

DESCRIBING

LISTENING COMPREHENSION: 1

DESCRIBING PEOPLE



Listen carefully to the text to do the activities.

Jawed Bensalem is an Algerian student in London. He has two English friends, Anne Quilan and Brian Stevens.

Anne is a nice girl. She has blue eyes with a small nose and a tiny mouth. She is not fat. She is very tall and slim. She has a light complexion with ginger straight hair.

Anne is a helpful person. She likes helping others and doing things for them. She loves giving presents to her friends. She is very generous and she has a cheerful personality.

Jawed likes his friend Anne because she *never* forgets his birthdays. She *always* sends him a lovely present.

1* Listen to your teacher to say if there are any negative sentences in the listening passage. If so, how many?

2* Listen to your teacher to complete the following table:

IDENTITY	Name		
	Age		
	Nationality		
	Occupation		
PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	Hair		
	Eyes		
	Nose		
	Mouth		
	Weight		
	Height		
HOBBIES TASTES	likes		
	loves		
PERSONALITY FEATURES	is		
	has		

3* Use the above table to reconstruct the listening passage.

☞ Pay attention to:

- ✓ Indentation.
- ✓ Punctuation.
- ✓ Capital & small letters.

LISTENING COMPREHENSION 2

DESCRIBING PEOPLE 'S REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Listen carefully to the text to do the activities.

First, Jawed Bensalem **usually** wakes up early. After that, he **often** has her breakfast in the university refectory. Then, he **generally** starts his lectures at 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. In the afternoon, he **sometimes** goes to surf in the university cyber café. Later, he **regularly** meets his friends in the university common room to watch TV or talk. Next, Jawed **usually** does his homework before going to bed. Finally, he **never** stays up late.

1* Listen to your teacher to say if there are any negative sentences in the listening passage. If so, how many?

2* Listen to your teacher to fill in the following table:

SEQUENCERS	SUBJECT	ADVERB	VERB	<i>Object</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Time</i>
	PEOPLE WHO?	ADVERBS How often.....?	ACTIVITIES ACTION?	REST OF SENTENCE		

3* Rewrite the listening passage in a paragraph (§) form.



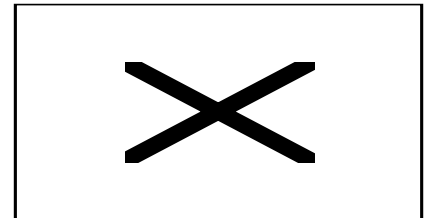
Pay attention to:

- ✓ Indentation.
- ✓ Punctuation.
- ✓ Capital & small letters.

READING COMPREHENSION



*DESCRIBING A PLACE
Sun, sand and sea*



Read the passage carefully then do the activities.

Anne Quilan, Brian Stevens and Jawed Bensalem are in the university refectory. They are talking about Jawed's hometown.

Ziama, my hometown, is a nice seaside village. It is situated in eastern Algeria. It has a population of 10,000 inhabitants. In my hometown, there are some amenities and public services.

When you enter it, coming from jijel, the first building you can see on the right of Main Street is a brand new mosque. There are quite a few shops on each side of the road. There is a greengrocer's where you can buy fruit and vegetables. You can purchase milk, sugar, coffee, tins of food and other items at the grocer's, which is between the greengrocer's and the mosque. Opposite the grocer's is the local butcher's who sells fresh meat such as lamb, mutton and chicken. Near it, on the same side of the street, there are three restaurants, which serve fresh local food. At the corner of the Main Street and Beach Road there is a baker's. The drugstore is between the cyber café and the library. Off Main St, past the public garden, towards the beach, there is a post-office just opposite Town Hall. The Plaza Hotel faces the coach station.

Ziama is famous for its beaches and forests. Algerian and foreign holidaymakers come from very far places to breathe fresh air or to camp along the wonderful sandy beaches.

1* How many paragraphs are there in the above passage?

2* Write the letter which best completes the sentence.

3* Are these statements true, false, or not mentioned? Write 'T', 'F', or 'NM' below the number of the sentence.

