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# PRINT & GO ESL

## Reading Worksheets

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**Short Stories for Adult Students – Beginning Level**

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*Print & Go ESL Reading Worksheets, Book 2* is an assortment of reproducible worksheets for ESL teachers and students. The material is designed for beginning-level adults who are learning English. Worksheet subjects include: gardening, education, food, cell phones, health, transportation, and feelings.

### **Worksheet Features**

- Free
- Web site download, no need for paper backups
- Black and white pages that copy well
- Small easy-to-digest chunks of information
- Short one or two paragraph stories
- Clear subject/verb/object sentence structures
- Repetitive exercises to guarantee student success
- Four skill areas: reading, true/false, forming opinions, writing

### **Teaching Tips**

- Preview the story by asking questions about the pictures.
- Pair students and have them read the stories aloud to each other.
- Conduct class surveys by tallying yes/no answers to Exercise C.
- Have students stand and share their written responses to Exercise D.
- Assign higher level students the task of writing a second paragraph for each of the stories.
- Assign the worksheets as homework.
- Use the worksheets as a supplement to Distance Learning Classes.

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## PLANTING FLOWERS



### A. Reading

Mrs. Mott and her granddaughter, Sally, are planting flowers in the garden. Mrs. Mott is using a trowel to dig small holes in the dirt. The holes are three inches deep and six inches apart. After Mrs. Mott digs a hole, Sally puts a flower in it. The flowers are in small plastic containers. Each container has dirt surrounding the roots of the plant. After Mrs. Mott and Sally plant the flowers, they will water them with a garden hose. In a few weeks the flowers will grow taller. When they are about eight inches tall, Mrs. Mott will cut them and put them in a vase. She will put the vase of flowers on her kitchen table.

### B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Mott's grandson is named Sally.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Sally and her grandmother are planting flowers.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The flowers came in small plastic containers.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Mott is wearing gloves.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The holes for the flowers are six inches deep.

### C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I like to get flowers for my birthday.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ People who talk to plants are crazy.

### D. Writing – Do you prefer artificial plants or real plants? Why?

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## PREPARING FOR A TEST



### A. Reading

Whitney and Dion are preparing for a Spanish test. Their teacher, Mr. Hidalgo, is giving the test on Tuesday. The test will be on the vocabulary words in chapter two of their Spanish textbook. There will be fifty questions on the test. Each correct answer is worth two points. Students who get all the answers correct will get one-hundred points. Both Whitney and Dion want to get an A on the test. They wrote the vocabulary words on index cards. They wrote the words in Spanish on one side of the index cards and in English on the other side. Now, they are saying the words aloud.

### B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Whitney and Dion are students.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hidalgo is giving a Spanish test on Tuesday.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Each test question is worth fifty points.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Dion wants to get an A on the test.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Whitney and Dion wrote the vocabulary words on index cards.

### C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ It's good to study with a friend.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ It's easy for adults to learn a new language.

### D. Writing – How do you prepare for a test?

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## BANANA SPLITS



### A. Reading

Banana splits taste delicious, and they are fast and easy to make. First, put a scoop of vanilla ice cream, a scoop of chocolate ice cream, and a scoop of strawberry ice cream in an oval bowl. Then, pour strawberry, butterscotch, and pineapple syrup over the scoops of ice cream. Next, top each scoop of ice cream with whipped cream, chopped nuts, and a cherry. Finally, peel a ripe banana and cut it in half lengthwise. Put the banana halves on opposite sides of the bowl. Be sure to have plenty of napkins because banana splits are messy to eat.

### B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Banana splits are difficult to make.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Boil the bananas before you cut them in half.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ After a banana is cut in half, it has four pieces.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Syrup and ice cream come in various flavors.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Banana splits are messy to eat.

### C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Vanilla is the best ice cream flavor.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Banana splits are delicious.

### D. Writing – Are banana splits healthy or unhealthy? Why?

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## NEW CELL PHONE



### A. Reading

Art's wife bought him an expensive cell phone for his fiftieth birthday. Now, he can take pictures, record videos, access the Internet, download maps, play music, and send and receive text messages. Unfortunately, Art doesn't know how to use all the features on his new phone. He read the instructions, but he doesn't understand them. He read the instructions a second time, but he still doesn't understand them. Art's wife told him to ask a friend at work to show him how to use his new phone. Art doesn't want to ask for help. He doesn't want his co-workers to think he is not good with technology.

### B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Art got a new cell phone for his birthday.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Some cell phones can record videos.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Art has a wife and a job.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Art is forty years old.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ *Co-workers* are people who work for the same company.

### C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Art should ask a co-worker to help him with his new cell phone.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Technology is improving our lives.

### D. Writing – Is it necessary to have a cell phone? Why?

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# BROKEN WRIST



## A. Reading

Yolanda was walking up some stairs at work when she tripped and fell. She put her right hand out as she started falling and broke her wrist. A co-worker drove her to the emergency room of a nearby hospital. An x-ray technician took x-rays of her wrist. When the x-rays came back, they showed that her wrist was broken. Now, Yolanda is waiting to see a doctor. The doctor will have an assistant put a cast on her arm. Yolanda hopes the doctor will give her a prescription for pain medication. Every time she moves it feels awful.

## B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yolanda was injured at work.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ A co-worker drove Yolanda to the hospital.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Yolanda's left wrist is broken.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ X-ray technicians take x-rays.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The hospital has an emergency room.

## C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yolanda will feel less pain when the cast is on her arm.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Patients should avoid taking pain medication.

