**LOCAL COHERENCE INFERENCES TASK MATERIALS**

**READING SPEED TEST**

Philip went to the horse fair to look for a very good horse. It was not long before he found a horse which he could take around the shows. Philip bought the horse and took him home and kept it in his field. He spent over a year training his horse until they were ready to tour the shows. He then went to London to buy a new set of riding clothes. When he got back to the field his horse was grazing, he whistled and called his horse by name. But Philip looked so different in his new clothes that his horse just carried on grazing. Philip called again. The horse still wouldn’t come over. So Philip went and put on his old riding clothes. When he returned to the field, his horse immediately galloped over. Philip patted and then groomed the animal for they were going to a show.

**READING COMPREHENSION TEST**

Did Philip buy his horse from a horse fair?

Did the horse come over when Philip was dressed in his new riding clothes?

**TRIAL QUESTION**

George left his bath water running.

George cleared up the mess in the bathroom.

*George cleared up the mess in the bathroom because:*

the bath had overflowed

his brother had left it untidy

the workman hadn’t cleared up his mess

**TEST QUESTIONS**

Dawn hurried to the chemist.

Two hours later Dawn noticed her headache had gone away.

*Dawn’s headache had gone away because:*

she bought some painkillers

she had some fresh air on her walk

she let nature take its course

Jean hated the flat where she was living.

Jean went and bought a newspaper.

*Jean bought a newspaper:*

to cheer herself up

to read the local news

to look for property

Jack went by himself on a backpacking holiday in some woods.

Two days into the trail, Jack panicked when he undid one of the zips on his backpack.

*Jack panicked because:*

his leg was bleeding and he had forgotten to pack a first aid kit

he had lost his watch and would have no idea of the time

he normally put his compass in the side pocket and it wasn’t there

Michelle waited for over an hour for Jim outside MacDonalds.

Michelle ran home and refused to take any phone calls.

*Michelle didn’t want to talk on the phone because:*

she was angry with Jim and wasn’t going to hear his excuses

she went home to ask her sister where Jim might be

she was too upset to speak in case something had happened to Jim

Tim and Charlotte were outside the cinema queuing to see a film.

They were disappointed when they had to settle for watching television instead at home.

*Tim and Charlotte didn’t get to see the film because:*

they didn’t have any money

there was a bad fire in the cinema

the film was sold out

Albert said he wouldn’t return to the restaurant.

He left without giving a tip.

*Albert didn’t leave a tip because:*

he only had enough money to pay for the meal

he was dissatisfied with the service

the restaurant was closed when he arrived

Ann took the bus into town to buy her mother a dress.

Ann visited six shops and travelled home feeling miserable.

*Ann felt miserable because:*

she couldn’t afford a dress her mother would have liked

she couldn’t find her mother’s size of dress

she had lost all her money in one of the shops

Ben worked really hard on his school project and had expected a much higher grade than he was given.

Ben made an appointment to see his teacher.

*Ben made an appointment with his teacher because:*

he had been quite busy

he could have underestimated the work that was required

he wanted to find out why he had got that grade

Mike had been saving for a motorbike for over a year.

Mike was upset when he found out he couldn’t get a bike.

*Mike was upset because:*

he had broken his leg and so couldn’t ride one

dad said they were just too dangerous

he had spent too much money on video games

From a distance the campers watched as the great mountain rumbled.

The TV showed fields of black tree stumps instead of a forest.

*The forest turned into black tree stumps because:*

vandals had set the forest on fire

a volcano erupted and lava poured into the forest

a bomb had exploded, setting the forest on fire

Mum promised Sandra they would have a picnic that afternoon, even if they had to have it in the living room.

The family never got to have their picnic.

*The family never got to have their picnic because:*

they had eaten something for breakfast which had made them sick

the sun had gone and it rained heavily all afternoon

their car wouldn’t start so they never made it to the picnic spot

Mark and Ian stood on a crowded bus all the way to the shopping centre.

Mark and Ian went to the police station.

*Mark and Ian went to the police station because:*

Mark had been very badly beaten up

Mark couldn’t find his wallet

Mark's wallet had been stolen so they went to report it

Hurrying on his way to work, Mr Jones was pleased to see a café just ahead.

Mr. Jones came out of the bakers clutching a roll.

*Mr Jones went to the bakers because:*

the café had closed down and was completely boarded up

he could not spare the time that the café would take to serve him

the café charged too much for their food

Joan had been working on the farm for her summer holiday. One morning she found her sick calf had died.

Soon after the calf’s death the farmer handed Joan her last pay cheque.

*Joan received her last pay cheque because:*

the farmer blamed her for the calf’s death

the summer was over and Joan had to return to college

business had been slack so some workers just had to go

Last night there was a news flash.

By this afternoon most of the buildings in the city had collapsed.

*The buildings collapsed because:*

there was a big earthquake

they were old and falling into ruins

a bomb had exploded

Adam grabbed his wallet and keys and raced to the video arcade to play a game on his way to school.

When he got to school he suddenly turned and hurried back to the arcade.

*Adam hurried back because:*

he left his back pack at the video arcade

he left his locker keys at the video arcade

he left his sandwiches at the video arcade

The truck driver suddenly saw the policeman hold up his hand.

A car hit the truck from behind.

*The truck was hit because:*

it was travelling too fast

the person behind was travelling too fast

it stopped quite quickly

A boat narrowly missed being hit when it was halfway under a bridge.

The car driver was taken to hospital.

*The boat was nearly hit because:*

the car crashed through a railing

the car run out of petrol

the car skidded on an icy road

Mother went to the supermarket and bought all the food for Christmas.

The family had no dinner on Christmas day.

*The family had no dinner because:*

mother burnt the turkey

mother forgot to buy the turkey

mother fell very ill on Christmas morning and was rushed to hospital