
Functional Skills Certificate

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Component 1 Reading Level 2

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The three Sources that follow are:

- Source A: a newspaper article about the summer weather
- Source B: a webpage about Camp America
- Source C: an extract from a brochure about camping in the New Forest

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Source A**Carry On Camping!**

Helen Mirren, for one, has had enough, telling breakfast TV last week that, having endured a week camping a few years ago with Liam Neeson during which it had poured down, she would not be gracing the campsites of England again. The thousands who experienced the wind, rain and mud at last weekend's Womad festival in Wiltshire – renamed “Womud” by those who survived – might be tempted to agree.

Dan Yates, founder of campsite booking website Pitchup.com, says that the unstable weather has contributed to a change in how people book their holidays. “This year has been particularly up and down. We started July at almost 40 degrees and now we’re in this grey mist. It’s meant that bookings are getting later and later.”

Many smaller campsites are particularly vulnerable to the weather: once it starts raining, campers may simply decide to stay at home. Sites that take the full fee at the time of booking suffer less from the changeable weather, but even they can experience “no – shows” given the generally small amounts of money involved: the average price among Pitchup.com’s 1,400 campsites is £27 a night for four people.



At the Riverside Caravan and Camping Park in South Molton, Devon, proprietor Nicky Penfold says that the weather has indeed had an effect on bookings: “We’ve had a lot of people turn up for this weekend because the weather’s supposed to be good.” She also noted another change in camping behaviour, with the week – long stay being replaced by short breaks. “Compared to previous years, this year our visitors are leaving their booking until the last minute and then only staying for two or three days.”

Source B

Camp
America



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Summer Camps in the USA are a big part of American culture and it's traditional for kids to go to camp each year. Camp America finds the very best international staff who can bring their own culture and traditions to the USA. Working on an American summer camp offers so much more than just a job – it's an experience like no other and the benefits are endless! While you're having an amazing summer doing something fun and exciting, you'll also be benefiting your future at the same time. The bonds formed between the staff on camp means you become like family. You'll rely on each other, work hard together and laugh together. You'll learn together and ultimately you'll share the summer together.

Camp America is recognised by employers and academic institutions across the world, so it will be a great addition to your CV and make you a stand – out applicant. It demonstrates that you had the drive to do something different with your summer, and will also show independence, responsibility and ambition. Camp enables you to become a role model, a leader and a team player – perhaps without you even noticing! By taking part in the programme you're not only going to have an amazing time, you're also helping your future too!

"Camp really opened my eyes and gave me the opportunity to meet people from different cultures and backgrounds from all over the world."

For the entire time that you're on camp, all your food and accommodation is taken care of. That's three meals a day and a summer home in America! Plus you get to make the most of all the camp activities. So you can spend your summer waterskiing, paddleboarding, rock climbing, abseiling, perhaps even learning the flying trapeze. You get to camp out under the stars, watch the sun set over the lake and wake up to the excitement of a new camp day every single morning! One of the best things about doing Camp America is the opportunity to travel. You can explore the local areas to your camp during your time off and once camp has finished you're free to go anywhere in the USA!



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Source C**Ashurst Campsite, New Forest**

Ashurst campsite is a rich blend of the true forest camping experience alongside traditional open pitches. Dotted with ancient oaks, which become denser as you close in on the forest's edge, this stunning site has a unique character which allows you to truly soak up the New Forest ambience.

Set on the edge of a small area of woodland known as Ashurst Wood, our Ashurst campsite is a short walk from an expanse of New Forest heathland criss-crossed with tracks perfect for walking or cycling. One of the best ways to see the New Forest is by bike. Cycle hire is available from Forest Leisure Cycling in Burley, with rides and bikes for all ages.

Ashurst campsite boasts 280 standard pitches, ranging from open spaces to peaceful secluded spots amongst the trees. Just a five minute stroll away is the pretty village of Ashurst, where you will find shops, traditional pubs and welcoming restaurants. If you're looking for some seaside fun, Lymington is a beautiful Georgian market town surrounded by nature with a weekly indoor Saturday market.

With the forest so close by, you'll never be short of things to do.

Enjoy a fantastic family day out in Longdown Activity Farm and meet a variety of farm animals, from ducks to ponies. Our Forest Ranger Activities are back and they're better than ever. You can take part in these wonderful family events at four of our New Forest sites.

Perfect for families, Paultons Family Theme park is a great day out. Paultons Park is host to more than 60 additional rides and attractions. Try some exciting outdoor activities such as archery, bushcraft or family combat games, or take part in a full day of adventure. Take a tour around Ringwood Brewery and try their locally brewed Best Bitter.

Clean, friendly and peaceful, Ashurst is the secluded campsite you've been looking for.



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