

# Functional Skills English Reading Level 1 Sample Paper 3



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## Home Improvement Question Paper

**4748 Sample Assessment**  
**Level 1 Functional Skills English**  
**Reading**  
Home Improvement

**Candidate Name (First, Middle, Last)**

Candidate enrolment number

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Assessment date (DDMMYYYY)

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**General information**

- The duration of this paper is **1 hour**.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- The maximum marks for each question are shown.
- The maximum number of marks is **30**.

**General instructions**

- Read each question carefully.
- You do not need to write in complete sentences.
- You will not be assessed on spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Dictionaries **are** allowed.

**\*I declare that I have no prior knowledge of the questions in this assessment and that I will not divulge to any person information about the questions.**

**Read the documents in the source booklet and answer the questions.**

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Questions 1-9 are about **Document 1**. Make sure you refer to **Document 1** when answering these questions.

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- 1 What is the **main** purpose of Document 1? **1 mark**
  
- 2 What are **two** layout features that have been used to help the reader quickly find out what items they will need to paint their walls? **2 marks**
  
- 3 According to Document 1, what is the most important step to take before beginning painting? **1 mark**
  
- 4 In the first paragraph, why has 'Proud Homes' been written with capital letters at the beginning of the words? **1 mark**

5 Look at the first paragraph of Document 1. What does the word 'renovate' mean? **1 mark**

6 Give **two** examples of words or phrases in the first paragraph of Document 1 that have been used to make Proud Homes sound trustworthy. **2 marks**

7 What is the **main** message of the image? **1 mark**

TICK **ONE**

- a) You should always paint with a paint brush.
- b) Do not throw away unused or old paint.
- c) Do not use this paint in outdoor areas.
- d) Buy paint brushes with holes in the handles.

8 How many coats of wall paint would be needed for the dark colours suggested in *Step 1: Choose the colour*? **1 mark**

9 Select the **two** phrases that are facts from the list below.

**2 marks**

TICK **TWO**

- a) It's more helpful to move furniture out of the room.
- b) It's a good idea to keep a bucket of water and a sponge handy.
- c) Primer stops paint soaking into the walls.
- d) Best results come from using a 'w' motion.
- e) We sell pots of tester colours.
- f) Enjoy your new room!

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Questions 10-18 are about **Document 2**. Make sure you refer to **Document 2** when answering these questions.

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10 What is the **main** topic of Document 2?

**1 mark**

TICK **ONE**

- a) Why kitchen makeovers are a bad idea.
- b) How Nick painted his kitchen walls.
- c) What the best colour is for painting a kitchen.
- d) Instructions on how to remove wallpaper.

11 The author of Document 2 says that he will prevent hyperextension in future. What does he mean?

**1 mark**

TICK **ONE**

- a) He will not use a ladder that is too high for the room.
- b) He will try not to splash paint on wood floors.
- c) He will paint the main area first and the corners last.
- d) He will avoid stretching further than he should.

12 What are **two** things the author of Document 2 says that show he did not like the way his kitchen was decorated before he painted it?

**2 marks**

13 Look at the second paragraph. What does the apostrophe in the word *friend's* tell the reader? **1 mark**

TICK **ONE**

- a) Nick has more than one friend.
- b) Nick's friends helped with the painting.
- c) These words were spoken by Nick's friend.
- d) The painting gear belongs to Nick's friend.

14 What link could the reader click on to find out more information about decorating their home? **1 mark**

15 What are **two** possible solutions given in Document 2 if someone does not like their wallpaper? **2 marks**

16 What do the images in Document 2 suggest about painting a wall? **1 mark**

TICK **ONE**

- a) It is advisable to wear safety goggles and a mask.
- b) A paint roller is more effective than a brush.
- c) Painting walls is a time-consuming and boring task.
- d) Several coats of paint are needed to cover dark colours.

17 What are **two** specific painting tools that the author of Document 2 thinks are useful?

**2 marks**

18 How has the author of Document 2 used language to appeal to the reader?

**1 mark**

TICK **ONE**

- a) He refers to the reader as 'you'.
- b) He lists instructions.
- c) He asks and then answers questions.
- d) He writes in a chatty style.



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Questions 19 and 20 are about both **Document 1** and **Document 2**. Make sure you refer to **both** documents when answering these questions.

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- 19 Tick the box to show whether the following ideas are found in Document 1, Document 2 or both documents. **4 marks**

<b>Statement</b>	<b>Document 1 only</b>	<b>Document 2 only</b>	<b>Both documents</b>
Dark blue is a calming colour			
It looks good when walls and skirting boards contrast			
Choosing a paint colour is difficult			
Edges and corners should be painted first			

- 20 In Document 2, Nick asks: *What did I do wrong?* Give **two** steps listed in Document 1 that Nick missed. **2 marks**

**End of Assessment**

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