1. Ziama is an inland village.
2. Ziama is situated in the east of Algeria.
3. The restaurants are next to the butcher's.
4. Most of the visitors are English.

1.	2.	3.	4.

5* What do the underlined words refer to?

1* <u>It</u> is situated	1*
2* ... <u>you</u> can buy	2*
3* Near <u>it</u> ...	3*
4* ... <u>its</u> beaches and forests	4*

6* Match questions with corresponding answers.

1.	a)
2.	b)
3.	c)
4.	d)

7* Read the text to complete the map of Ziama.

8* Give the general idea of the text.

9* Copy the title which you think is the most appropriate.

a) Ziama's Beaches

b) Beautiful Ziama

c) Ziama's Mountains

10.1* Match words and synonyms.

1* buy	a)close
2* near	b)known
3* famous	c)purchase

10.2* Match words and opposites.

1* seaside	a)left
2* right	b)unknown
3* famous	c)inland

10.3* Match words and definitions.

1* The town of one's birth	a)Holidaymakers
2* A region with trees	b)Hometown
3* People who go on vacation	c)Forest

MASTERY OF LANGUAGE

1* Supply punctuation and capitals where necessary.

algiers is the largest city and the capital of algeria it is situated some seven hundred kilometers west of annaba it has a population of more than two million inhabitants

2* Copy the odd one out from each line of four words.

Algiers	London	Annaba	Paris
right	often	left	between
inhabitants	small	blue	big
grocer's	hospital	supermarket	baker's
America	England	Oran	Morocco

3* Add more words to a list.

opposite	behind		
Africa	Australia		
Italian	Chinese		
Mosque	School		

4* Match words & their definitions.

WORDS	DEFINITIONS
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1* rural	A* related to a town
2* a hometown	B* related to agriculture
3* urban	C* the place of one's birth

5* Match words & their opposites.

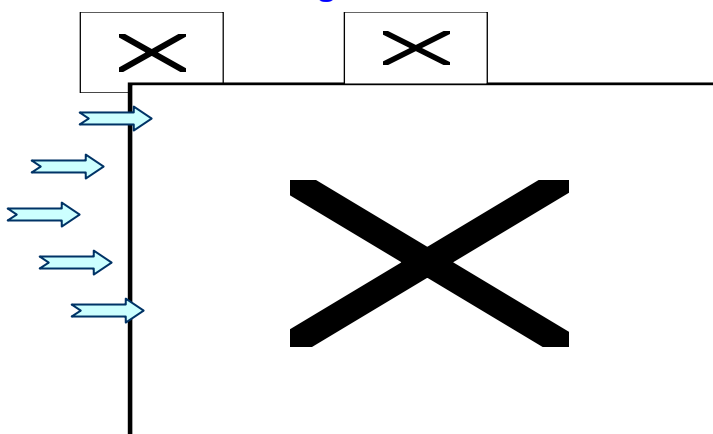
WORDS	OPPOSITES
1* north	a* west
2* east	b* rural
3* urban	c* south

6* Copy the following table and divide the words into roots and suffixes.

WORDS	ROOTS	SUFFIXES
Thoughtful		
Cheerless		

7.1* Which adjectives can be derived from the following nouns:

NOUNS	ADJECTIVES
rock	
hair	
cloud	
rain	
wind	
sun	
ice	
Fun	
mud	



7.2* which adjectives can be derived from these nouns?

NOUNS	ADJECTIVES
1. thought	
2. care	
3. grace	
4. cheer	
5. fear	
6. beauty *	

7.2.1* Complete each sentence by inserting one of the above appropriate adjectives.

- The lion is a animal.
- A person can do nothing for himself.
- Diana was a Princess.
- Mary likes thinking of others. She is a person.
- Rachid has a personality.
- Butterflies have colours.

8* Give the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- We (have) English now.
- I am on holiday. I (not/work) this week.
- Why (you/wear) your coat today?
- At this moment, my English (get) better and better.
- The world population (change).
- The prices of computers (decrease).

