ESL Reading Articles

Levels B1 and B2 · 12 articles, printable and on screen

PREVIEW

What is included

- **6 grammar articles** with numbered gaps and sentences to correct
- **6 reading articles** with comprehension questions
- A **slide deck** that fills the gaps in one at a time
- Teacher page with a **coverage map** and a full **answer key**
- Color **and** ink-saver B&W · US Letter **and** A4
- Google Slides and PowerPoint

How it runs

- Pick an article from the coverage map and print it.
- Students read it once, then fill the gaps alone or in pairs.
- Open the deck and click through the answers together.
- The answer key is there if you would rather mark it yourself.

Levels in this pack

Every text is written to its level, not cut down from a harder one: **B1 and B2**. The teacher page spells out what a student at each level can read and which grammar the texts use, so you can hand the right article to the right group.

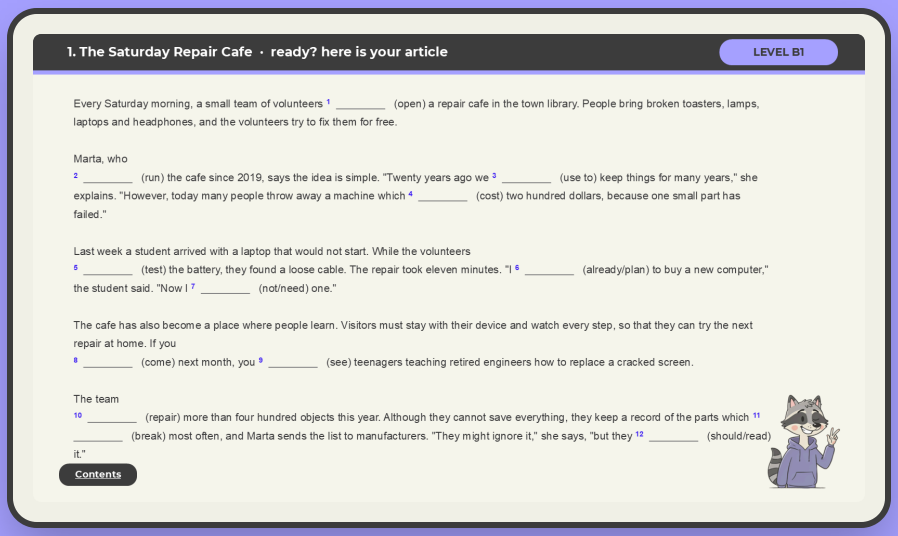
What this preview shows: a sample of everything in the pack: the deck in action, a student article page, the teacher page, a reading page and the ink-saver version. The full pack has all 12 articles, every answer, and no watermarks.



