

# KS2 Reading for Inference



Name.....

Here is a list made for someone who is packing their bag for their holiday.

<i>Flip flops</i>	<i>Sunglasses</i>	<i>Walking Boots</i>
<i>T Shirts</i>	<i>Camera</i>	<i>Pens &amp; Pencils</i>
<i>New Jacqueline Wilson book</i>	<i>Bikini</i>	<i>Jeans</i>
<i>Trainers</i>	<i>Party dress</i>	<i>Sketch book</i>
<i>Pippa Penguin</i>	<i>Binoculars</i>	<i>Pink, Flowery Sunhat</i>
<i>'A Guide to Spanish Birds' book</i>	<i>Sun-cream</i>	<i>Socks</i>

Using the information from the list, can you answer these questions?

1.	How old do you think the person is who wrote the list? What leads you to think this?
2.	Do you think the person is male or female? What leads you to think this?
3.	What hobbies do you think the person has? What leads you to think this?
4.	Where do you think they are going on holiday? What will the weather be like? What leads you to think this?

## Answers

1.	How old do you think the person is who wrote the list? What leads you to think this?
She is between 7 and 12. She has a Jacqueline Wilson book, an adult bird book and a cuddly toy.	
2.	Do you think the person is male or female? What leads you to think this?
She is probably female - She has packed a party dress and a bikini.	
3.	What hobbies do you think the person has? What leads you to think this?
She likes bird watching, walking and sketching. She has packed a bird book, binoculars, walking boots, a sketch book, pens and pencils.	
4.	Where do you think she is going on holiday? What will the weather be like? What leads you to think this?
She is going to Spain. It will be hot and sunny. She has packed Spanish bird book, sunglasses and sun-cream.	

## Changing Holiday Habits (non-fiction),

Over the course of the last forty years, there has been an enormous change in the way that British families take their annual holidays. Up to the 1970s most families would holiday at the British coast in traditional seaside towns. It would be common and usual for extended families to go away for at least a week and stay in a caravan, a tent or small boarding house or hotel. Days would traditionally be spent on the beach, digging sandcastles, paddling or playing games such as cricket with other families. In the evenings, families would often entertain themselves playing board games or cards.

Although there were advantages to this kind of holiday, British weather can be unpredictable in the summer. So when it became much cheaper to fly abroad, families started to take 'package' holidays to places like Spain and Greece where the weather was almost guaranteed to be better.

Sadly nowadays, British seaside towns are much quieter and struggle to compete with the attraction of continental holidays. Family holidays today don't tend to include grand parents or uncles and aunts and this might be seen as a sad development.

Using the information from Changing Holiday Habits (non-fiction),  
answer these questions.

1. Where did families usually spend their holidays up to the 1970s?

2. What do you think an 'extended' family is?

3. Name three kinds of places families used to stay in at the seaside?

4. A) How would they spend their evenings?  
B) Do you think families do this nowadays? If not, what do they do?

A)

B)

5. Give 2 reasons why British seaside holidays became less popular?

6. Name two countries where people started to go for their holidays?

7. What do you think is meant by a 'package' holiday?

8. Have British seaside towns done well recently? Why is this?

Changing Holiday Habits (non-fiction),

Answers

1. Where did families usually spend their holidays up to the 1970s?

They were spent in traditional British seaside towns.

2. What do you think an 'extended' family is?

A family including grandparents and uncles and aunts and cousins.

3. Name three kinds of places families used to stay in at the seaside?

Caravans, tents, boarding houses, hotels.

4. A) How would they spend their evenings?  
B) Do you think families do this nowadays? If not, what do they do?

A) Playing board games and cards.

B) Some families do and some families will watch DVDs and play on computer games.

5. Give 2 reasons why British seaside holidays became less popular?

Britain has unpredictable weather and there was a growth in cheap holiday flights.

6. Name two countries where people started to go for their holidays?

Spain and Greece.

