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English Reading Practice Papers Year 6

Book 2

- The Isle of Man lies in the Irish Sea between England and Ireland. It is approximately thirty three miles long and fourteen miles wide.



- The island is named after the Celtic sea-god Mannan.
- The island's eighty thousand inhabitants speak English although there is also a native language called Manx which is a Celtic language and is related to Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Cornish, Breton and Welsh.
- Only a handful of adults speak Manx although there are over

seventy pupils who are pupils in a Manx language primary school who receive their education through the medium of Manx just as thousands of children in Wales attend Welsh-medium schools.

- The Isle of Man's main industry is tourism. Its capital is Douglas which is an extremely popular sea-side resort. The island has many lovely beaches and visitors flock to the island during the summer to stay in one of Douglas' many hotels or to rent a cottage near the beautiful coast.
- Some visitors even come hoping to see Minke Whales and Basking Sharks which can be seen in the waters around the island at certain times of the year.
- The Isle of Man also has its own breed of cat, which comes in a variety of



- colours. But none of the Manx cats has a tail!
- The island is also famous for the TT motor cycle races which have been held annually since the beginning of the twentieth century. Many of the island's roads are closed for a fortnight each year and motorcyclists from all over the world race against the clock on the island's

roads.

- Although Queen Elizabeth II is the head of the Isle of Man the islanders rule themselves. People representing different areas of the island meet in The House Of Keys to make laws concerning Education, Health and the Police.
- The island is surprisingly hilly and the highest mountain is called Snae Fell which reaches a height of 620 metres.
- The Isle of Man has a warm climate, with mild winters and cool summers and a higher rainfall than most of mainland Britain.
- Before the development of airports, a three hour ferry journey from Liverpool or Heysham was the only way to reach the island but nowadays, a twenty-minute flight from Manchester, Blackpool or Liverpool airports take you to Ronaldsway, the Island's only airport.

1. How many people live on the Isle of Man?

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2. Choose two ways of getting to the island from this list.

by car	<input type="checkbox"/>	by boat/ship	<input type="checkbox"/>	by plane	<input type="checkbox"/>	on foot	<input type="checkbox"/>
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3. The main language of the Isle of Man is:.....

4. The Isle of Man got its name :

a) because only men live there	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) it was found by a man	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) the island is man-made	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) from an ancient sea-god called Mannan	<input type="checkbox"/>

5. Manx belongs to the Celtic group of languages. Choose the other Celtic languages from this list.

Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cornish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scots Gaelic	<input type="checkbox"/>	French	<input type="checkbox"/>
German	<input type="checkbox"/>	Breton	<input type="checkbox"/>	Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. The text tells us that:

Only a handful of adults speak Manx

This means that:

a) all children on the island speak Manx	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) only a few people speak Manx	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) only Vikings speak Manx	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) everybody speaks Manx	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tick one box.


7. Read the following sentences carefully.

- *The Isle of Man's main industry is tourism. Its capital is Douglas which is an extremely popular sea-side resort. The island has many lovely beaches and visitors flock to the island during the summer to stay in one of Douglas' many hotels or to rent a cottage near the beautiful coast.*
- *Some visitors even come hoping to see Minke Whales and Basking Sharks which can be seen in the waters around the island at certain times of the year.*

- a) Find and underline two things which make the Isle of Man a pleasant place to spend a holiday.
- b) Find and copy the names of two unusual creatures which can sometimes be seen off the island's coast.
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8. Read the text carefully and draw four lines to show the words which mean the same as the words in the text. One has been done for you;

very	rent
weather	annually
hire	fortnight
every year	extremely
two weeks	climate



9. Complete this sentence: "The Manx cat is different from an ordinary cat because..."

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10. Find and underline **three verbs** or **doing words** from this part of the text which tells us about the weather on the Isle of Man.

The Isle of Man has a warm climate, with mild winters and cool summers and a higher rainfall than most of mainland Britain.

11. What is the purpose of the whole text?

a) to persuade you to learn Manx ☐

b) to inform you about the Isle of Man ☐

c) to discuss strange animals ☐

d) to amuse you ☐

Tick one box

Iwan was floating on a wave of pain. The water closed in on him, filling his head with a red and black cloud. He was falling, falling, deeper and deeper. Drowning.

"It's all over. You can wake up now. When the pain wears off, you'll be as good as new. He opened one eye carefully and saw a blue-clad nurse smiling at him. Behind her, his mother stood, staring anxiously.

