

Reading Comprehensions | Notes

Guidelines

- First text is always more difficult (usually novel extract)
- Second text is easier (usually journalistic piece)
- Keep language simple and concise
- Use “denn” instead of “weil” to avoid confusion with word order
- Practice on as many past papers as you can
- Use knowledge of grammar in all answers
- Read questions carefully
- Ensure your answer contains what the examiner is asking for
- Don't take chunks of dialogue directly from the text
- Don't write more than necessary
- Be careful with timing
- Don't skip question 4 on text 1

2015 Leseverständnis (Text 1)

Q. 1 (a) Richard: Er ist ihre Sohn. Er ist für 45 Jahregin Kanada gelebt.

Doris: Sie ist ihre Enkelin. Sie ist sehr reich.

Robert: Er ist ihre Enkel. Er ist nett.

Q. 1 (b) Sie träumte, dass sie über ihre Dorf fliegen und schweben. Sie hat alles gesehen, zum Beispiel die Häuser, die Kirche und die Bäume.

Q. 1 (c) Lisbeth möchte fliegen. Die Erzählerin telefoniert eine Firma, die Flüge anbietet. Sie lässt sich einen Vertrag schicken.

Q. 1 (d) Sie fliegt oft. Sie fliegt gern. Sie hat keine Angst.

Q. 2 (a) She does not seem especially surprised. She takes the narrator's arm and asks if she is coming too.

Q. 2 (b) Otto is Robert's grandfather. He was an officer of the Luftwaffe in the 2nd world war. He felt free in the plane. He commanded an armada of bombers.

Q. 3 (a) The narrator congratulates her with a bouquet of sunflowers. The mayor also congratulated her. Her name was in the newspaper. The choir sang for her.

Q. 3 (b) The narrator is very nervous. She gets heart palpitations and her hands shake. Lisbeth looks out the window and smile. She spends most of the time talking quietly to herself.

Q.4 She says that her skin shines transparent like fine porcelain. She says she knows nobody who can laugh at themselves like her. The mayor congratulates her on her 100th birthday. She says Lisbeth doesn't need glasses.