

## SECTION 2. Reading (30 minutes)

### Part 1.

**Read the blog. Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?**

Lara's blog: Recycled art competition

A group of us in my class recently entered an art competition for teenagers. We had to create a sculpture, but the thing that made it unusual was that we could only use recycled materials to create our artwork. The organisers said we mustn't buy anything new, or use anything in our design that we had at home but still needed, like plates, books, or stuff like that. They also said we ought to check with our parents whether we were taking something broken that they planned to fix. We couldn't stick things together with glue or new tape, either, just old bits of ribbon or string that had already been used for something else. They said that we mustn't use anything sharp, like glass or nails, in case we hurt ourselves, and that we should be sensible and avoid taking anything we found in bins in public places.

We spent several days collecting lots of bits, without knowing what our sculpture would actually be or look like. Finally, we decided to make a horse pulling a cart – it was a photograph on the internet that gave us the idea. We followed all the competition instructions carefully, in case the organisers sent back our sculpture saying we'd broken the rules! We used cardboard from cereal packets and some old

pieces of wood, all tied together with old bits of string, balloons and old (clean) socks.

We decorated the cart with sweet wrappers and coloured paper from old magazines. Though you could only just about see it was a horse and cart, we thought it was the best thing ever. We didn't win a prize, but we had a lot of fun doing it!

1. The teenagers could use both new and recycled materials in their sculpture. T / F
2. The teenagers took some things they needed from bins in the street. T / F
3. The group decided what to make after seeing a picture online. T / F
4. The competition organisers sent the sculpture back. T / F
5. It was hard to see that the sculpture was a horse and cart. T / F