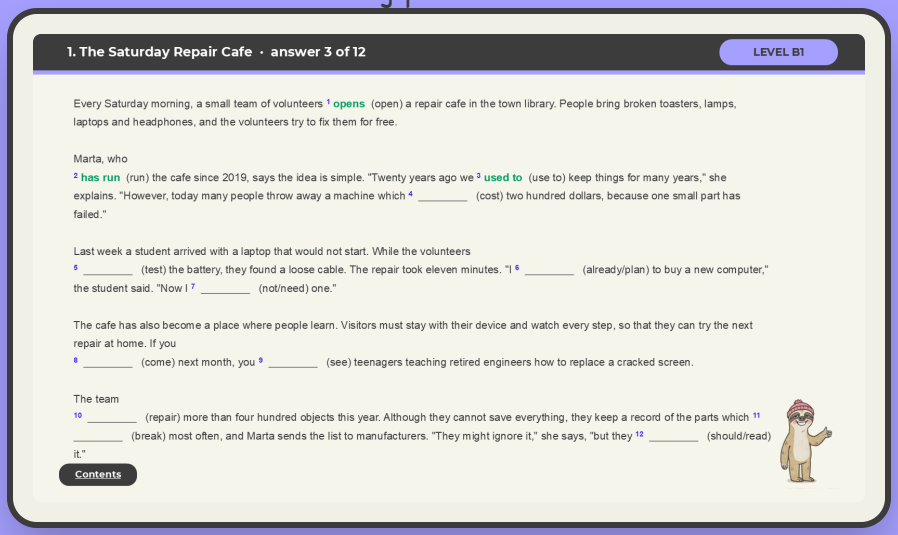


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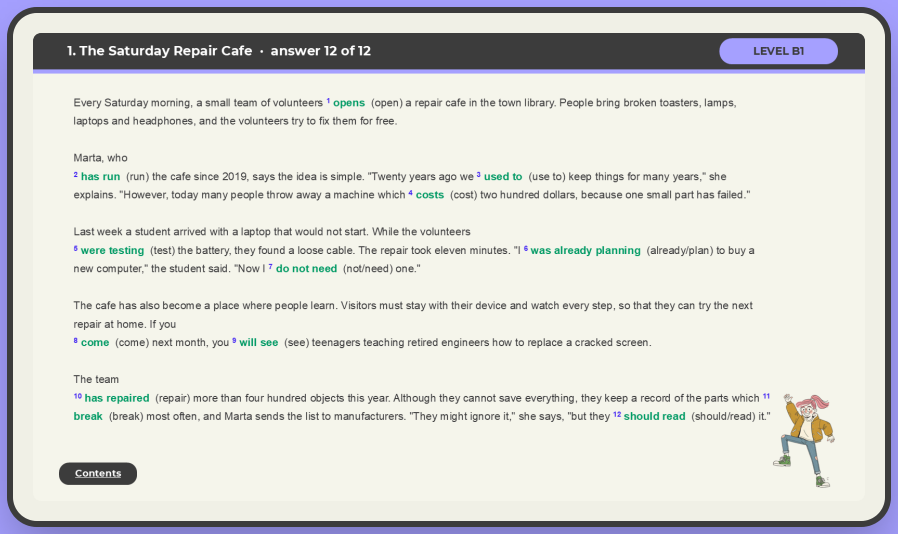
THE SLIDE DECK: CHECKING ONE ARTICLE TOGETHER



1. Students have the article on paper. The same text goes on the screen, gaps and all.



2. One click fills in one answer, in green, so the class checks them one at a time.



3. The finished text stays on screen for anyone who needs to catch up.

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THE SATURDAY REPAIR CAFE

LEVEL B1

Article 1 · fill in the 12 gaps



Name _____ Date _____

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NOW CORRECT THESE SENTENCES

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THE DOOR A SMELL OPENS



LEVEL B1

Article 7 · read the text

Name _____ Date _____

Almost everyone has had this experience. You walk past a kitchen, and suddenly you are six years old again in your grandmother's house. A smell which lasted less than a second has opened a door in your memory. Scientists have studied this effect for years. The nose, they explain, has an unusual advantage. Signals from your eyes and ears travel first to a sorting station in the middle of the brain, while smell signals take a shorter road. They arrive almost immediately in the areas that handle emotion and memory, so a scent can feel personal before you have even named it. While researchers were testing this idea, they noticed something interesting. Volunteers who described memories triggered by smell used more emotional words than volunteers who were looking at photographs. The memories were not more accurate. However, they felt closer. People used to think that the human nose was weak compared with a dog's nose. Although dogs are better at following a trail, humans can separate an enormous number of scents. Your nose might be far better than you think. If you want to test this yourself, keep a jar of something you love near your desk. You should open it only when you study. If you smell it again before a test, the details might come back.

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THE DOOR A SMELL OPENS

Article 7 · questions (1 of 2)