7. What do you think is meant by a 'package' holiday?

A holiday where flights, accommodation and meals are packaged together.

8. Have British seaside towns done well recently? Why is this?

They have not because people have changed their holiday habits and don't go to holidays in the U.K. as much.

## Destination Disappointment

My first impression of the place was that it was draughty, cold and very cramped. The steps up to the front door were rickety and covered in mud and freshly-cut grass. When we had walked in, we all stood huddled in the crowded kitchen area creating a large puddle on the lino floor. The noise from the rain drumming on the thin metal roof was deafening.

"Where's my bedroom?" I asked Mum. She paused before answering, "You're sharing with your brother.....and sister."

"What?" we all said together, hardly believing this devastating news. "Yes," said Mum "It will be fine, we're on holiday!"

I looked around the dingy, dark and damp place. I noticed an enormous T.V. which was as deep as it was wide. It was chilly in the living area (you couldn't call it a room!) so Dad set about trying to light the gas fire. After a few minutes all he had achieved was a pile of 15 burnt matches, a strong and unpleasant smell of gas and two scorched fingers. "All of our warm bodies will soon warm this place up." he said with a very thin smile. "We're on holiday! Now Tom let's get unpacked and settled in, we can have something to eat and watch some T.V." We dragged our damp bags into the tiny room that was to be our bedroom for a fortnight, a fortnight! It had two bunk beds and a single bed, it smelled fusty, damp and stale. There was nowhere to unpack our bags so I told Mum. "You'll just have to keep your clothes in your bags, it will be fine, we're on holiday!".

I had noticed that when all three of us had gone into our bedroom, the whole structure had tilted like a see-saw. When I mentioned this to Dad all he said was it was an extra bonus and it meant we didn't have to go to the playground to use the see-saws, "After all," he said, "We're on holiday!"

Abbie was looking glum and less than impressed with her holiday destination. I suggested she put on the T.V. After a minute or two of fuzzy screens and much buzzing and hissing, all she could find was one channel that worked and was showing a gardening programme. When I told Mum and Dad I knew what they would say and I was right!

## Destination Disappointment Questions

Using information from the passage, can you answer these questions?

1.	A) What is the setting of this piece? B) What evidence do you have for believing this?
A)	
B)	
2.	How many people have gone on holiday?
3.	A) Why do you think sharing a bedroom was bad news? B) What word does the writer use to describe this news?
A)	
B)	
4.	How did Dad burn his fingers?
5.	If the box of matches was new and held 47 matches to begin with, how many were left?
6.	A) Is the T.V. modern or old fashioned? B) How do you know this?
A)	
B)	
7.	If the family arrived on Saturday 6th of August, when would they leave?
8.	Why did Dad say that they wouldn't need to go to the playground?
9.	A) What did the writer suggest might cheer Abbie up? B) Did it work? Why?
A)	
B)	
10.	What do you think Mum and Dad said when they were told that the T.V. didn't work properly?



Destination Disappointment    Answers

1.	A) What is the setting of this piece? B) What evidence do you have for believing this?
A) A caravan/ mobile home.	
B) It has a thin, metal roof, it's cramped, they have to share a bedroom and it's a bit like a see-saw when people go to one end of it.	
2.	How many people have gone on holiday?
5, Mum, Dad, Tom, Abbie and his Tom's other sister.	
3.	A) Why do you think sharing a bedroom was bad news? B) What word does the writer use to describe this news?
A) The room was small, had no space to unpack their bags and the children didn't like the idea of all being in the same room.	
B) It was 'devastating' news.	
4.	How did Dad burn his fingers?
He burned his fingers trying to light the gas fire with matches.	
5.	If the box of matches was new and held 47 matches to begin with, how many were left?
32 matches would be left.	
6.	A) Is the T.V. modern or old fashioned? B) How do you know this?
A) Old fashioned.	
B) It was enormous and as deep as it was long not like a flat-screen T.V.	
7.	If the family arrived on Saturday 6th of August, when would they leave?
They will leave on Saturday 20th August.	
8.	Why did Dad say that they wouldn't need to go to the playground?
Because the caravan acted like a see-saw when people went to one end of it.	
9.	A) What did the writer suggest might cheer Abbie up? B) Did it work? Why?
A) It was suggested she watched T.V.	
B) No it didn't work because the T.V. was faulty and the only channel they could watch featured a gardening programme.	
10.	What do you think Mum and Dad said when they were told that the T.V. didn't work properly?
They probably said ' We're on holiday'.	