That was ten days ago but yet again today, the vision of himself slipping on a loose rock and falling into the sea had returned like a bad dream. He roused himself from sleep and lifted his hand to wipe his sticky eyes. But the hard plaster scratched his cheek. "Blast. I'd forgotten about these." He inspected his arms, both of which were covered with plaster of Paris like two white tree trunks. "I can't even feed or dress myself. I'm just like a baby again." His eyes filled with angry tears. "How could I have done something so idiotic?" He had asked himself the same question endlessly over the past week. He was so cross. His summer holiday ruined. No Soccer School with his friends this week and no walking up Snowdon with Dad. No camping with the family over the bank holiday weekend either. The only good thing to come out of this mess was that he wouldn't be able to go to school until he could get about on his own. But, that wasn't all good either. He was supposed to start secondary school in three weeks. That wouldn't happen now and everybody would have made new friends and he would still be stuck here, unable to do anything for himself. Lying on his back, staring at the white ceiling.

He shifted his position and felt the weight of the plaster on his lower left leg. The Bionic Man. That's what his Dad had called him. A super-hero built out of spare parts. Well, his leg and both arms were full of metal plates and pins which had been inserted to hold his shattered bones together.

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"I bought you some grapes. Mam said to buy the seedless ones". Daf shoved the brown paper bag awkwardly towards Iwan.

"Thanks. Just put them down there will you?" Iwan tilted his head towards the coffee table. "I can't do much like this".

"Sorry." Daf's face was becoming more and more flushed. He really did not know what to say to his friend. After all, Iwan and he would still be camping in his grandparents back garden had he not persuaded Iwan to climb the cliff to see the puffin's nest which was inside a rabbit hole on a grassy ledge.

"It's the stupid puffin's fault. Not yours" Iwan sensed Daf's embarrassment. "I chose to climb. I made a poor decision. I should have been more sensible. Who in their right mind would try to climb down a vertical cliff wearing flip-flops?"

1. Where was Iwan at the beginning of the story?

a) swimming in the sea	
b) flying in the clouds	
c) on holiday on the beach	
d) in a hospital bed	

Tick one box.

2. Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
The nurse was wearing a white dress		
Iwan had been run over by a car		
Iwan had broken both his arms		
The accident happened over Christmas		

3. How many days ago did Iwan have the accident?

two		seven		ten		four	
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Tick one box.

4. The story describes how Iwan's arms looked by using a simile.
Find and copy the simile in this extract:

He roused himself from sleep and lifted his hand to wipe his sticky eyes. But the hard plaster scratched his cheek. "Blast. I'd forgotten about these." He inspected his arms, both of which were covered with plaster of Paris like two white tree trunks. I can't even feed or dress myself. I'm just like a baby again. His eyes filled with angry tears.

5. Tick the things which Iwan would be able to do this summer.

watch television		go camping		wash himself		sit in the garden	
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6. Read this part of the story carefully and draw four lines to show the words which mean the same as the words in the story. One has been done for you;

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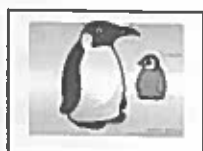
stupid	cross
spoiled	holiday
vacation	ruined
football	idiotic
annoyed	soccer

7. Put these events in order by numbering them from 1 to 5

One has been done for you.

Daf visits Iwan after he returns home	5
Iwan spends several days in hospital	
Iwan climbs a cliff	
Iwan has an operation to put metal plates into his arms and legs	
Iwan falls and injures himself	

8. Iwan was climbing down the cliff so he could see a puffin's nest. Look at the pictures below and tick the box showing the puffin.


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9. According to the text, how are puffins' nests different from other birds' nests?

10. Read the extract below.

a) Underline two words or phrases which show that Daf was feeling uncomfortable when he went to visit Iwan.

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"Thanks. Just put them down there will you?" Iwan tilted his head towards the coffee table. "I can't do much like this".

b) Find an copy a word which means the same as 'pushed'

11. This is a copy of the story. Label each arrow to show the different parts of the story.

A - when Iwan realises that no one was to blame except himself.

B - dialogue

C - when Iwan looks back at his accident

D - .when Iwan is extremely angry about his accident

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Tre Morfa,
Gwynedd,
LL53 8UQ.

The Managing Director,
Arizona Garden Products,
Chester,
CH36 7TA.

May 16th 2013.

Dear Sir,

I recently purchased some garden furniture on behalf of my mother, Sioned Davies, of the above address. It was the 'Cambria Suite', which consisted of a glass-topped table with metal legs and six dining chairs with blue striped fabric cushions. My mother paid by credit card. The order was placed by me over the phone. Unfortunately, although delivery was prompt, I have two complaints which I would like you to see to as soon as possible.

