

**AMERICAN RIVER COLLEGE
ASSESSMENT CENTER
COMPUTERIZED ESL (READING, GRAMMAR/USAGE, LISTENING) TEST**

SAMPLE ITEMS

READING

Read the paragraph about the emporium in Galveston.

Shoppers enter the **emporium**, which is on the ground floor, through the original 14-foot doors. You can eat a sandwich inside while sitting on a wooden seat at an umbrella-covered table, or you can buy meals and cheeses by the pound for a picnic on the beach. There is also a wide selection of Texas foods, beers, chocolates, books, baskets, and specialty coffees and teas. A wine room features Texas, U.S., and international wines.

Adapted from Ann Gallaway, "A Present from the Past." ©1994 by Texas Highways.

1. In the passage, what does the highlighted word "emporium" mean?
 - A. Store
 - B. Beach
 - C. Bar
 - D. Hotel
2. What can you buy at the emporium?
 - A. 14-foot doors
 - B. Wooden seats
 - C. Meats and cheeses
 - D. Ground floors

GRAMMMAR/USAGE

SPEAKER A: This soup is too spicy. (1) _____ so much pepper?

SPEAKER B: Maybe the cook (2) _____ it was **hot** pepper.

1.
 - A. Why the cook did use
 - B. Why the cook use
 - C. Why the cook used
 - D. Why did the cook use
2.
 - A. doesn't knows
 - B. didn't know
 - C. didn't knew
 - D. don't know

LISTENING

Listen to the people talking. (Recording)

Female voice: "Excuse me, which bus goes to Central Park?"

Male voice: "Well, the 22 goes there, but it's better to take the 7 express. It will be here in 10 minutes."

1. Which bus does the man say to take?
 - A. The 7 express
 - B. The 10
 - C. The 22 express
 - D. The 22

ANSWERS:

Reading: A,C

Grammar: D,B

Listening: A