Here is an extract from a holiday diary. Can you read it then answer the questions?

### DAY 1

Left home early, v. early, 3 hours drive to ferry. Poppy only sick 3 times! Boat crossing very rough, Mum only sick twice! Arrived lunch time then 4 hour drive to cottage. Dad very good at driving on wrong side of the road apart from forgetting signposts were in kilometres not miles. Poppy very pleased to arrive and explore garden with some great foreign smells! Pizza for tea from funny shop in nearby town, it was ok but not like proper British pizza, all tired especially Dad so early night.

### DAY 2

Would have had nice lie in but cockerel from next door's farm was awake at 5 a.m. and therefore so were we. Croissants for breakfast from local bakery, still warm mmmmmm! Not pleased to be back in car for drive to swimming pool in local town but only half an hour away. Struggled to understand all the signs and notices but we managed. Great time, all happy then back to cottage but DISASTER and CATASTROPHE!!! Poppy, who we thought we had locked up safely in garden, was waiting for us on the front door step surrounded by feathers and claws! Don't think we will be woken at 5 a.m. tomorrow morning!! Trip to farmer's house, Euros in hand, managed to explain situation (just) and gave puzzled farmer 50€. Oops.

Can you answer these questions based on the Holiday Diary extract?

1.	How many hours were spent driving on Day 1?
2.	What do you think the writer means by saying that Dad was good at driving on the 'wrong side of the road'?
3.	A) What do you think Poppy is? B) What clues lead you to believe this?
A)	
B)	
4.	What is strange about saying that the pizza wasn't like "proper British pizza"?
5.	Why was Dad especially tired?
6.	Why didn't the writer get a lie-in?
7.	If the average speed of the car on the journey to the swimming pool was 50 m.p.h. how far away was it?
8.	What had Poppy done while they were away?
9.	If a Euro is worth 80p, how much in pounds did they give the farmer?
10.	A) Where do you think they have gone on their holiday? B) What clues tell you this?
A)	
B)	

## Answers

1.	How many hours were spent driving on Day 1?
Dad drove for 7 hours.	
2.	What do you think the writer means by saying that Dad was good at driving on the 'wrong side of the road'?
On the continent they drive on the right hand side of the road, in the UK we drive on the left.	
3.	A) What do you think Poppy is? B) What clues lead you to believe this?
A) A dog.	
B) Poppy enjoyed the foreign smells and killed the farmer's cockerel.	
4.	What is strange about saying that the pizza wasn't like "proper British pizza"?
Pizza is originally from Italy so 'proper' British pizza doesn't make sense.	
5.	Why was Dad especially tired?
He had had a long day driving.	
6.	Why didn't the writer get a lie-in?
The cockerel woke them up.	
7.	If the average speed of the car on the journey to the swimming pool was 50 m.p.h. how far away was it?
25 miles.	
8.	What had Poppy done while they were away?
Poppy had escaped and eaten the cockerel.	
9.	If a Euro is worth 80p, how much in pounds did they give the farmer?
£40.	
10.	A) Where do you think they have gone on their holiday? B) What clues tell you this?
A) France.	
B) They took a ferry to get there; they drove on the wrong side of the road; the signposts were in kilometres not miles; they ate croissants for breakfast; they struggled to understand the signs and the notices at the swimming pool and they used Euros to pay the farmer.	

