famous and my sister expected to meet the one man she felt sure she was going to marry – just as soon as she was old enough to get married. He was in the band playing first. Our mother accepted our story surprisingly well, and so the Saturday of the festival, we were on our way.

After the first few kilometres or so, I was feeling a little less pleased with myself. **3** _____ Despite getting wet, we carried on, but I wasn't pleased that the hour I'd spent preparing my hair and make up for my stage debut had been wasted. **4** _____ She thought that high-heeled shoes would make her look older and more attractive, so the shoes she was wearing weren't very good for walking. The first band was already playing and were still at least an hour away.

I turned back and looked down the long, straight road we had already walked, and had the feeling someone was watching us. There were a few gardens and side roads, but not many people around. Still, I felt uncomfortable. My sister took her shoes off and we walked a little faster. I considered taking the bus back home – we still had our money after all. When the stones started hurting my sister's feet, and the rain started falling off her nose, she turned to me and suggested we give up. I readily agreed. **5** _____ As we approached the crossroads at the end of the road, a familiar car stopped behind us.

'Do you need a lift to your study group?' our mother asked, 'And those are such nice clothes!' She knew all the time.