

Reading Comprehension

Wednesday 24th June 2026

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Having just returned from a holiday with my husband and my two grandchildren I felt compelled to write to you to say what an enjoyable time the four of us had in Llandudno. None of us had ever visited your lovely Victorian seaside town before and we were very pleasantly surprised how clean it was kept and how many different things there were for us to do during our week-long stay.

As my grandchildren had never been on a train before, we decided to leave the car at home and make the journey from Manchester to Llandudno by rail. The ride along the north coast of Wales was stunning as the train travelled for many miles by the sea. On arrival, a friendly taxi driver took us the short distance to The Grand Hotel where we found our comfortable room had a balcony and lovely views out towards the sea, the promenade and of course the Little Orme.

I have to admit we were very fortunate with the weather and the children couldn't wait to get down to the lovely, clean, sandy beach. As soon as we had collected our buckets and spades we were off. The rest of the day was spent building sandcastles, playing ball games, paddling and swimming in the sea. The beach was busy, but not too crowded, so the children soon found new friends to play with. The evening was spent in a lovely local restaurant and once the children were asleep in bed my husband and I settled down for a well-earned rest.

We visited the beach most days and that kept the children entertained for much of the time but we were also very pleasantly surprised at how many other things we could find to do in Llandudno. We walked up and down the pier many times. My husband enjoyed some fishing once he realized he could hire rods from Paddy's Bait and Tackle shop. The children enjoyed

the amusements especially the Go Carts and the Crazy Golf. I enjoyed browsing round the Old Book Shop and of course these activities were always followed with a welcome snack from the Dairy Ice-Cream Shop.

One day we visited the Great Orme. We travelled up this mountain using the cable car, which took us right to the top. The views over the sea and towards the Welsh Mountains were to die for. We visited the Great Orme Mines and had an excellent lunch in the tearoom. The children spent the afternoon on the Dry Ski Slope where they particularly enjoyed the Toboggan Run. Finally we returned on one of Llandudno's famous trams.

Many an evening was spent strolling along the beautiful, wide, flat expanse of the North Shore Promenade. As we walked away from our hotel we always headed for the Little Orme, which gave us a goal to walk towards. The children had brought their roller boots and this was the perfect place for them to skate. In fact, my husband and I had trouble keeping up with them. The journey back was in the direction of the Great Orme, which always looked spectacular as the sun went down each evening.

One evening we enjoyed a trip to the North Wales Theatre to see an excellent show. This was followed by a trip to McDonalds to give the children a treat. Another day was spent browsing up and down your traditional high street shops complete with Victorian style shop fronts. I think my favourite day was when we went on a coach trip to Snowdonia and travelled up Mount Snowdon on the steam railway. The children's favourite day was when we took a boat trip around the bay.

I have not managed to mention everything we fitted into our visit but as we had all enjoyed the trip so much I just felt as though I wanted to thank you for providing such a lovely place for us to visit. We will be back soon!

Yours faithfully,

One Happy Grandma

The Seaside

Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have just returned from a week-long stay in

1 **Blackpool** **North Wales** **Anglesey** **Llandudno**

and I just wanted to say how

2 **dirty** **clean** **rough** **noisy**

it was. Our grandchildren enjoyed the train journey because we travelled for many miles by the

3 **mountains.** **countryside.** **hills.** **sea.**

The children enjoyed paddling and

4 **swimming** **diving** **splashing** **snorkelling**

in the sea. Walks along the pier always ended with a snack from the

5 **candy-floss** **sweet** **toffee** **ice-cream**

shop. The children had brought their

6 **skateboards** **kites** **roller boots** **go-carts**

and the North Shore Promenade was the perfect place for them to play. We will be back soon.

