

# Answering from the text

## Booster 1: Reading and understanding

### Key learning

In order to understand a text fully you need to read it carefully and identify the main points. Sometimes this means finding out about unfamiliar words. There are two ways you can do this.

Step 1: Try working out what the word means by the way it is used in the text.

Step 2: Look the word up in a dictionary.

It is often a good idea to use both approaches. Get a sense of the word from the text, then check its meaning in a dictionary.

### Worked example:

Read the following text about planning a party:

The first thing to do if you are planning a party is decide on a venue. If you are inviting a lot of people it may be necessary to rent a hall.

What does 'venue' mean? Tick one box only.

		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
A	Street	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Reason	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Date	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Place	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Answer:

D Place

Step 1: Try to work out what the word means from the way it is used in the text. Read the text again carefully. The second sentence says that if you are inviting a lot of people you may need to rent a hall. This suggests that 'venue' means the 'place' where you will hold the party.

Step 2: Check the word in a dictionary.

This confirms that D is the right answer.

Tip: when you get a multiple-choice question like this, don't be tempted to guess. Read the text carefully and follow the steps shown above.

### Your turn:

Read the following text offering advice to school-leavers.

Choosing an appropriate college course can be difficult. To help you decide, think about what job you want to do when you leave. For instance, if you want to be a chef choose a course in catering.

1. 'Choosing an **appropriate** college course can be difficult.'  
What does 'appropriate' mean?
2. 'if you want to be a chef choose a course in **catering**.'  
What does 'catering' mean?