

# READING COMPREHENSION TEST: Job application reply (KEY)

NAME: .....

DATE: .....

Sally Blackthorn,  
Big Beginnings Corporation,  
22 Clarendon Avenue  
Liverpool.

Pierre NEUNEUX,  
44 Rue de Paris,  
Châtillon.

1st April 2011

Dear Mr Neuneux,

Thank you for answering our advertisement in the Liverpool Echo for young talent to work at the local Old People's Home. We have examined your resume very carefully. It is very impressive, but unfortunately we have no jobs which correspond to your skills at the present time.

Indeed, we are looking for a singer for our musical group, but you can't sing. (Your "skill" of miming or lip-synching the words to music isn't really what we require.) You say that you are a competent musician, but we don't need a kazoo player at the moment. (However, we are looking for a piano player to accompany our sing-along evenings). We also need someone who can be a tightrope walker in our circus group, but you don't have a sense of balance. We also need an assistant for our magician, but unfortunately your allergy to rabbit fur would be a problem. The carpenter we need to work on the scenery must be good with his hands, like you, but he also needs to be creative, and know how to manipulate dangerous tools...

Big Beginnings Corporation does have other projects for young talent, so we will not hesitate to contact you when we need someone who can climb vertical walls, or a human statue that doesn't move for hours. However, we recommend that you take English classes, as to work in the United Kingdom, it is necessary to speak the language!

Please don't call us. We will call you.

Yours sincerely,  
Sally Blackthorn

1. Translate these terms into French:

- An advertisement: **(ici) petite annonce**
- A resume: **C.V.**
- Skills: **compétences**

2. The author of the letter: ☐ is looking for a job ☒ is offering a job ☐ has no interest in jobs

3. The author of the letter works for: ☐ a newspaper ☒ a recruitment agency ☐ an advertising company

3. The addressee of the letter lives in: ☐ Liverpool ☒ Châtillon ☐ Paris

4. Complète le tableau suivant en français :

Métiers pour lesquels Pierre a postulé :	Il n'aura pas le poste parce que ...
Chanteur (pour le groupe)	Il ne sait pas chanter (seulement en playback !)
Musicien	Il ne joue que le kazoo (et non le piano)
Funambule	Il n'a aucun sens d'équilibre
Assistant de magicien	Il est allergique aux poils de lapin.
Charpentier	Il doit être créatif et savoir manipuler des outils dangereux.

5. Pierre a malgré tout quelques qualités. Lesquelles ? (3)

- Il est habile de ses mains.**
- Il sait grimper des murs verticaux.**
- Il sait faire la « statue humaine » (sans bouger pendant des heures !)**

6. Quel conseil l'employeur lui donne-t-il ? Pourquoi ?

**Il lui conseille de prendre des cours d'anglais afin de pouvoir travailler au Royaume-Uni. (Sa lettre était sûrement pleine d'erreurs !!)**

7. Please don't call us. We will call you. Quel message se cache dans cette dernière phrase ?

**Sally Blackthorn ne veut pas que Pierre prenne contacte. Mais elle ne va sûrement pas l'appeler. C'est une façon polie de lui dire qu'il ne sera pas embauché !**

