

Here's a text that can help you practice your reading skills. Read the text and complete the questions found on the next page.

## **Shrimpton Bay – a world away!**

Come to Shrimpton Bay and experience the best beaches of Britain's best kept secret. The beauty of Shrimpton Bay will, you might have guessed, blow you away. Situated on the east coast of the country, it has a picture-perfect town centre, full of gorgeous restaurants and tempting shops – something to suit all tastes and budgets. For the children, there are many fun things to do, from the merry-go-round to good old-fashioned crabbing – just grab a bucket and go! If this isn't up your street, you could hire a scooter and whizz around the windy lanes; or, enjoy some classic films at the outdoor cinema – just hope for good weather!

Shrimpton Bay is an ideal destination if you want to slow down, rest up and step back in time. You don't need a passport, and there's no plane travel involved. You can hop on the train, or pile the kids into the car. It's how holidays should be!

These questions are intended to help you practice your reading skills.

1. What is the purpose of the Shrimpton Bay text? How do you know this?
2. What is the reason the text uses direct address 'you' throughout?
3. Find three examples of verbs and explain their effect (there are lots of examples)
4. Shrimpton Bay is on the north-east coast of Britain – true or false?
5. In paragraph one, there is an example of a metaphor. What is it?
6. What is the tone of the piece?

Answer below (no peaking until you've answered the above)

1. To persuade and inform. 2. Direct address adds impact and makes the reader think the text is directed just at them – it is very personal. 3. Experience/grab/hire/whizz/enjoy/hop. 4. False (it's the east coast. 5. Britain's best kept secret. 6. The tone is friendly, personal and informal, but engaging.