B1 Preliminary · Reading Parts 1–2: notices and needs matching

B1 Preliminary strategy notes; invented examples, not official Cambridge items.

The traps grew teeth

> At A2 the trap repeats the words; at B1 the trap repeats the idea, wrongly. Read for meaning, or the trap wins.

- Part 1: five notices. Part 2: five people matched to eight texts.
- 45 minutes for six parts; Parts 1–2 fund the rest — ten minutes, then move.

The two-step paraphrase

1. **The text** "Students must return books before the last week of term."
2. **The correct option** "Books cannot be kept until the holidays." — same fact, new clothes.
3. **The trap option** Changes may to must, or some to all — the scope words.

Decision

Underline all, most, some, must, can, may — in both the text and the options.

Your turn: the scope trap

Your turn

"Weekday mornings are for school groups only; public swim starts at 12. Weekends: open to all from 9." — the public can swim…

A. every morning
B. weekday afternoons and weekends
C. only at weekends
D. never

Scope words in notices

all	**most**	**some**	**none**	how many
must	**should**	**can**	**may**	how strong

text: *students **may** borrow laptops* trap: *students **must** borrow laptops*

> A trap turns “may borrow” into “must borrow”

The checklist method

1. **The person** Jia wants a two-day course, in the evening, for **beginners**, under 200 yuan.
2. **The checklist** Four requirements: two days · evening · beginners · under 200.
3. **The match** The winning text ticks all four; the traps tick three.

Decision

Checklists don't negotiate: all ticks or no match.

Your turn: the collision

Your turn

Your answers put both Jia and Wei on text D. What now?

A. Leave it; sharing is allowed.

B. Re-read both checklists — one of them is wrong.

C. Choose text D for both.

D. Change both to text A.

Eight texts, five people

Ming wants a weekend class for beginners, cheap, near the metro

	weekend classes	for beginners	cheap	near the metro	
A Art club	✓	✓	✓	✗	3/4
B Photo course	✓	✗	✓	✓	3/4
C Pottery class	✓	✓	✓	✓	4/4
D Drawing school	✗	✓	✓	✓	3/4

Three of four looks right and is wrong: count every need, including the quiet ones.

> Only one text ticks every need

The funding rule

Time is money

Parts 1–2 are the fast ones: about ten minutes together.

The long texts in Parts 3–4 eat whatever you leave them.

Try it

1. **The notice** "Swimming pool: weekday mornings for school groups only. Public swim from 12. Weekends: all from 9."
2. **The options** A) every morning B) weekday afternoons and weekends C) only at weekends.
3. **The answer** B — A is the scope trap; C forgets the afternoons.

Decision

Underline the scope words; the trap lives there.

Check yourself

- Zero shared content words is fine — the B1 paraphrase works on meaning.
- may changed to must — the scope trap.
- Three of four requirements — not the answer; checklists don't negotiate.
- Ten minutes for Parts 1–2, then move — the funding rule.