

B1 Preliminary · Reading Parts 1–2: notices and needs matching

B1 Preliminary strategy notes; invented examples, not official Cambridge items.

The traps grew teeth

At A2 the trap repeats the words; at B1 the trap repeats the idea, wrongly. Read for meaning, or the trap wins.

The two-step paraphrase

- 1 **The text** "Students must return books before the last week of term."
- 2 **The correct option** "Books cannot be kept until the holidays." — same fact, new clothes.
- 3 **The trap option** Changes may to must, or some to all — the scope words.

Decision

Underline all, most, some, must, can, may — in both the text and the options.

Your turn: the scope trap

Your turn

"Weekday mornings are for school groups only; public swim starts at 12. Weekends: open to all from 9." — the public can swim...

- A. every morning
- B. weekday afternoons and weekends
- C. only at weekends
- D. never

The checklist method

- 1 **The person** Jia wants a two-day course, in the evening, for beginners, under 200 yuan.
- 2 **The checklist** Four requirements: two days · evening · beginners · under 200.
- 3 **The match** The winning text ticks all four; the traps tick three.

Decision

Checklists don't negotiate: all ticks or no match.

Your turn: the collision

Your turn

Your answers put both Jia and Wei on text D. What now?

- ☐ A. Leave it; sharing is allowed.
- ☐ B. Re-read both checklists — one of them is wrong.
- ☐ C. Choose text D for both.
- ☐ D. Change both to text A.

The funding rule

Time is money

Parts 1–2 are the fast ones: about ten minutes together.

The long texts in Parts 3–4 eat whatever you leave them.

Try it

- 1 **The notice** "Swimming pool: weekday mornings for school groups only. Public swim from 12. Weekends: all from 9."
- 2 **The options** A) every morning B) weekday afternoons and weekends C) only at weekends.
- 3 **The answer** B — A is the scope trap; C forgets the afternoons.

Decision

Underline the scope words; the trap lives there.

Check yourself

- Zero shared content words is fine — the B1 paraphrase works on meaning.
- may changed to must — the scope trap.
- Three of four requirements — not the answer; checklists don't negotiate.
- Ten minutes for Parts 1–2, then move — the funding rule.