



Lesson 2: True, False, Can't Tell



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Verbal Reasoning



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Source: adapted from www.dailymail.co.uk

Based on the information in the passage, Federer has at least four children.

- ☒ A True
- ☐ B False
- ☐ C Cannot tell

Examiner's Explanation

Keywords: children/sons/daughters/boys/girls. The first paragraph mentions his "school-age daughters" – at least two – and "his twin boys", so he must have at least four children overall.





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Federer's leg injuries should prove the limiting factor in how long his career continues to last.

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- ☐ B False
- ☒ C Cannot tell

Examiner's Explanation

Keywords: legs/injuries. Paragraph 2 mentions "legs" but not in reference to specific injuries of Federer's – that said, the statement is not necessarily false as the passage does not explicitly deny this.





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Federer has beaten Henman twice in Britain.

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- ☐ B False
- ☒ C Cannot tell

Examiner's Explanation

Keywords: Henman/Britain. The reverse is true, based on paragraph 3, but we do not know whether or not Federer has beaten Henman, and if so, where.





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Recent, unexpected defeats on court are weighing heavily on Federer's mind as he contemplates possible retirement.

- ☐ A True
- ☒ B False
- ☐ C Cannot tell

Examiner's Explanation

Tim Henman talks about "losing to people he wouldn't have dreamt of losing to" as a hypothetical, future occurrence, so we can infer that this is not a current problem.





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Gambling companies should be treated like tobacco firms and forced to display prominent health warnings about the potential harms of betting, according to a cross-party group of MPs and peers concerned about rising levels of addiction.

They call for gambling to be treated as a public health issue, with companies forced to drop suggestions that betting is 'fun' rather than harmful. A ban on gambling ads during live sporting events should be imposed, they warn, because it allows bookmakers to reach young viewers who are otherwise protected from such temptations.

The group, which includes former Tory minister John Hayes, states that the current regime in which 'the onus of social responsibility remains subject to the self-regulation of betting companies is not working'. It says that rules around betting ads are being flouted by the gambling industry, claiming that loopholes in the law mean they are doing so 'without fear of meaningful sanction'.

They also criticised the practice of 'affiliate marketing', which has seen adverts disguised as news articles used to direct people to betting sites, and tipsters allowed to earn commission by recommending long-shot bets unlikely to pay off. Affiliates are agencies paid to drive gamblers to online casinos and bookmakers.

Source: adapted from www.theguardian.com

Displaying gambling ads during live sporting events is currently permitted.

- ☒ A True
- ☐ B False
- ☐ C Cannot tell

Examiner's Explanation

Keywords: live/during. The group suggests a ban on this practice, so we can infer that it is currently allowed.