The furniture was delivered safely yesterday morning (Saturday, May 16th) as we had arranged and my mother and I excitedly began to unwrap the boxes. As soon as we had unpacked the chairs and the table, we realised that there were only four chairs. We phoned 'Quik-del' the company who had delivered the furniture, but they had no more boxes at their warehouse which were addressed to us. I can only presume that you miscounted the chairs when you were packing them.

The second problem was that the beautiful glass-topped table had a huge curved scratch about twenty centimetres long across its centre.

We paid almost £200 for the furniture and as my mother and I spent several evenings researching on the internet before choosing your product, we are both extremely disappointed, both in condition of the table top and that the set was missing two chairs.

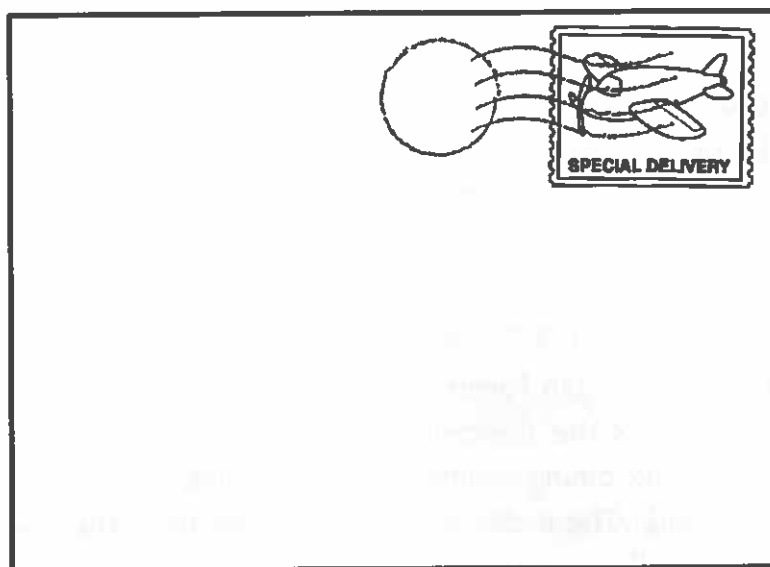
My father returns home from Dubai where he has been working next weekend and we had a family barbeque planned to welcome him home. This was why we bought new garden furniture.

We would like two dining chairs and a new table-top delivered within the next five days please or we must demand our money back. This is not the type of service we would expect from such a well-respected company as 'Arizona'.

Yours faithfully,

Ceri Davies.

1. Find and copy the writer's name and address onto the envelope below.



2. To whom is the writer writing her letter?

a) Ceri Davies	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) a person called Sir	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Sioned Davies	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The Managing Director	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tick one box.

3. Put ticks to show which statements are **true** and which are **false**.

	True	False
Arizona Garden Products are based in Chester	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The chairs have leather covers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The furniture arrived late	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The furniture was paid for by credit card	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. How many things does the writer want to complain about?

two	<input type="checkbox"/>	one	<input type="checkbox"/>	three	<input type="checkbox"/>	four	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Tick one box.

5. Read this part of the letter carefully and draw four lines to show the words which mean the same as the words in the letter. One has been done for you;

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unluckily

not long ago

material

on time

bought

purchased

unfortunately

prompt

recently

fabric

6. Tick the items which were originally ordered.

wooden table ☐

tablecloth ☐

six chairs ☐

umbrella ☐

glass-topped table ☐

four chairs ☐

7. The customers were not happy with the furniture when it arrived because:

a) there were only four chairs ☐

b) they had ordered a wooden table ☐

c) there was no matching tablecloth ☐

d) the glass top was badly scratched ☐

Tick two boxes.

8. Find and copy two reasons why the writer is feeling disappointed in this paragraph.

We paid almost £200 for the furniture and as my mother and I spent several evenings researching on the internet before choosing your product, we are both extremely disappointed, both in condition of the table top and that the set was missing two chairs.

i).....

ii).....

9. The writer would like:

more chairs	
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her money back	
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a garden umbrella	
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a new table	
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Tick two boxes.

10. Put these events in order by numbering them from 1 to 5

One has been done for you.

They complain to Arizona Garden Products	
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The furniture arrives	
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They are disappointed with the products	
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They spend time researching before ordering	1
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They open the packages	
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11. It was important that the complete set of furniture arrived soon because:

a) Dad was coming home from Dubai	
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b) they didn't like the chair covers	
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c) they had a special family party planned	
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d) they hoped it wouldn't rain during the barbecue	
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