LEVEL B1

Name _____ Date _____

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What is the main idea of the text?
   - ☐ Dogs will always smell better than people do
   - ☐ Smells can reopen memories quickly and with strong feeling
   - ☐ Childhood memories are the most accurate memories we have
   - ☐ Scientists still cannot agree on how the nose works
2. According to the text, why do smell signals reach the emotional part of the brain so fast?
   - ☐ The nose sits closer to the eyes than to the ears
   - ☐ Smell signals are physically stronger than other signals
   - ☐ They take a shorter route than signals from the eyes and ears
   - ☐ The sorting station in the brain ignores them completely
3. In the study described in paragraph three, memories triggered by smell were
   - ☐ more accurate and also more emotional
   - ☐ less emotional than the memories triggered by photographs
   - ☐ too vague for the volunteers to describe
   - ☐ more emotional but not more accurate
4. In this text, the word "trail" is closest in meaning to
   - ☐ a line of smells left behind by someone or something
   - ☐ a long walk in the countryside
   - ☐ a particular breed of working dog
   - ☐ a careful scientific test
5. What does the writer say people used to believe?
   - ☐ That dogs could not smell anything at all
   - ☐ That the human nose was weak next to a dog's nose
   - ☐ That memory has nothing to do with smell
   - ☐ That our sense of smell improves as we get older
6. Why does the writer suggest keeping a jar near your desk?
   - ☐ To make the room smell pleasant while you work
   - ☐ To measure how many scents you can separate
   - ☐ To connect one particular smell with studying
   - ☐ To help you relax and fall asleep more easily

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ESL READING ARTICLES

TEACHER PAGE

Levels B1 and B2 · 12 articles · Print and go, answer key included

WHAT IS IN THIS PACK

6 grammar articles: the text carries numbered gaps. Students read it through first, then fill the gaps. The gaps are open, and each article also gives you sentences to correct.

6 reading articles: a clean text followed by comprehension questions, multiple choice and short answers, with inference and writer's purpose.

Slide deck: the same articles on screen with the same gaps, so you can fill them in with the class once everyone has finished their sheet.

COVERAGE MAP

	ARTICLE	LEVEL	TYPE	PRACTICES
1	The Saturday Repair Cafe	B1	Grammar	present simple, present perfect, past continuous, used to, first conditional, should, negative forms
2	Why Teenagers Need More Sleep	B1	Grammar	present perfect, present simple, past simple, past continuous, used to, should, first conditional
3	The Return of the Night Train	B1	Grammar	past simple, present perfect, present simple, past continuous, used to, first conditional, future with will
4	Letting the City Grow Wild	B2	Grammar	articles, prepositions, linkers, relative pronouns, past perfect in reported speech, passive auxiliaries, second conditional, third conditional, infinitives
5	The Four Day Week Experiment	B2	Grammar	articles, prepositions, linkers, relative pronouns, passive auxiliaries, past perfect in reported speech, second conditional, infinitive after passive reporting verbs, comparative structures
6	Who Wrote This?	B2	Grammar	articles, prepositions, linkers, relative pronouns, passive auxiliaries, present perfect auxiliary, past perfect in reported speech, second conditional, comparative structures
7	The Door a Smell Opens	B1	Reading	main idea, specific detail, vocabulary in context, inference
8	Why Batteries Get Tired	B1	Reading	main idea, specific detail, cause and effect, vocabulary in context, inference
9	The Food We Never Eat	B1	Reading	main idea, specific detail, vocabulary in context, inference, writer's attitude
10	Let the School Field Grow	B2	Reading	main idea, specific detail, writer's purpose, inference, vocabulary in context, argument and counterargument
11	The Myth of the Multitasking Student	B2	Reading	main idea, specific detail, writer's purpose, inference, argument and counterargument, writer's attitude
12	Who Chooses What You Watch?	B2	Reading	main idea, specific detail, writer's purpose, writer's attitude, inference, vocabulary in context

WHAT EACH LEVEL MEANS

LEVEL	A STUDENT AT THIS LEVEL CAN	GRAMMAR IN THESE TEXTS
B1	read a straightforward text on a familiar subject and get the main points and the detail	present perfect, past continuous, first conditional, modals, relative clauses, used to
B2	read an article with an argument in it, and tell opinion apart from fact	past perfect, the passive, second and third conditional, reported speech, participle clauses

How to run it: pick an article from the map, read it together once without stopping, let students work alone or in pairs, then open the slide deck and fill in the answers as a class.

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In the full pack

Print it, project it, mark it. Nothing else to prepare.

12 articles written to B1 and B2

279 slides in the checking deck

28 printable pages including the answer key

4 files: color and B&W, Letter and A4

The answer key is included

Every gap, every alternative answer worth accepting, and every reading answer, laid out article by article. It is blurred here because this preview is a free download.



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