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**English B – Standard level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension**  
**Anglais B – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite**  
**Inglés B – Nivel Medio – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura**

Monday 8 November 2021 (afternoon)

Lundi 8 novembre 2021 (après-midi)

Lunes 8 de noviembre de 2021 (tarde)

1 h

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**Text booklet – Instructions to candidates**

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- Este cuadernillo acompaña a la parte de comprensión de lectura de la prueba 2.

Text A

## A Car Park Becomes a Shelter for the Homeless

**1** Homelessness is increasing in Australia and is an everyday sight in large cities like Sydney and Brisbane. Homeless statistics show that 1 in every 200 Australians have nowhere to sleep on any night. Yet a safe place to sleep is very important to a person's good health. Beddown founder, Norm McGillivray, imagined that an underground car park, usually empty at night, could become a safe place to sleep for people in Brisbane who are living on the streets.

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**2** [ – 3 – ]

The aim of the organisation is to make use of spaces that are busy during the day but are vacant at night. Beddown uses them as accommodation for people who are homeless.

**3** Once a car park empties for the night, Beddown volunteers set up inflatable mattresses with bed linen and pillows for each homeless person. Beddown also works with other charitable organisations that provide a laundry service and showers, food and drink and clothing.

**4** A range of specialist service providers such as doctors, nurses and dentists also give their services for free.

**5** [ – 4 – ]

The organisation, Beddown, has become a partner with Australia's largest car park owner responsible for over 600 car parks across Australia and New Zealand. Beddown has recently finished a 14-night experiment in a Brisbane car park. Every night volunteers turned the space into a shelter for 15 men and women without a place to sleep. These men and women were given toiletries, takeaway food donated by a local restaurant, and access to dentists and their services. The volunteers were delighted because they saw the same 15 people return there each night.

**6** [ – 5 – ]

Norm McGillivray considers that the experiment in the Brisbane car park has been a success and now wants to expand the operation. He is also hoping that in the future, government and commercial sponsors will give their financial support to it.

**Text B**

**Color blind boy sees color for first time**

- 1** This is the emotional moment in a home video, when an “extremely” color blind boy put on new glasses which allowed him to see color for the first time.
- 2** Jonathan Jones, 12, was dumbstruck after his principal, who is also color blind, let him borrow his unique glasses during science class in Cottonwood, Minnesota last week.
- 3** As soon as Jonathan puts the glasses on, he appears to be immediately taken aback. He initially smiles and laughs after putting the glasses on, but he breaks down moments later.
- 4** He then walks around the classroom with a huge smile on his face, exploring the now-vivid hues around him.
- 5** “I was feeling joy and happiness that I could finally see all this color...and a little bit of sadness I couldn’t see color my whole life,” Jonathan told ABC news.
- 6** The boy’s mother, Carole Walter Jones, wanted to share this moment and so she posted the video online showing Jonathan seeing color for the first time. As a result of the interest generated, she started a GoFundMe\* campaign so that she could purchase a pair of unique glasses to enable Jonathan to continue to see color. The glasses reportedly cost \$350.
- 7** However, so many people were moved by the video of Jonathan that the GoFundMe campaign actually ended up amassing more than \$25,000 as of Monday morning.
- 8** Carole wrote: “We have been overwhelmed by how many kind, generous people have wanted to help him get a pair of his own color blind glasses.
- 9** “We’ve had multiple pairs donated to Jonathan and will use 100 % of donated funds to purchase color blind glasses for those who can’t afford them.
- 10** “One wonderful glasses manufacturer will be matching every pair purchased with a free pair, which will double the number of people we can help,” Carole continued.
- 11** For Jonathan, with a new pair of glasses comes a new view of the world.
- 12** He said his favorite color is now blue and he is excited to visit the Caribbean with his family this winter so he can see the ocean in all its azure glory.

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\* GoFundMe: an online platform that allows people to raise money for important events such as celebrations or medical treatments

Text C

## 4 Ways to Spot Greenwashing

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Finding the truth behind labels on your favorite beauty product or health food isn't always easy. Now that the marketplace is seeing more environmentally-friendly products, companies are using just about every expression possible to convince consumers to buy their products. "Greenwashing" is a term that's used to describe when companies use misleading marketing terms to persuade potential customers that their products are safer, or more natural than they really are. But, how can you spot it?

### Follow Your Nose

Avoid buying products that have a strong scent and list "fragrance" on the ingredient list. Fragrances are protected by trade secrets and can contain hundreds of chemicals. Any company which doesn't fully disclose the contents of their fragrances should not label their products as "natural", or "organic". Please note that companies can use essential oils to scent their products, but they should label them accordingly.

### Organic Marketing Claims

Double-check the ingredient list of products to confirm how much of the product is actually organic. Since organic foods are healthier, many people assume that all organic products are healthier, but that's not always the case. Beauty products may use certified organic raw ingredients (like coconut oil), but the rest of the ingredient list could be full of artificial chemicals.

### Excessive Packaging

How green can your company really be if the carbon footprint of each product is excessive? Case in point, one company I love makes plant-based protein. Their veggie burger looks delicious but is packed in excessive plastic, paper and cardboard. Being "green" isn't just about what's inside the box, it's also about how the product is stored and shipped.

### Trust The Research Findings

For beauty products, check to see how they rate on the handy Skin Deep database created by the Environmental Working Group. This scores common beauty products, helping consumers to effortlessly navigate a complicated marketplace and understand what is safe and what is not. You'll notice several brands that are marketing themselves as "natural" have items that rank 7–10 on the hazard scale. I aim only to buy those that score 3 or less.

I hope these simple tips help you. Feel free to ask me questions if you're particularly stumped, and always hold companies accountable for truth and transparency in their labeling.

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