

# ENGLISCH

## LESEVERSTEHEN SERIE 2/3



Kandidatennummer \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>PUNKTE UND BEWERTUNG</b>	Erreichte Punkte	/ Maximum
Task A		/ 20
Task B		/ 5
<b>Total</b>		<b>/ 25</b>

Die Experten \_\_\_\_\_



**Erlaubte Hilfsmittel:** Wörterbuch

**Zeit:** 30 Minuten

**A**

Read the following text and the instructions on the opposite page.



## Text Messages “Part of Young People’s Secret Language”

The craze among young people for arranging dates and dumping their partners via mobile phone text messages is typical of different groups in society using “secret” language to evade the attention of others, a psychologist says. The research organisation MORI has just completed a survey into how young people use text messages. Brian Forbes from MORI told us, “Young people in the 15–24 age group are most likely to use text messages for flirting, with 19 % having sent a text message to ask for a date and 44 % apologising for an argument.” A shameless 13 % even admit to having dumped their partners by sending a text message, says Forbes.

Psychologist Dr Guy Fielding, who specialises in communication, said, “This use by teenagers of text messages seems to be part of an alternative channel of communication with its own secret language.” Dr Fielding said text messaging is the ideal way for less confident young people to chat up members of the opposite sex.

He said, “Written communication is much more controllable than speaking to someone face to face, because you have time to think about your message and edit it before you send it. And you can also think about what has been said to you, you don’t have to respond to texts immediately.” You can also say things that you wouldn’t be brave enough to say face to face – it’s easier to say difficult things when you are not looking at each other. Sending text messages is a way of communicating in private while in a public place.

Text message senders have short abbreviations which they know the meaning of and others have no idea about – they are a signal that you are a member of an “in-group” and exclude others such as parents, adults and other authority figures.

Some teachers are concerned that the text messaging craze is leading to a decline in standards of written English. Sarah Collins, spokesperson for WordUp!, an English teachers’ organisation, told us, “The way that young people text each other is creeping into their written work at school. This is a problem because some people forget how to write properly.”

And some young people are themselves worried about the effect of using text messages. Clara Norman, a 15-year-old pupil at a north London comprehensive school, commented, “Lots of my friends don’t speak directly to each other so often. They don’t even speak on the phone. When you are arguing with someone, it’s easier to tell them to get lost with a text, which is bad for your friendship. If you have to speak to someone it’s much harder to say something like that and you can sort your arguments out better.”

**TASK A1**  
**(12 POINTS)**

Punkte

Tick the best answer – A, B or C.

1. **Young people use “secret” language in text messages to . . .**  
A  arrange dates and also leave partners.  
B  avoid being understood by people who are not part of their group.  
C  attract the attention of others.
2. **According to the research carried out by MORI . . .**  
A  44 % of all text messages are written to say sorry after an argument.  
B  people between 15 and 24 always use text messages to leave their partners.  
C  the main reason for writing text messages among young people is flirting.
3. **Psychologist Dr Guy Fielding states that . . .**  
A  it is easier to speak to somebody in person than to send a text message.  
B  texting is perfect for shy teenagers.  
C  people immediately respond to text messages.
4. **Short abbreviations in text messages are used to . . .**  
A  exclude other “in-groups”.  
B  communicate with adults and authorities.  
C  show that you are part of a certain circle of people.
5. **English teachers are worried that . . .**  
A  students will refuse to write English.  
B  students’ written English will get worse.  
C  students spend too much time texting.
6. **15-year-old Clara Norman says that . . .**  
A  using text messages can harm your friendship with others.  
B  texting is the best way to sort out arguments.  
C  many of her friends spend a lot of time talking together.

**TASK A2  
(8 POINTS)**

Punkte

Read the article below. Choose the best expression to fill each gap – A, B or C.  
For each answer, put the correct letter on the line on the right.

**Office Worker Flip Flops Out of a Job**

“You can’t wear those here!” It was a hot summer day, and instead **1)**..... the usual “Good morning” from his boss, Philip Dale **2)**..... told to go home and change out of his casual shorts and flip flops. He refused and, by the end of the morning, he was out of his job.

“I work in an office and we don’t **3)**..... to meet clients. Why can’t I wear what I want?” said Mr Dale. “It’s sexual discrimination. Women can wear skirts and shorts. Why do men have to wear trousers and ties?” But the company **4)**..... agree. “This is work, not a holiday on the beach,” said a company spokeswoman. “It is true that Mr Dale does not have to work with customers, but he has to go in and out of the building and we must think about our image. What is more, Mr Dale’s contract says very clearly, ‘Employees must wear suitable clothes in the workplace.’ It’s a question of professionalism. Shorts and flip flops are not formal enough.”

However, Mr Dale’s lawyer said, “This is a question of human rights. Companies cannot tell their employees what to **5)**..... . Of course, employees should wear clothes that are suitable for their work, but there is nothing wrong **6)**..... shorts in the summer. We’re talking here about a very old-fashioned company. In a modern company, like Adidas, for example, employees can wear what they want. But the issue here is the question of sexual discrimination. **7)**..... they must have rules about clothes, they cannot have **8)**..... rules for men and others for women. It’s very simple, really.”

The case continues.

Put the letter here ↓

1.	<b>A</b> of	<b>B</b> for	<b>C</b> on	
2.	<b>A</b> is	<b>B</b> was	<b>C</b> has	
3.	<b>A</b> must	<b>B</b> should	<b>C</b> have	
4.	<b>A</b> did not	<b>B</b> was not	<b>C</b> has not	
5.	<b>A</b> carry	<b>B</b> dress	<b>C</b> wear	
6.	<b>A</b> on	<b>B</b> with	<b>C</b> for	
7.	<b>A</b> When	<b>B</b> If	<b>C</b> As	
8.	<b>A</b> many	<b>B</b> lots of	<b>C</b> some	



**B** (5 POINTS)

**Below you find a list of trade-fair stands (A–H).  
Decide which stand each person needs to visit (1–5).  
Write the letter on the line on the right. Do not use any letter more than once.**

**TRADE-FAIR STANDS**

- A** *flyingexecutive.com*: Travel Agency for Executives – We’ll take care of your business trip!
- B** *WEBSITEFIRST LTD*: Internet Advertising and Website Marketing for large and small companies.
- C** *RapidoCo plc*: Distribution Services – reliable and fast!
- D** *Switch Systems*: International Telephone Systems at reasonable prices.
- E** *NUMBER ONE RECRUITMENT AGENCY*: Specialists in Management.
- F** *ventix Ltd*: Hands-Free Mobile Phones for Vehicles.
- G** *Artop Plc*: On the go with portable computers.
- H** *FFE*: Funds for Further Education – Let us help you move on!

**People looking for trade-fair stands**

**Put the letter here ↓**

1. Ray Clark, who has an advertising firm, is buying new cars for his sales people and needs to be able to contact them at any time.	.....
2. Carry Porter imports mobile phones from China and needs a company to transport them from the airport to her shops.	.....
3. Jane Morley wants professional help in finding good candidates for executive posts in her transport company.	.....
4. Keith Barnes needs to be able to send emails and analyse data when he is on business trips.	.....
5. Mary Cawley needs an impressive internet platform to attract customers to her new college for further education.	.....

