

Functional Skills English (4748)

Entry 3 Reading

Sample assessment

Candidate Paper

Decorating

Time allowed: 45 minutes

Marks: 16

Candidate's name: _____

City & Guilds enrolment number: _____

Date of registration: _____

Date of assessment: _____

You will need

- a pen with black or blue ink
- a dictionary.

Instructions

- Read each question carefully.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- You do not need to write full sentences.
- There are no marks for spelling, punctuation or grammar.

Candidate's declaration:

I confirm that this assessment is my own work.

Candidate's signature _____

Date _____

Activity 1

Read the text.



Beautiful Homes UK

Decorating

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Cheap and Easy Design Tips for Your Home

By Lorraine, 30 July

Whether you've just moved to a new house or you're looking to freshen things up, there are some well-known design tricks you can use to add beauty to your home. Sometimes the smallest things make the biggest difference. It could be adding a mirror, a painting, a lamp or even a plant. Maybe you want to brighten your walls or add some colour to your favourite room. Take a look at these simple but clever design tips and see how they can inspire you!

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Go green

Add plants to your living space. You can add them to any room, small or large. Plants are a low-cost way to add colour to your home. Not only are plants beautiful but they clean the air and can help clear dampness from the air too. No home should be without these wonderful greens!



Use mirrors to add instant light

Mirrors are a great way to add light to any space. They can also be used to make a small space feel larger. For bigger rooms or any room without much natural light, mirrors positioned directly opposite windows will add instant brightness. Mirrors can also be used to fill empty wall space instead of pictures. You can use large or small mirrors to increase light and interest to your living space.

Answer the questions about the text.

1. What is the purpose of the text?

(Tick **one**)

- To explain how to put up a mirror.
- To persuade you to buy a new house.
- To give instructions for keeping house plants.
- To offer advice on making your home look nice.

2. When was the text written?

3. Give **two** benefits to the air of having plants in the house.

- _____
- _____

4. Which word in the first paragraph means **good ideas**?

(Tick **one**)

- well-known
- difference
- design
- tips

5. Give **two** reasons for using mirrors to decorate your home.

- _____
- _____

6. Which link do you use if you want to contact Beautiful Homes UK?

8 marks

Activity 2

Read the text.

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<https://www.yellow.com> › Doncaster › Painters & Decorators
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Town and City Decorator: Sheffield and surrounding areas
<https://www.townandcitydecorators.com/>
Rating: ★★★★★☆ 52 reviews
Sheffield based painter and decorator providing painting and decorating services to businesses in the South Yorkshire area. Expert advice and free quotations available.

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Ad www.treetondecorating.com/
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Founded in 1979, family owned business, a wide range of services, friendly team.

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Answer the questions about the text.

1. The text is

- an address book.
- a magazine advert.
- a shopping website.
- an online search tool.

(Tick **one**)

2. Which company has a lot of painters and decorators on their books?

3. Which word could replace **Founded** in the text?

(Tick **one**)

- Completed
- Established
- Organised
- Produced

4. Name **two** companies which say they do work for businesses.

- _____
- _____

5. Which company has the **best** customer reviews?

6. Which link would you click to see more painting and decorating companies?

7. What is the **main** purpose of the text?
(Tick **one**)

- To report customer complaints.
- To list painters and decorators.
- To review customer satisfaction.
- To instruct painters and decorators.

8 marks

Check your work.

End of assessment