

# Functional Skills English

## Entry 3 Reading

### Sample Assessment



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## Candidate's paper

### Balloon Ride

Length of assessment: 40 minutes

Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & Guilds enrolment number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Date assessment started: \_\_\_\_\_

Date assessment completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Candidate's declaration:

I confirm that this assessment is my own work

Candidate's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Candidate's instructions**

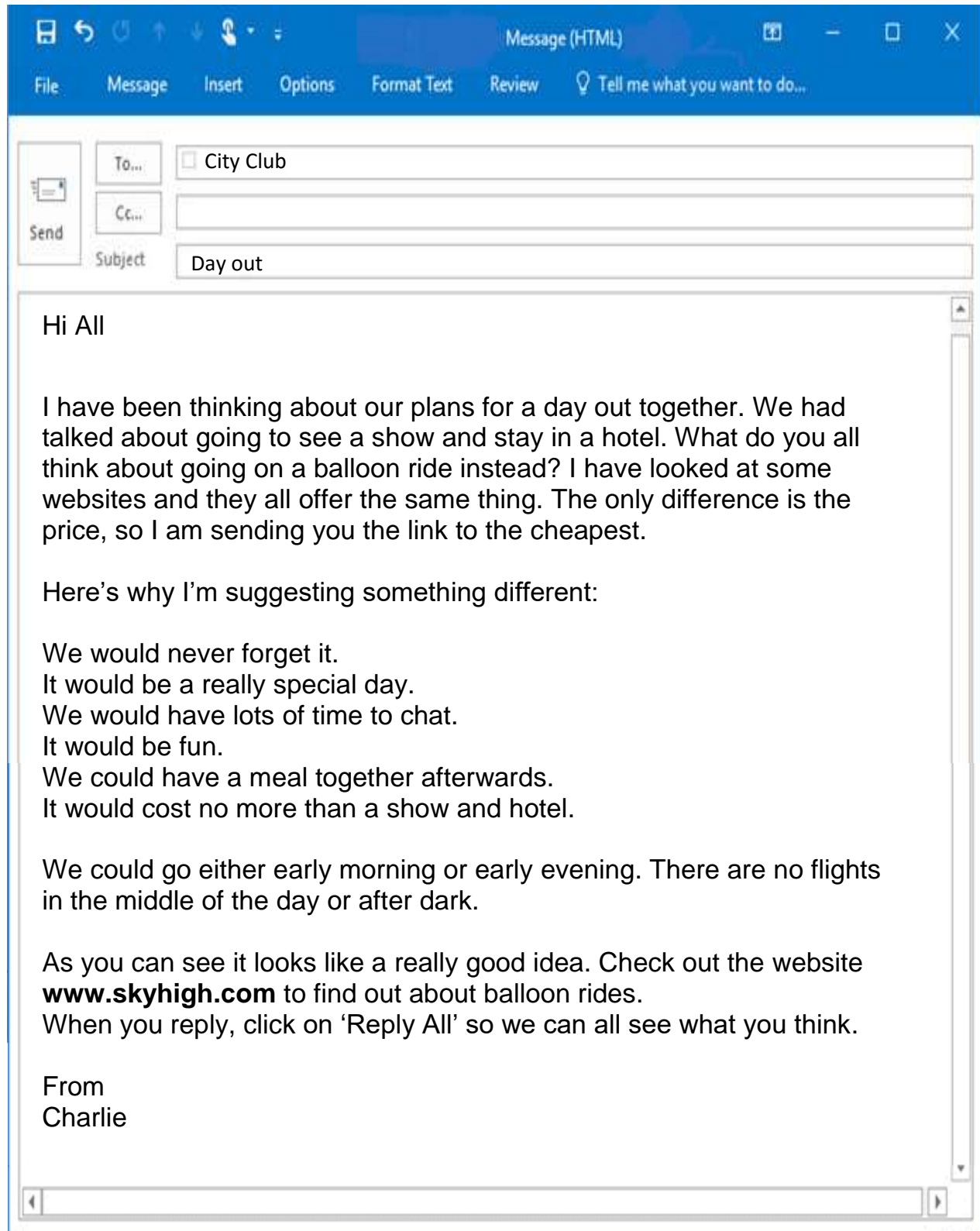
You have **40 minutes** to complete this assessment.

- Read the text and answer the questions carefully
- The maximum marks for each question are shown
- Answer **all** questions
- You **may** use a dictionary

### **You need the following:**

- a pen with black or blue ink.

## Read the email.



The image shows a screenshot of an email client window. The title bar reads "Message (HTML)". The menu bar includes "File", "Message", "Insert", "Options", "Format Text", "Review", and "Tell me what you want to do...". The email header shows "To: City Club", "Cc:" (empty), and "Subject: Day out". A "Send" button is visible on the left. The main body of the email contains the following text:

Hi All

I have been thinking about our plans for a day out together. We had talked about going to see a show and stay in a hotel. What do you all think about going on a balloon ride instead? I have looked at some websites and they all offer the same thing. The only difference is the price, so I am sending you the link to the cheapest.

Here's why I'm suggesting something different:

- We would never forget it.
- It would be a really special day.
- We would have lots of time to chat.
- It would be fun.
- We could have a meal together afterwards.
- It would cost no more than a show and hotel.

We could go either early morning or early evening. There are no flights in the middle of the day or after dark.

As you can see it looks like a really good idea. Check out the website **www.skyhigh.com** to find out about balloon rides. When you reply, click on 'Reply All' so we can all see what you think.

From  
Charlie

## Answer the questions about the email.

1. What have Charlie and her friends discussed? **1 mark**

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2. Give **three** reasons why Charlie wants to go on a balloon ride. **3 marks**

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3. Write down the times of the day when it is possible to fly. **2 marks**

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4. What does Charlie want everyone to do before they reply? **1 mark**

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5. Why has Charlie chosen Sky High for the balloon ride? **1 mark**

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Read the webpage.

# Sky High Balloon Rides



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Going on a balloon ride is about the best day out you will ever have.

Read all about it below and then buy your voucher.

## A Balloon Ride Voucher includes:

- ✓ a flight from one of our 100 UK sites
- ✓ a full 4-hour experience
- ✓ about an hour in the air
- ✓ drinks on landing
- ✓ travel back to the take-off site

## On the day

Phone to check that we are flying. We cannot fly in bad weather.

When you arrive you will meet the pilot and enjoy drinks and chocolates while he tells you what to expect.

You will have the chance to help inflate the balloon if you want to.

We cannot promise where you will go as this depends on the weather.

After about forty-five minutes in the air the pilot will start looking for somewhere to land.

The ground crew will follow your flight and take you back to your car.

*Please note:*

*You cannot take a mobile phone on the flight.*

**NO PETS ALLOWED.**



## How to book

First you need to buy a voucher.

**Buy  
online  
now**



Or

**Call our free  
phone number.  
0800 679 3000**



When you have your voucher you can book a date.

You can find us on social media



**Answer the questions about the webpage.**

**6.** Name **two** things a balloon ride voucher includes. **2 marks**

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**7.** You would like to fly over where you live. **1 mark**  
What does the text say about choosing your route?

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**8.** From the text, choose one thing you should do on the day. **1 mark**

Tick **one** answer only.

- have drinks with the pilot
- call to check on the flight
- help to inflate the balloon
- look for somewhere to land

**9.** Name **two** things you must leave behind while you are on a balloon ride. **2 marks**

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**10.** Name **two** ways you can buy a voucher for a balloon ride. **2 marks**

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**End of assessment**