## A Postcard from Sophie

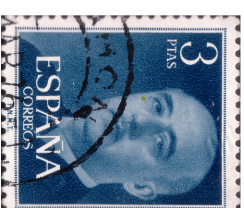
*Dear Grandma and Granddad (and Patch!),*

*We're having a great time. The weather is v. hot and sunny, we're all well but Dad has got a very red back and shoulders. Cuch! The hotel is great and I've marked where our room is with an X on the other side of the card. Stape Patch has settled into his new surroundings, give him a cuddle from me (that will make his tail wag). We've been to the Water Park twice already and we're going again tomorrow. Paella and Flamenco dancing in the hotel this evening. We're back on Monday so might see you before this arrives.*

*Lots of love,*

*Sophie xxxxx*

*P.S. Mum sends her love from the sun, Dad sends his love from the shade!*



*Ms and Mrs. Denton and Patch,*

*17, Curlew Close,*

*West Sicketon,*

*Milton Keynes.*

*MSM 4RT,*

*Inglaterra.*

Can you answer these questions about Sophie's postcard?

1.	A) What do you think Patch is? B) What is your evidence for this?
A)	
B)	
2.	Why do you think Patch is at Grandma's?
3.	Why has Dad got red shoulders?
4.	What has Sophie marked on the other side of the card?
5.	A) To which country has Sophie gone on holiday? B) What is your evidence for this?
A)	
B)	
6.	Why might Sophie see her grandparents before the card arrives?
7.	Why do you think Dad is in the shade?
8.	How many times have they been to the Water Park?

## A Postcard from Sophie

### Answers

1.	A) What do you think Patch is? B) What is your evidence for this?
A) A dog.	
B) Because when he is given a cuddle his tail will wag.	
2.	Why do you think Patch is at Grandma's?
Because Sophie and her family have gone away on holiday.	
3.	Why has Dad got red shoulders?
He is sunburned.	
4.	What has Sophie marked on the other side of the card?
She has indicated where her hotel room is.	
5.	A) To which country has Sophie gone on holiday? B) What is your evidence for this?
A) Spain.	
B) The postcard has a Spanish stamp, it is addressed to Inglaterra and there is paella and Flamenco dancing in the hotel,	
6.	Why might Sophie see her grandparents before the card arrives?
Because a postcard can take a week or more to arrive from Spain.	
7.	Why do you think Dad is in the shade?
He is protecting his sunburnt shoulders and back.	
8.	How many times have they been to the Water Park?
They have been twice.	

## A Cricket Match

He was wearing long flapping, multi-coloured swimming trunks. He was big and loud and rough-looking and coming my way. 'It's my turn, give me the bat.' he scowled. It wasn't his turn and I didn't want to give him my new cricket bat. I realised that he wasn't asking, he was demanding, it was a command. He grabbed the bat out of my hand before I could say anything, not that I really knew what to say or do.

'Go on, bowl to me.' I felt I had little choice but to do as he said. I lobbed the ball towards him, it bounced on the wet sand and 'smack' he hit the ball so hard my new bat broke at the handle and the blade flew into another family's picnic. Meanwhile the tennis ball sailed high and long into the sea, its surface split by the impact of the bat. It bobbed on the waves for a second or two and then promptly sunk.

'What on earth do you think are you doing?', it was the angry, red-faced father of the family whose picnic had been ruined.

'It wasn't me,' I said, 'It was him, that boy there.' but just like my tennis ball, he too had disappeared.



## A Cricket Match Questions

1.	What was the boy wearing?
2.	Why did the writer decide to bowl the ball to the boy?
3.	A) What is the setting of this piece? B) What evidence leads you to this conclusion?
A.	
B.	
4.	What happened to the blade of the bat?
5.	What happened to the ball?
6.	Why was the man angry?
7.	Had the writer had a good time? Why?
A.	
B.	

