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Reading: Part 1 multiple choice



TIP: If you replace pronouns in the options (A, B, C or D) with the nouns they refer to in the text, it is easier to see the correct answer.

Example

Here is the first paragraph of a Part 1 text taken from a novel, and one of the questions.

The railway station at Beckham had recently been modernised, its ironwork painted vivid red and blue, even a coffee bar established on the platform for London. Trains carried commuters back and forth, running frequently at peak times and maintaining a good service throughout the day. A number of Granbury's regular travellers found it worth driving the extra miles to use this route rather than the nearer station at Nettington, where the car park was filled to capacity long before the first cheap fares were available at nine o'clock. **Charlotte too found it suited her better, for she hated trying to insert her blue Fiat, small as it was, into the last remaining space which was never quite big enough.**



Q Why had Charlotte chosen to travel from Beckham Station rather than Nettington Station?

- A** Faster trains stopped there.
- B** There were better facilities there.
- C** The fare was cheaper from there.
- D** It was easier to park there.

Explanation: 'There' in the options refers to Beckham. The last sentence (**in bold**) gives you the answer **D** which compares Beckham (there) with Nettington, where parking was more difficult.



Reading: Part 1 multiple choice



TIP: Don't look for the same word in the question and the text. Think of synonyms for words in the options, then choose the option that is closest in meaning to the text.

Example

Here is a paragraph of a Part 1 text taken from a novel, and one of the questions.

She had planned to catch the 9.05, but thought she might not manage it when she arrived at the booking office. A large man in a dark suit was making a complicated booking with his credit card and seemed unaware of the fact that there were other passengers queuing up behind him. Buying his season ticket, Charlotte deduced, **mildly irritated** by the delay **but content** to catch the train due fifteen minutes later, for she had no morning appointment and was planning to visit an art exhibition before meeting Lorna.



Q How did Charlotte feel about having to queue for a ticket?

- A** surprised that waiting was necessary
- B** anxious about how long it would take
- C** resigned to missing her train
- D** cross with herself for not anticipating it

Explanation: The words in **bold** give you the answer. 'Irritated' is another word for 'cross' (Option D). However, Charlotte was 'content' to catch the next train. 'Resigned to' means 'irritated but accepting the situation', so the answer is therefore **C**.