

# **SKILLSFIRST LEVEL 1 FUNCTIONAL SKILLS QUALIFICATION IN ENGLISH: READING**

## **SOURCE BOOKLET**

### **SAMPLE ASSESSMENT MATERIAL – CAT CAFÉS**

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This source booklet contains three texts for the Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English: Reading exam.

The exam questions are based on this material.

You must hand in this source booklet at the end of the exam, along with your question and answer paper.

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The Level 1 Functional Skills Qualification in English: Reading exam will assess your ability to:

- Identify and understand the main points, ideas and details in texts
  - Compare information, ideas and opinions in different texts
  - Identify meanings in texts and distinguish between fact and opinion
  - Recognise that language and other textual features can be varied to suit different audiences and purposes
  - Use reference materials and appropriate strategies for a range of purposes, including to find the meaning of words
  - Understand organisational and structural features and use them to locate relevant information
  - Infer from images meanings not explicit in the accompanying text
  - Recognise vocabulary typically associated with specific types and purposes of texts
  - Read and understand a range of specialist words in context
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## Text 1



Welcome to FLUFFY, the best cat café in the UK!

FLUFFY offers you the 'purrfect' escape from the bustle of the city. This café serves food and drinks in the company of purring fluffballs waiting to be stroked and cuddled.



### A crazy idea?

Not at all! It started in Taiwan in 1998, then spread to Japan and has now reached the UK. So why not give FLUFFY a try!

### Our aim?

To make people feel better. Cats are very soothing for those who spend their days looking at a computer screen. It also gives cat lovers who can't have pets where they live a chance to spend time with cats.

### Our rules?



- Don't pick up the cats.
- Don't pull their tails or whiskers.
- Don't disturb sleeping cats.
- Don't scare or chase the cats.



### FLUFFY's opening times?

- Tuesday to Thursday: 11am – 8pm
- Friday and Saturday: 11am – 10pm
- Sunday: 11am – 6pm
- Monday: closed



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Lowbridge  
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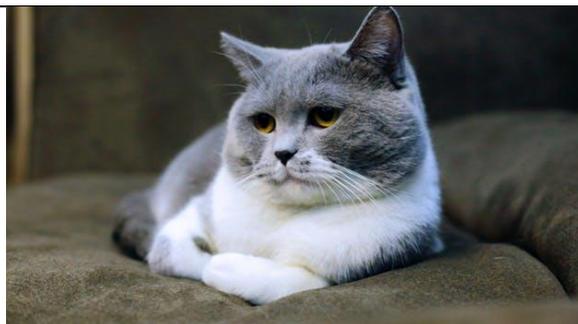
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**Text 2****THE VET WEEKLY GAZETTE****Are cat cafés suitable homes for cats?**

By Catherine Smith



Around 3 million cats need re-homing every year. In cat cafés, cats find a permanent home and are able to interact, and show off their personalities.

However, despite their popularity, some animal welfare societies have criticised cat cafés. They say that cat cafés are unsuitable for cats because

- they have to live in confined spaces
- they find being stroked by lots of different people stressful

- they are solitary animals. Living in one room with a group of unrelated cats can lead to aggression and disease.

A number of cat cafés have been forced to close down due to poor hygiene standards or because they ill-treated their animals.

Since cat cafés are so popular, instead of criticising them we should aim to make them better.

The government should introduce legislation to regulate cat cafés. The government should also encourage all pet owners to neuter their cats to stop unwanted breeding and reduce the number of cats ending up in rescue centres and cat cafés.

**Text 3**

	
<p><b>WHAT DO YOU THINK?</b></p> <p><b>The online discussion forum about cat cafés</b></p> <p>Email your views to us: <a href="mailto:yourviews@thecatcafeforum.coz">yourviews@thecatcafeforum.coz</a></p>	
<p><b>Heavenly!</b></p> <p>We had a really good time at the Fluffy Café. The cats were friendly and fun. The staff were really helpful. The food was tasty and fresh. A lovely place to go and relax and be with these cats!</p>	<p><b>Farhat</b></p>
<p><b>Delightful!</b></p> <p>Whiskers Café is a must! The cats are cute, the interior is lovely and the staff friendly. The value for money is fantastic, £8 for one hour! I got to stroke and play with the cats. The coffee was delicious and the chocolate cake yummy!</p>	<p><b>Julian</b></p>
<p><b>Over-priced!</b></p> <p>The Little Kitty Café is a quirky place with nice staff, but £20 just to walk through the door is ridiculous! The food is awful. The cats aren't even friendly, they're completely wild. One even scratched my little boy.</p>	<p><b>Martin</b></p>
<p><b>Go elsewhere!</b></p> <p>The Mog Café is a waste of time and money! I love cats but I was disappointed, really, really disappointed. The cats were stressed because of undisciplined children chasing and grabbing them with no one stopping them. Staff looked miserable and were really unwelcoming. Food was good but very overpriced. Don't go there!</p>	<p><b>Helen</b></p>