

Aim High 4 Listening Test 9

[3.6] Listen to part of a radio programme about reading.

1 Who expresses these ideas. Write P (Presenter), DB (Dr Ball), or R (Rebecca) next to each idea.

- 1 In the past, not many people could read or write. _____
- 2 We see writing all around us. _____
- 3 People read more books 50 years ago. _____
- 4 Most young people prefer watching films to reading books. _____
- 5 People nowadays read the same amount, but they read different things. _____

2 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Dr Ball says that ...
 - a) most people now can read and write.
 - b) most people now don't enjoy reading.
 - c) we are now surrounded by books.
- 2 According to Dr Ball, ...
 - a) people aren't as interested in the news nowadays.
 - b) newspapers are still as popular as they were 50 years ago.
 - c) people learn about the news on radio or TV.
- 3 Dr Ball believes that ...
 - a) young people find books less interesting than TV and computer games.
 - b) young people still spend a lot of time in the evenings reading books.
 - c) 50 years ago a lot of people got bored in the evenings.
- 4 Rebecca says that ...
 - a) boys don't read very much now.
 - b) boys read different things to girls.
 - c) boys only read online.
- 5 Dr Ball says that ...
 - a) going online prevents people from reading.
 - b) people read a lot of things online.
 - c) there should be more novels online.

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 What percentage of people knew how to read and write in the past?
- 2 According to Dr Ball, what examples of the written word do we see in public places?
- 3 What three things didn't exist 50 years ago, according to the presenter?
- 4 What two things do girls read more of, according to Rebecca?
- 5 What two things do boys read more of, according to Rebecca?

4 Answer the questions. Use full sentences.

- 1 What did people do in the past if they wanted to read or write a letter?
- 2 What does Dr Ball say about newspaper sales now?
- 3 According to Rebecca, what do young people nowadays spend a lot of time doing?
- 4 What does Rebecca say about her friends' reading habits?
- 5 What examples does Dr Ball give of things that people read online?