

# Functional Skills English Reading Level 1 Sample Paper 3



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# **Sample Assessment**

## **Functional Skills English**

### **Reading Level 1**

## **Home Improvement**

### **Source Documents**

**Do not write your answers in this booklet as this will not be marked.  
All answers should be written in the space provided on the question paper.**

**Read both documents.**

Use **Document 1** to answer questions 1 to 9.

Use **Document 2** to answer questions 10 to 18.

Use **both** documents to answer questions 19 and 20.



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## HOW TO PAINT YOUR WALLS

When you renovate your home, new paint is one of the easiest ways to freshen up a tired looking room. And when it comes to painting a room, we're the experts! At Proud Homes, we've got a great selection of paints and all the know-how to help you create the perfect space. This 5-step painting guide will tell you everything you need to know.

**What equipment you'll need:**

- filling product
- plastic bucket and sponge
- dust sheets
- paint brushes or rollers
- paint primer
- wall paint
  - 2 coats for lighter colours like white and cream
  - 3 coats for bolder colours like blue, purple and orange





**Step 1: Choose the colour**

Choosing paint colours isn't an easy task. We sell pots of tester colours or our colour experts in store can give you lots of advice on shades, whether it's a calming dark blue or lively orange. We advise white for ceilings and skirting boards to create that beautiful contrast between dark walls and white accents.

**Step 2: Prepare walls for painting**

The key to a great result is spending time getting your walls in a good state for painting. If there's one step you should not ignore, it's this one!

Before painting, walls should be clean and smooth. First, fill in any cracks with a filler product. Next, wash the walls down with soapy water and let them dry.

**Step 3: Protect floors and furniture**

Floors and furniture can be covered with dust sheets to stop paint getting on them, but it's more helpful to move furniture out of the room. Take down any curtains and put tape around light switches. It's a good idea to keep a bucket of water and a sponge handy to wipe splashes off woodwork.

**Step 4: Use a primer**

Primer stops paint soaking into the walls, so applying this before painting means you will need fewer coats of paint.

**Step 5: Paint**

Begin with the edges and start at the top corner of the wall. When painting a large open space, best results come from using a 'W' motion with the brush or roller in order to cover more space as you paint. Enjoy your new room!

Think of the planet! We will recycle any unused paint in store.

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## Updating My Kitchen

20<sup>th</sup> July

I've always known that my kitchen needed an update since the first day I bought my house. One wall was painted in a sickly yellow while the others were covered in black wallpaper. Let's just say, I don't want my kitchen to look like a bee decorated it! 🐝

I got straight to work trying to strip the wallpaper, but that ugly black paper did NOT come off easily. It was going to take me forever to remove it all, if I even could. No thanks! It was time for Plan B: paint over the wallpaper instead. First, I needed painting gear. So I picked up my friend's, and then I was ready to go.

I started by preparing and cleaning the walls. Now it was time to choose my paint colour – this is always the hard part! I decided on plain white for one wall. I wanted my kitchen to feel lively and inviting, so I chose a dark blue for the other walls.

I started painting straight away, beginning with the edges and corners of the room. I found a cutting-in brush was best for the tricky areas, whereas a roller worked better on the main sections. Unfortunately, while reaching out to paint the high bits, I leant over too far and hurt my back. Lesson learned! Next time, I'll make sure I use a stepladder to prevent hyperextension.



To my surprise, I found that the paint was soaking into the wall and it looked uneven. I let it dry and applied another two coats, and they did the same thing! The painting was supposed to be finished after three coats. I also got a lot of paint splashes on my floor. Oops! 🐝 I suppose my next job will be replacing the floorboards! What did I do wrong? 😞

Five coats later, the blue paint was finally starting to look good. I let it dry, then finished by painting the skirting boards in the same colour.

When it was dry, I had a kitchen I could be proud of at last! 😊



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