Yours,
One Happy Grandma

Section B

1 Who is the author of this letter writing to?

2 Why did the author feel 'compelled to write'?

3 Why did the family travel by train to Llandudno?

4 What does the phrase 'we were very fortunate with the weather' imply?

5 Write in the table six different things to do on the Great Orme.

6 Why did the family like the North Shore Promenade?

7 What was the author's favourite day of the holiday?

8 Why do you think the author of this letter enjoyed her holiday so much?

Section C

Design a leaflet or poster which advertises all the different things to do in Llandudno.

Thursday 25th June 2026



The Pleasure Beach

With over 125 rides and attractions there's something for everyone at **Blackpool Pleasure Beach Resort**. For the ultimate in thrills why not brave one of Europe's tallest rollercoasters, the **Pepsi Max Big One**. Hold your breath as you board **Infusion**, the exhilarating five looping coaster suspended completely over water. Brave **Valhalla**, the world's most spectacular dark ride featuring amazing special effects. Race with your family and friends on the **Steeplechase** or experience the thrill of one of the world's only twin track coasters, the **Grand National** plus lots, lots more.

Autumn just wouldn't be the same without a trip to Blackpool's world-famous northern lights – the **Blackpool Illuminations**. Over three million visitors a year can't be wrong! The magical Blackpool Illuminations keep the resort aglow for 66 nights from Friday September 2 – November 6 and however visitors choose to enjoy this dazzling display, they're guaranteed a sparkling night, whatever the weather.

The Beach

Blackpool has miles of unspoilt beaches, which are perfect for a picnic, a stroll, building sandcastles, having a paddle or going for a swim. Enjoy the glorious sunsets and the wonderful energy of nature as the sea meets the shore.



Stanley Park

Stanley Park is the jewel in Blackpool's crown. Just two miles from the sea front you will find 256 acres of green oasis. There are display gardens to wander round as well as fountains, woodlands, sports facilities and a boating lake. Whilst there visit the Art Deco Café and the Model Village – a world in miniature.



Blackpool Tower – 518 feet of fun for all the family – climb to the top for spectacular views and dare to walk the plate glass floor!

Visit the Tower Ballroom and take a twirl on the world famous dance floor or simply sit and watch the world dance by, while enjoying a traditional high tea in this magical Victorian setting.

Jungle Jims in the Tower is the venue for adventurous kids. Inside, awaiting all you brave explorers is a fun-tastic range of swinging, sliding and climbing contraptions plus a fabulous interactive quest to find hidden treasure!

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Section A

Choose the best word or group of words to fit the passage and put a ring around your choice.

There's plenty to do in Blackpool. You can

1 **build a sand castle** **ride a donkey** **fly a kite**

on the beach. You can visit a model

2 **railway** **exhibition** **village** **boating lake**

in Stanley Park. The Pleasure Beach has over

3 **25** **100** **125** **215**

rides and attractions to choose from. Adventurous kids may like to visit

4 **Blackpool Tower** **the Tower Ballroom** **Jungle Jims**

and search for hidden treasure. In the autumn you can visit the Blackpool

5 **Pier** **illuminations** **Fun-Fair** **Zoo**

from September 2nd to November 6th. For the ultimate in thrills why not take a ride on the

6 **big wheel** **steeplechase** **Pepsi Max Big One**

where you will have the time of your life.

Section B

1 Fill in the following table:

Acres of grass in Stanley Park	
Height of Blackpool Tower	
Number of nights illuminations are aglow	

2 What do you think the phrase 'the wonderful energy of nature as the sea meets the shore' is describing?

3 What is a 'green oasis'?

4 Why do you think the 'Pepsi Max Big One' roller coaster is described as presenting the 'ultimate in thrills'?

5 Why does the advertisement suggest 'Over three million visitors a year can't be wrong!' when describing the illuminations?

6 How do the Blackpool Illuminations 'keep the resort aglow'?

7 Why would it be a 'dare to walk the plate glass floor'?

8 Why do you think children would enjoy visiting Jungle Jims?

Section C

Imagine you are on holiday in Blackpool. Write a postcard to a friend telling them about some of the things you have been doing.