

Worksheet No (9)

Name	Title Reading Skills	Date
Previous Tests	W S type : Assessment	Class : Secondary Stage
Learning Outcomes: 1- To read for specific information.		

Reading

Read the following passage, then answer the questions:

When I got to the airport, I learnt that the plane from Cairo, on which my brother was travelling, had been delayed at Paris with engine trouble and was expected to be about an hour late. As a rule I can pass the time quite happily, watching the planes land and take off, but that evening I had a headache, which I thought that the noise of the engines might make worse. I decided, therefore, to walk around to make the time pass quickly.

First of all, I went back to the place where I had left my car to make sure that all the doors were locked. The walk in the fresh air did me good, for I felt slightly better as I entered the main airport building again. I made my way to the restaurant, where I ordered a cup of black coffee.

As I stood drinking this at the counter, I studied the faces of the people around me. Some passengers were obviously anxious about the time, and kept looking at their watches; others checked to see that they had tickets, passports and

money. Where there was a group of people, it was easy to tell which one was about to leave. He was the object of everyone's attention and looked either very happy or very sad at the thought of departure. There was one woman who burst into tears as she said goodbye to the relatives or friends who had come to see her off.

When I had finished my coffee, I went along to the bookstall, where I bought a couple of magazines, both of them about travel, which would help to make the time pass pleasantly. Then I went into one of the waiting rooms and made myself comfortable in a big armchair. I had hardly had time to open one of my magazines when someone came up and put his hand on my shoulder. It was an old friend, who was just about to leave on a business trip to South America. Since we had not seen each other for a long time, we found plenty to talk about until the arrival of my brother's plane from Paris was announced.

A. – Answer these questions:

1- Why did the writer decide to walk around?

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2- How were the people who were travelling known?

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3- Who did the writer meet when he was at the waiting room?

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4- What did the writer do to make time pass pleasantly?

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B. Choose the correct answer from a, b, c or d:

1- The writer went to the airport to

- a) take the plane to Paris.
- b) watch the planes land and take off.
- c) wait for his brother.
- d) meet his friend.

2- The plane was delayed because of

- a) the late arrival of passengers.
- b) engine trouble.
- c) problems with airport people.
- d) the noise of engines.

3- The writer avoided watching planes because.....

- a) he had headache.
- b) he felt slightly better.
- c) the noise of engines might make his headache worse.
- d) he was seriously ill.