

Read these messages and do the exercises to practise and improve your reading skills.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... to study | a. a test to check how much you know about a subject |
| 2..... an exam | b. the son or daughter of your parent's brother or sister |
| 3..... to choose | c. a plan showing when activities happen |
| 4..... a cousin | d. to decide on the best thing |
| 5..... a timetable | e. not difficult |
| 6..... easy | f. to learn about a subject |

Chat | today

Sam, HELP!!! It's exam time. 😱 I need your help. You're good at exams ...
Joe 11:30

Haha! Yeah, I can help you. You're my favourite cousin! 😊
Sam 11:31

👍 Thanks. What can I do? I have lots to learn and not much time.
Joe 11:31

Don't worry — plan your time. Make a timetable.
Sam 11:31

How many hours a day do I need to study?
Joe 11:32

Well ... start studying 3 or 4 weeks before your exams. The first week, study about an hour a day.
Sam 11:32

That isn't too much!
Joe 11:34

No, it's not much at all. Choose a couple of days to have free too.
Sam 11:34

Free days? Are you sure?
Joe 11:34

😬 Yeah, it's important to do other things. You need time to do your normal homework and see friends too.
Sam 11:35

And play football. ⚽
Joe 11:35

Study for an hour and a half a day the second week. And the week before the exams, you can study for two hours a day.
Sam 11:36

Every day?
Joe 11:37

No. You can have some days free for football and TV.
Sam 11:37

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Joe 11:38

The important thing is to write everything in a timetable and then do it!
Sam 11:38

Cool. It sounds quite easy. 😎
Joe 11:38

It is! Try it! Start now and plan your study timetable.
Sam 11:39

You're the best! Thanks. 👍
Joe 11:39

Good luck!
Sam 11:39

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Joe needs Sam's help. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | Joe is Sam's brother. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | At first it's a good idea to study an hour a day. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Joe won't have time to play football. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Joe thinks the plan is difficult. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Sam tells Joe to start the study plan now. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: matching

Match the sentence halves and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... | Joe asks | a. | much time. |
| 2..... | Joe hasn't got | b. | Sam for help. |
| 3..... | Sam tells Joe | c. | the plan sounds easy. |
| 4..... | Joe can choose | d. | for an hour an a half. |
| 5..... | Joe needs to study | e. | to make a timetable. |
| 6..... | Joe thinks | f. | two free days. |

Discussion

Do you study a lot before exams?