9* Give the plural form of the following words:

After s		After x		After sh		After ch	
1*glass		1*box		1*dish		1*match	
2*kiss		2*tax		2* brush		2*lunch	
3*virus		3*fax		3*wash		3*bunch	

10* Every sentence contains one mistake and one mistake only. Write the sentence without the mistake.

- The baker's is the green grocer's between and the café.
- The butcher's is situated at the street of the corner.
- Sanaa is sitting next Shahra.
- The theatre is located the right of Main Street.

11* Classify the following words according to the number of their syllables:

dog – green – orange – expensive – interesting – realistic – listen – seaside – amenities – public – holidaymaker

1 Syllable	2 Syllables	3 Syllables	4 Syllables +
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REMEMBER !

- 👉 Every word is made from syllables.
- 👉 Every word has one, two, three, four or more syllables.
- 👉 Every syllable contains at least one vowel (a, e, i, o, or u).

12* Choose pairs that rhyme.

1. wife	a) see
2. thin	b) sky
3. sea	c) life
4. cry	d) heaven
5. seven	e) chin
6. narrow	f) their
7. there	g)barrow

13.1* Classify these words according to the pronunciation of their final 's':

/ s / , / iz / or / z /

kicks-taps-bets-proofs / paragraphs-baths-houses-breezes-blush-church-ages-bridges-hides-bags-calls

/ s /	/ iz /	/ z /
After.....	After.....

13.2* Classify these words according to the pronunciation of their final 's':

paragraphs- marries- oranges- groups- flocks- friends- gases- kisses- hats- uses- calls- laughs- judges-cups- beliefs- pulls

WRITTEN EXPRESSION

1. This is a conversation between A and B. Complete what A says.

- A*
- B* I live in Annaba.
- A*
- B* No, it is not. It is a seaside town.
- A*
- B* It is situated in the north east of Algeria.
- A*
- B* Yes, of course. There are many amenities and public services.
- A*
- B* Annaba is famous for El-Hadjar factory and the beaches.

2* Letter Writing:

✉ You have found the following name & address of a pen friend in El-Watan newspaper:

Bob Dylan
45th Avenue
New York NY007
U.S.A

✉ Write your first letter to your new pen friend to describe your :

- ✎ Identity & physical appearance.
- ✎ Hobbies & personality.
- ✎ Regular activities.

✎ **Form** = Type of text
✎ Letter

✎ **Content :**

✎ **Identity & physical appearance.**

Name	
Age	
Nationality	
Occupation	
Hair	
Eyes	
Complexion	
Height	
Weight	

✎ **Hobbies & personality.**

Hobbies	
Personality	

✎ **Regular activities.**

SEQUENCERS	SUBJECT	ADVERB	VERB	REST OF SENTENCE
First,	I	<i>generally</i>	wake up	At 6 a.m.
Next,				
Then,				
After,				
Later,				
Finally,				

2* Letter writing

✉ Write a letter to a pen friend to describe your hometown.

✎ **Form** = Type of text
✎ Letter

✎ **Content :**

✎ **Is your hometown a town, a village ?**

☞ **Inland or seaside place ?**

☞ **Where is it located / situated?**

- ✓ ... in the north of / south of / east of / west of
- ✓ ... in northern / southern / western / eastern

☞ **Number of the inhabitants?**

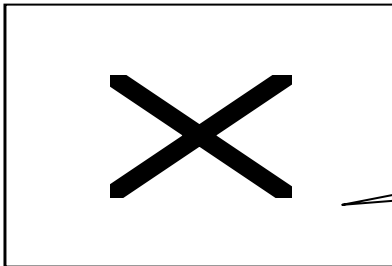
- ✓ ... has a population of inhabitants

☞ **Are there any amenities and public services?**

☞ **Where are these amenities and public services located ?**

- ✓ ... is/are next to ... / opposite .../ at the corner of ... & ... / on the right of ... / on the left of .../ between ... & ... / near ... / not far from .../

☞ **What is your home-town famous for ?**



**Home is all the people I miss
while being away!**