

THEME 6 HELPFUL TIPS READING SKILL (COUNT ME IN)

A. Read the text and fill in the table below.

Most may see them as boundaries of personal liberty, but the truth does not say that. It's rules and regulations that make it possible for us to enjoy our rights as individuals.

Rules and regulations may sometimes be boundaries as well as guides and insurance against damages. That depends on how we take it. They are boundaries for disrespectful, unlawful, illegal actions or people as there are punishments for them. They are guides for order if you want to do things in a respectful way and to avoid danger and threats such as a road sign telling you to slow down because there is a school ahead. It is there to protect pupils and you from an accident. "In a world with billions of people, we cannot rely on jungle laws. It would be the world for the stronger, then. Some men would come and put you out of your beautiful house just because they are stronger than you. Or, we would hire our own super men to protect our belongings and rights." says Sociologist Mary Hingis of Oklahoma, and she advises: "We should see rules and regulations like life jackets on a boat, like railings by the stairs." Then, things will be easier. If someone comes to you and says "Sorry. You mustn't smoke here or you are not allowed to take pictures." you shouldn't see it as a boundary of your liberty. Instead, you should keep calm and remember that the rule is there to prevent damage from smoke or to protect a historical work from damage from the flashlight. Similarly, you should think that you will have a safe flight when security people remind you that you have to take off your coat and belt at an airport gate. You should also pay your taxes on time, as they are sources of income for the state. Without a powerful state organization, rules, regulations and laws will not run effectively. You shouldn't do it just because you have to do it, but because it's for your good, for justice and your individual rights.

Today, modern societies have created their rules and regulations for many fields of life. However, if you have no idea or knowledge about a rule or regulation, you should remember that your action should not damage others and nature. After all, all are for people and nature's good.

Rule and Regulation

Slow down, school ahead.

Purpose

To protect the driver and pupils from an accident.

B. Below is a letter of advice from Professor Juliana Anderson to Jammie. Study the letter and answer the questions related to the functions of the paragraphs.

Dear Jammie, **(Salutation)**

Thank you for asking me for advice. I have read the survey results and studied the system of your school to make good decisions. I hope my advice will be of help to your school. **(Introduction)**

First of all, the administration should change the duration of lessons. Most students complain about 50 minute lessons. As you know, most people, especially teenagers do not have long attention spans and they may easily lose their interest in the lesson. It may be a good idea to make it 40 minutes. **(Body Paragraph 1)**

Another reason for distraction seems to be the timetable. You had better request the administration to change the timetable. Some subjects require more attention, but we see that subjects of this sort such as chemistry, literature and physics are mostly in the afternoon. A change will make it easier for the students to keep motivated. **(Body Paragraph 2)**

In conclusion, changing the class duration and timetable will probably help you to fight the distraction problem in your school. Let me know about the results. **(Conclusion)**

Best. **(Closing)**

Which paragraph ...

1. is for starting the advice?
2. is for giving some more advice?
3. is for expressing good wishes?
4. is for showing the writer's purpose, awareness and tolerance about the problem?