### A Cricket Match Answers

1.	What was the boy wearing?
He was wearing long, flapping, multi-coloured trunks.	
2.	Why did the writer decide to bowl the ball to the boy?
The boy was rough-looking, intimidating and threatening.	
3.	A) What is the setting of this piece? B) What evidence leads you to this conclusion?
A. A beach. B. There was wet sand, there were families picnicking and the ball disappeared in the sea.	
4.	What happened to the blade of the bat?
It landed on another family's picnic.	
5.	What happened to the ball?
It sank in the sea.	
6.	Why was the man angry?
His picnic had been ruined	
7.	A) Had the writer had a good time? B) Why?
A. No. B. His new cricket bat was broken, his tennis ball was lost and he was being confronted by an angry man.	

That's the ticket  
Jodie!

EAST YORKSHIRE BUS COMPANY  
Fare  
1 child  
Flamborough → Bridlington  
£1.10  
Tuesday 2nd August 10:21

Here are some tickets  
that Jodie has collected  
on her day out.

**KERAZZEE  
GOLF**  
Silly fun for silly people,  
The Clifftop,  
Bridlington.  
1 Child  
£2.75  
16:07  
02/08/16  
(£5 deposit paid)

**BRIDLINGTON HARBOUR  
MUSEUM**  
'A TRIP BACK IN TIME'  
One Child £1.50  
11:05 August 2nd 2016.  
Why not visit our sister museum in Filey?  
Telephone 01423563487  
www.harbourmuseum.co.uk

ADMIT ONE CHILD  
£4.50  
FORUM CINEMA  
TEL 01262 433433  
13:20 SCREENING 02/08/16  
KUNG FU PANDA II  
SCREEN 3

EAST YORKSHIRE BUS COMPANY  
Fare  
1 child  
Bridlington → Flamborough  
£1.10  
Tuesday 2nd August 17:21

## That's the ticket Jodie! Questions

Look carefully at the tickets Jodie has collected on her day out. Using all the information on the tickets as clues, complete the table below.

	Time	What happened?	What did it cost?
First event			
Second event			
Third event			
Fourth event			
Fifth event			

## That's the ticket Jodie! Answers

Look carefully at the tickets Jodie has collected on her day out. Using all the information on the tickets as clues, complete the table below.

	Time	What happened?	What did it cost?
First event	10:21	Bus to Bridlington	£1:10
Second event	11:05	Museum visit	£1:50
Third event	13:20	Cinema	£4:50
Fourth event	16:07	Kerazzee Golf	£2:75
Fifth event	17:21	Bus back to Flamborough	£1:10

## That's the ticket Jodie! Questions

1.	What is the slogan for Kerazzee Golf?
2.	If the bus takes 19 minutes to get to Bridlington, at what time will it arrive?
3.	What are the 5 figure dialling codes for Bridlington and Filey?
4.	If Kung Fu Panda II lasts for 80 minutes, at what time will it finish?
5.	On what day of the week did Jodie travel?
6.	How much did she spend on travel all day?
7.	Kerrazzee Golf charge £5 as a deposit, what do you think this might be for?
8.	What is the slogan for the Maritime Museum?

## That's the ticket Jodie! Answers

1.	What is the slogan for Kerazzee Golf?
Silly fun for silly people.	
2.	If the bus takes 19 minutes to get to Bridlington, at what time will it arrive?
It will arrive at 10:40.	
3.	What are the 5 figure dialling codes for Bridlington and Filey?
Bridlington - 01262, Filey - 01423.	
4.	If Kung Fu Panda II lasts for 80 minutes, at what time will it finish?
It will finish at 14:40.	
5.	On what day of the week did Jodie travel?
Tuesday	
6.	How much did she spend on travel all day?
£2:20	
7.	Kerrazzee Golf charge £5 as a deposit, what do you think this might be for?
It would be for a deposit for the golf clubs and balls.	
8.	What is the slogan for the Maritime Museum?
'A Trip back in Time'	