## D. Writing – Did you ever break a bone? Did you have a cast?

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## BUS RIDE



### A. Reading

Mr. Farsi usually drives to work, but today he is taking the bus. His car overheated yesterday, so it is at the repair shop. The mechanic said it will be ready after five o'clock tomorrow. Mr. Farsi is upset because the bus is crowded and he has to stand. He is trying to read the newspaper, but it is difficult because the bus jerks every time it stops and starts. The other passengers on the bus are talking loudly and he can't concentrate. He can't hear when the bus driver calls out the names of the streets. He can't see out the windows either. Mr. Farsi doesn't like riding the bus.

### B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Farsi is driving the bus to work today.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Farsi's car will be ready tomorrow.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ There are many empty seats on the bus.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The bus driver calls out the names of the streets.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Farsi dislikes riding the bus.

### C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Farsi should take a taxi to work tomorrow.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ People should not talk loudly on the bus.

### D. Writing – Do you like to ride the bus? Explain your answer.

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# BABY VACCINATIONS



## A. Reading

Mrs. Akala is at the medical clinic with her son, Kanoa. Kanoa is six months old and he is getting a check-up and a shot. The nurse weighed him, measured him, and took his temperature. Kanoa is thirty-four inches long, and he weighs twenty-eight pounds. His height and weight are average for his age. His temperature is 98 degrees, which is normal. Mrs. Akala is grateful that Kanoa is a healthy baby. Now, the nurse is preparing to give Kanoa a vaccination. A vaccination is a shot. Babies receive shots to prevent them from getting serious diseases.

## B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Akala's son, Kanoa, is six months old.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Kanoa is small for his age.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccinations prevent diseases.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Akala and her son are in the emergency room at a hospital.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ The nurse is crying.

## C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccinations are safe.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I am afraid of needles and shots.

## D. Writing – When was the last time you had a shot? Who gave it to you?

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# COWBOY



## A. Reading

Buck is a cowboy. He lives on a ranch in Montana with his horse Buckaroo. The ranch has cows, goats, horses, and chickens. Buck takes care of the cows on the ranch. He feeds them, rounds them up, brands them, and keeps them safe from wild animals. He also mends broken fences and collects firewood. Buck works ten hours a day, six days a week. His only day off is Sunday. On Sunday evenings, all the ranch workers eat a big dinner together. After dinner, they sit around the campfire while Buck plays his guitar. They sing cowboy songs until their voices are hoarse.

## B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Buck has a cow named Buckaroo.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ The ranch has animals.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ The ranch is located in Montana.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The word *hoarse* means the same thing as *horse*.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Buck works forty hours a week.

## C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I like campfires.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I like to participate in sing-a-longs.

## D. Writing – Would you like to live on a ranch? Why?

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## NEW DRIVER



### A. Reading

Luz and Raymond are going to dinner with their neighbors, Victor and Ashley. They are going to a Mexican restaurant that is about fifteen miles from their house. The restaurant has great food and the prices are reasonable.

Luz is driving, and she is nervous. She got her drivers license a month ago, and this is the first time she has driven with passengers in the backseat. Her husband Raymond taught her how to drive. Luz easily passed the driving test, but her husband thinks she needs more practice driving.

### B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Raymond is married to Luz.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ An instructor at a driving school taught Luz how to drive.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Luz passed the driving test.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Raymond, Luz, and their neighbors just ate Mexican food.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Luz forgot to put on her seatbelt.

### C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ It's easy to teach someone to drive a car.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Wearing a seatbelt can save your life.

### D. Writing – Do you always wear a seatbelt when you're traveling in a car? Why?

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## BAD REPORT CARD



### A. Reading

Larry's parents received his report card in the mail today, and they are very upset. Larry got two F's on his report card. One F is in math and the other is in reading. Larry's teacher, Mrs. Newsome, wrote a note and asked Larry's parents to meet with her for a teacher-parent conference.

Larry used to get good grades, but lately he's been spending more time with his friends and less time studying. Sometimes he copies his friend Joe's homework. Sometimes he just doesn't do his homework at all.

### B. True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Larry's parents are upset.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Newsome is Larry's teacher.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Larry is a good student.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Teachers and parents meet during teacher-parent conferences.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Larry doesn't always do his homework.

### C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Larry's parents should punish him.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Kids should go to school on Saturday mornings.

### D. Writing – What should Larry's parents do? Why?

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## Answer Key – True/False

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1. Planting Flowers - p. 3  
1. *false*      2. *true*      3. *true*      4. *true*      5. *false*
2. Preparing for a Test - p. 4  
1. *true*      2. *true*      3. *false*      4. *true*      5. *true*
3. Banana Splits - p.5  
1. *false*      2. *false*      3. *false*      4. *true*      5. *true*
4. New Cell Phone - p. 6  
1. *true*      2. *true*      3. *true*      4. *false*      5. *true*
5. Broken Wrist - p. 7  
1. *true*      2. *true*      3. *false*      4. *true*      5. *true*
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1. *false*      2. *true*      3. *false*      4. *true*      5. *true*
7. Baby Vaccinations - p. 9  
1. *true*      2. *false*      3. *true*      4. *false*      5. *false*
8. Cowboy - p. 10  
1. *false*      2. *true*      3. *true*      4. *false*      5. *false*
9. New Driver - p. 11  
1. *true*      2. *false*      3. *true*      4. *false*      5. *false*
10. Bad Report Card - p. 12  
1. *true*      2. *true*      3. *false*      4. *true*      5. *true*

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