

1 This book has been specially prepared to make it enjoyable reading for people to whom English is a second or foreign language. An English writer never thinks of avoiding unusual words, so that the learner, trying to read the book in its original form, has to turn frequently to the dictionary and so loses much of the pleasure that the book ought to give.

0. Simplified version of a book

2 Dickie Kettleson is a ten year-old boy growing up at a time when even the most ordinary life is a struggle. Dickie's world is his home and his neighbourhood - his family, his street, the threat of hunger and destruction that lurks just outside the door

6 It's a dream come true when compared with making the journey by road. You don't have to contend with traffic jams, motorway hold-ups or the uncertainties of driving to the airport. You won't have to bother about parking either.

3 Most of the country will have another dry, warm day with long sunny spells, but there is the risk of one or two showers, perhaps heavy, later in the afternoon and evening.

7 We found this really terrific place just a little way from the village and because the only way you could get there was on foot, it was completely unspoilt. We were practically the only people there

4 Everyone must, in principle, have a visa to visit Japan. However, to help tourism, bilateral agreements with some countries mean you don't need a visa if you are from western Europe, the UK or most English-speaking countries, with the notable exceptions of the USA, Australia and South Africa.

8 One grey November morning I was running near the edge of a lake. On the path ahead of me an old man shuffled along slowly, using a cane. As I ran by I called out, 'Good morning!' He returned my greeting and then called after me rather unexpectedly, 'What do you gain by running?' I shouted back, 'It makes me feel good!'

5 Avoid listening with your headphones at a volume so loud that extended play might affect your hearing. As your headphones are of open-air design, sounds go out through the headphones. Remember not to disturb those close to you.

9 The dose may be taken three or four times daily at intervals of not less than four hours. Do not exceed the stated dose. If symptoms persist, consult your doctor.

10 Claims under section 5 (Baggage) will not be considered unless substantiated by an original sales receipt or valuation for any item exceeding £50 or more.

B Highlight the words or information that led you to your decision about each extract. Which was the main language clue in each case?

C Work in pairs. Find five more short quotes from different sources and write them out. Challenge another pair to tell you where they come from.

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