

# READING

YEAR  
**3**  
2016

**45 min**

Time available for students to  
complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB  
pencil **only**



## YEAR 3 READING

Read *Boots the cat* on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 6.

1 What colour is the cat's ball?

green

white

orange

black

2 What does Boots have a lot of?

boxes

cats

carrots

toys

3 Boots likes to visit

a fish pond.

the pet store.

Mina and Jack's house.

Grandma and Grandpa's house.

4 Who gives Boots treats?

Mina

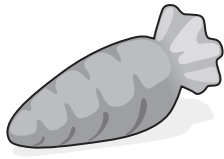
Grandma

Jack

Grandpa

5

Which of these is a picture of a toy in the text?



6

What is the most likely reason the cat is named Boots?

- He looks like he has boots on.
- He eats treats that look like boots.
- He has toys that look like boots.
- He gets into boots if they are left out.

**Read *Seahorses* on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 11.**

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Seahorses got their name because they

- move like horses.
- eat like horses.
- breathe like horses.
- look like horses.

8

Seahorse eggs are kept

- on coral.
- in a pouch.
- in the seaweed.
- on the sand.

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9 What does a seahorse use to attach itself to seaweed?

- its mouth
- its teeth
- its fins
- its tail

10 Which question is answered in the last paragraph?

- What are seahorses?
- Where do seahorses live?
- What do seahorses eat?
- How do seahorses move around?

11 The main reason for the picture is to show

- what seahorses eat.
- what seahorses look like.
- how seahorses move.
- where seahorses live.

**Read *Bamboozled!* on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 12 to 18.**

12 Bamboo is a type of

- tree.
- wood.
- bush.
- grass.

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According to the text, one way bamboo is amazing is that

- it can grow extremely fast.
- it grows near gum trees.
- it comes in many sizes.
- it grows anywhere.

14

Which activity uses bamboo as scaffolding?

- plumbing
- building
- cooking
- sailing

15

Bamboo fibres are used in the production of

- paper.
- furniture.
- musical instruments.
- boats.

16

Fabric made from bamboo is

- lumpy.
- scratchy.
- cottony.
- clingy.

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- 17 According to the text, which part of a bicycle can be made from bamboo?
- the frame
  - the wheels
  - the pedals
  - the seat

- 18 The main purpose of this text is
- to encourage people to use bamboo more often.
  - to give interesting facts and uses for bamboo.
  - to list everything that can be made from bamboo.
  - to outline where bamboo is mainly grown and used.

**Read *Letter to Amy* on page 5 of the magazine and answer questions 19 to 25.**

- 19 From her letter, Alex sounds like someone who is
- lonely.
  - bored.
  - enthusiastic.
  - boastful.

- 20 Alex tries to persuade Amy to come and visit Coober Pedy by
- listing all the things they can do together.
  - pointing out how far away Coober Pedy is from the city.
  - reminding Amy that she has not visited in a long time.
  - explaining that Alex's mum and dad think it is a good idea.

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According to the text, what is *noodling*?

- swimming in an underground pool
- searching for opals
- riding camels
- living in the outback

22

Where does Alex suggest they go when it is hot?

- the city
- camping
- Mani's house
- the kangaroo orphanage

23

When Alex talks about *the city* she is referring to

- anywhere far away from Coober Pedy.
- a place where Mum and Dad used to live.
- a place they could visit together.
- the place where Amy lives.

24

Alex makes a wish at the end of the letter.

This wish is most likely that

- Amy's family will come to live in Coober Pedy.
- Amy will be able to come and stay for the holidays.
- it will not be too hot during the holidays.
- Alex and Amy will find an opal.

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25 Which of these is an exaggeration?

- ... Coober Pedy is a long way from the city, but I'm sure you'll love it.
- Some people think there is nothing to do in the outback.
- I'm sure there aren't any underground houses in the city.
- ... you'll have more fun than you will ever have in your entire life!

Read *Library magician* on page 6 of the magazine and answer questions 26 to 32.

26 Today he was wearing a funny white beard and a lumpy, brown coat.  
(paragraph 1)

This sentence shows that Mr Frank

- feels cold.
- is very old.
- is in a costume.
- works at the library.

27 Mr Frank tries to show that *every book is alive* by

- telling silly jokes.
- acting out stories.
- doing magic tricks.
- reading stories aloud.

28 When the children laugh at the white bird in paragraph 3, Mr Frank is

- happy.
- angry.
- surprised.
- disappointed.



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The cowboy described in paragraph 4 is probably a

- doll.
- puppet.
- picture.
- daydream.

30

The exclamation marks (!) in paragraph 4 show that the narrator is

- angry.
- scared.
- thankful.
- amazed.

31

*But as we walked, a small thrill was rising inside me like a bird taking off.*  
(last paragraph)

This means the narrator

- is worried about opening the worn-looking book.
- is happy to finish story time at the library.
- is wanting to tell her mum about the book.
- is excited about reading the recommended story.

32

Which word best describes Mr Frank in the text?

- fierce
- brave
- playful
- watchful

Read *Bats* on page 7 of the magazine and answer questions 33 to 38.

**33** What word could be used instead of *determined* in the first paragraph?

- described
- explained
- understood
- decided

**34** Microbats are most likely to be found living

- near a source of fresh water.
- where there are large trees.
- close to houses and shops.
- where fruit trees are growing.

**35** Some bats are called flying foxes because of their

- hunting behaviour.
- speed.
- size.
- appearance.

**36** The text suggests the Kitti's hog-nosed bat is the world's

- hairiest bat.
- noisiest bat.
- lightest bat.
- fastest bat.

37

What is one main difference between all microbats and all megabats?

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Which one of these shows the main idea of **both** sections of the text?

	<i>Types of bats</i>	<i>Did you know?</i>
<input type="radio"/>	bat behaviour	examples of different bat species
<input type="radio"/>	bat appearance	facts about particular bat species
<input type="radio"/>	bat classification	interesting facts about bats
<input type="radio"/>	bat habitats	examples of unusual species of bats

**STOP – END OF TEST**

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Read *Sara's early morning* on page 8 of the magazine and answer questions P1 and P2.

**P1**

What did Sara plan to do on Saturday morning?

- homework
- play football
- go horseriding
- make breakfast

**P2**

According to the text, what was Sara's mistake?

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